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Were not our hearts burning as he spoke to us on the road ...

And they recognized him

IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Gospel of Luke 24: 13-35



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# Christ Light of the Nations Catholic School

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# Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm Standard Time 5:00 pm Daylight Time Sunday 8:00am, 10:30am

# **Daily Mass Schedule**

6:30 am Tuesday/Thursday 8:00 am Monday/Wednesday/Friday 8:00 am Wednesday/Thursday Christ Light of the Nations School Check the Bulletin each week for schedule changes.

# Holy Days of Obligation

8:00 am, and 7:00 pm

Civil Holidays 9:00 am

# Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 2:30-3:30 (CST); 3:30-4:30 (CDT)

Advent & Lent Reconciliation Services

By appointment at any time call priest directly.

## Liturgy of the Hours

7:35am Monday/Wednesday/Friday

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

7:00am Tuesday-midnight Wednesday

# Becoming a Catholic Christian

The parish has a year-round/ongoing process to assist adults in becoming Catholic. It also has a special program for older unbaptized children. Both can start any time. Call Deacon George (868-2310) for further information

#### Sacrament of Marriage

Engaged couples begin preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage at least 6 months before their wedding. Please remember—a wedding date will not be scheduled until the assessment of their readiness for the Sacrament of Marriage has been completed. Contact the rectory for more information. Weddings are not scheduled during the Season of Lent.

## Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament is for those having surgery, the seriously ill, the chronically ill, and those near death. If you know in advance that you are going to the hospital, call one of the priests to arrange for anointing at home or church. In addition the sacrament is celebrated at church on the first Saturday of the month after evening Mass and on the third Sunday of the month after 8:00 Mass. It may be repeated as needed.

# A PLEDGE TO PARISH LIFE

My parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be **friendly, if I am**. Its pews will be **filled**, **if I help fill them**.

It will do **great work, if I work**.
It will make **generous** gifts to causes,
if **I am a generous giver**.

It will **bring other people** into its community,

#### if I invite and bring them.

It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a parish with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I shall **dedicate myself** to the task of **being all the things** that I want my parish to be.

# Highlights of Life in Our Community **Our Parish Life**

# Good for You - Good for Others

Details in your bulletin or Parish Directory. Being involved insures the vitality of our parish.

#### Sunday, November 14th Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Sunday Hospitality: Coffee & Donuts
  - Blood Pressure Screening
    - Parish Credit Union

### Monday, November 15th

- Exercise Class
- Senior Wii Bowling League
- Children's Bereavement Program St. Ferdinand Parish. Florissant. Missouri
  - Women's Retreat

Monday-Thursday, November 15th-18th White House Retreat Center Based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius

#### Tuesday, November 16th

- Eucharistic Adoration & Visits
- Church Renovation Committee

#### Wednesday, November 17th

- Eucharistic Adoration & Visits
  - Parish Quilting
  - Young At Heart Club
    - Zumba Class

#### Thursday, November 18th

• St. Patrick Center Casserole Program

• Women's Retreat

Thursday-Sunday, November 18th-21st White House Retreat Center Based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius

#### Saturday, November 20th

- Red Cross Blood Drive
- Soup Stew & Chili Program
  - Sacrament of Penance

Sunday, November 21st Feast of Christ the King

• Parish Credit Union

#### **Coming Special Events**

#### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Tuesday, December 7th, 7:00pm Joint Celebration with Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Celebration of 1st Reconciliation of Children

#### LADIES GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY

Monday, December 13th, 7:00pm

## **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Christ Light of the Nations School Monday, December 20th, 7:00pm At Trinity Catholic High School You Don't Have to Die to Get to Heaven

# The Gospel Challenge—Live Faithfully Now

**OIN ME TODAY** in congratulating and expressing our own appreciation to Rick Ulreich who was honored this week by the Archdiocesan Catholic Youth Apostolate. Rick was recognized as an outstanding volunteer at the annual Catholic Youth Council Sports Award Banquet. In particular his service in support of our Athletic Association's softball program was acknowledged as an example of the stewardship that always benefits our children and continues to ensure the vibrancy of our parishes.

HIS WEEK I WILL BEGIN a two-year formation program for priests who are currently or will soon be serving as pastors. *Good Leaders* **Good Shepherds** is designed to help Catholic priests meet the **challenges** a diminishing number of clergy and the more complex circumstances of priestly ministry today. There will be about 40 priests participating in this program, now being offered for the second time within our Archdiocese. The goals of this program are to help priests learn to minimize the frustration and energy spent on their administrative roles and to maximize the joy and time spent on the pastoral duties for which they were uniquely ordained. This week there will be a Communion Service every day at 8:00am in our church and the celebration of Mass at 8:00am at Our Lady of the Rosary parish. Please pray for the personal and professional growth of all the priests participating in this program, and for their many years of future service in our Church.

OLITICS IS NOT A FOUR LETTER WORD. In fact, our Constitution encourages and Jesus mandates that we practice politics everyday. Practice makes perfect! So, rather than always wishing it was all over or different, clip out the following set of principles and keep them near by wherever you watch, listen to, or read the news. Use them to help you judge the work of our elected officials and guide your advice to them.

How To Get Better At and Enjoy the Practice of Politics by PRACTICING THE PRINCIPLES OF ...

Every human begin is created in the image and likeness of God.

#### ... Association

Every family and human community must be protected and strengthened.

#### ... Preferential protection for the poor and vulnerable

The well-being of the poor presumes the protection of their rights and power.

#### ... Stewardship

We are morally responsible for using wisely everything and every talent we have from God-for our own good and for the happiness of others.

#### ... Human Equality

Fairness-freedom from social and cultural discriminationis a fundamental human right.

"May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the endurance of Christ."

St. Paul's 2nd Letter to the Thessalonians 3:5

#### ... Human Dignity ... Respect for Human Life

Every person has a right to life.

### ... Participation

People have a right and duty to participate in society for their human fulfillment.

#### ... Solidarity

Love of neighbor means we are our brothers' and sisters' keeper wherever they live.

> Father of all that is good, keep us faithful in serving vou. for to serve you is **our lasting** joy.

Opening Prayer, 33rd Sunday, Ordinary Time

#### ... Subsidiarity

The best place to exercise moral responsibility—including political responsibility for our own good and others happiness is the conscience of each person as well as within the community of families, neighborhoods, and cities.

#### ... The Common Good

Every person has the right to realize their human dignity and full human potential.

#### MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY** November 15

**8:00am** Word & Communion

**TUESDAY** November 16

**8:00am** Word & Communion

**WEDNESDAY November 17** 

**8:00am** Word & Communion

THURSDAY November 18

**8:00am** Word & Communion

FRIDAY November 19

**8:00am** Word & Communion

**SATURDAY** November 20 **4:00pm** Mildred Harbke

**SUNDAY** November 21

**8:00am** Eugene & Alma Uhlenbrock

10:30am Homer Zigler

#### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

There will be NO daily Mass this week, Fr. Mike will be out of town. Our Lady of the Rosary parish has an 8:00am Mass Monday thru Friday for those wanting to attend Mass.

# Health Advisory It is That Time of Year Again

Your commitment to Mass is a sign of the vitality of our parish. However, for the health of our whole community, if you are not feeling well, be attentive to these recommendations:

#### **Don't Come to Church:**

- With a fever-be fever free for 24hrs
- When you're not feeling well-achy, tired, sore throat, no energy
- When you're coughing and sneezing a lot with a runny nose or headache

#### When You Do Come To Church:

- Use hand sanitizer at church entrances
- With slight symptoms of or flu-

\*Don't take communion from the cup

\*Offer the sign of peace with a friendly

wave or simple bow

Thank you for your cooperation in taking responsibility for the health of our community. Remember, it's sad to miss Mass when you're sick or taking care of someone who's sick, but **not sinful.** 



## Eucharistic Ministers

#### November 20-21

**4:00pm** Laura Lucido\*, Eileen Mills\*, Judy Mantych, Mary Migliazzo, Tony Migliazzo, Frank Schneider, Linda Schneider, Alma Smith, Lynda Brand-D

**8:00am** Bernice Parciak\*, Anne Schwanz\*, Rita Nieman, Laura Petroff, Marie Tabor, Pat Stolte, Martin Audrain, Frank Albers, Josephine Bono-D

**10:30am** Pat Edgar\*, Lori Garner\*, Regina Anderson, Linda Byrns, Joan Cuidon, Jeanne Field, Mary Harris, Minnie Huston, Darlene Imhoff-D



#### LECTORS

#### November 20-21

4:00pm

**8:00am** John Prose **10:30am** Youth Group

Mass Servers



#### November 15-19

8:00am Ginny Maier & Bob Seidel

November 20-21

**4:00pm** Philip Merz, Lauren Whittington & Nic ole

Williams

**8:00am** Andrew Gerhart & David Bober

10:30am Shay Garner, Peter Krenn & Terry Stocking



#### November 20-21

**4:00pm** Tony & Mary Migliazzo **8:00am** Mike & Laura Petroff

**10:30am** Jeanne Field & Debra DeJesus

#### **EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

If you do not have an emergency contact number on file with the office, PLEASE, call and give us one. There have been situations when we needed to contact a "next of kin", and did not have an emergency number. Please let us help you in a more timely fashion.



### **Teachers Instructions**

# Keeping Your Faith In Jesus

Praying is an excellent way of keeping your faith in Jesus, yet we do not always take the time to pray every day.

Suggestions to help make it a habit.

- Every day when you wake up, you probably have a morning routine of going to the restroom, eating breakfast, and brushing your teeth.
- But you could add one thing. Get out of bed, kneel down and ask for guidance through your day and give thanks for another wonderful day that you are alive.
- · On your way to or from school, take time for prayer when you would normally just be looking out the window.
- Give thanks before you eat any meal. This prayer can be said silently or outwardly.
- Before you sit down to do your homework, take the time to ask for guidance and give thanks for your talents (all that you are capable of doing).
- Keep prayer as part of your night time routine.

# GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C November 14, 2010

Jesus spoke to the disciples about what will happen before He comes again at the end of time.

> Mal 3:19-20a Ps 98:5-9 2 Thes 3:7-12 Lk:21 5-19

Can you find Jesus in the crowd? Directions:

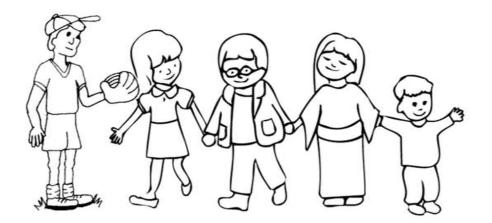






Jesus warns us to be careful because many people will say that they are Jesus and that the time has come. Do not follow them.

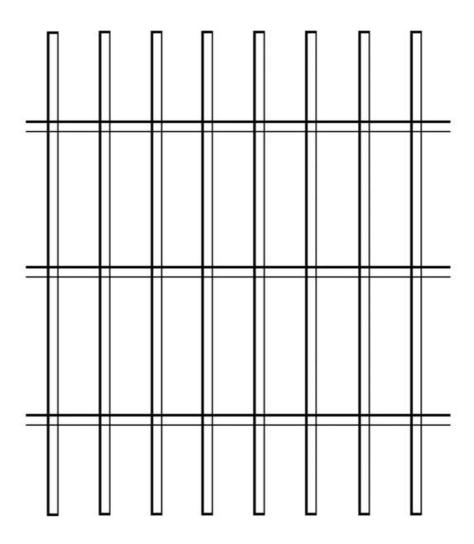
Directions: Circle the child who is not following the group.



# Being a Christian may be difficult. Do not be afraid. Jesus will be with you.



Directions: Draw yourself in prison.



# What is the Best Way to Limit Salt in Your Diet?

When I worked in Home Health Care, the majority of my clients were newly diagnosed with congestive heart failure (CHF) or had a history of congestive heart failure. When November arrived, I always found myself re-educating my patients on salt intake. Why? Because Thanksgiving was just around the corner and when I would see my patients after the holiday, they were either near hospitalization or already in the hospital. And salt was the culprit.

When it comes down to limiting salt in our diet, it's all about reading labels. Lowering sodium is one of the easiest lifestyle changes you can make to lower blood pressure, but it takes time to check the sodium content on everything you buy. **Sodium** can be listed as sodium benzoate or sodium citrate, whatever extra words are attached, it's still **salt**.

When you go to the grocery, bring your reading glasses and be prepared to be there awhile reading labels. You will also have to do some simple math when you take portion sizes into account. For most of us, cutting down on salt can be a fairly big undertaking. The normal recommendation for sodium is 2400 mg. per day if you are health and 2000mg. If you have high blood pressure. And the recommendation is even lower if you have a history of **CHF**. The reason it is considered a big undertaking is because the average American takes in anywhere from 5,000-10,000 mg of sodium per day.

The **biggest sources of sodium** are canned and processed foods, cheese, and lunch meats, like ham. This is where you can make the biggest difference, but you don't have to give up foods you like. Low sodium varieties or substitutions are available in most cases and you may have to try more than one store. You may even have to try specialty stores for certain cheeses and meats.

Sadly, many of the things we use to flavor our foods are very high in sodium, for example, ketchup, mustard, relish, soy sauce and salad dressings. Many of these have low sodium alternatives, but you will have to look for them at the grocery store, be sure to ask a clerk if you have difficulty locating them.

The first two things I tell someone to limit their salt intake is to not have salt shakers on the table during meals, and not to salt foods as you are cooking. There are other ways of seasoning foods as you are cooking, for example, use **Mrs. Dash** spice blends or other herbs and spices.

The more sodium we take in, the more likely we are to retain (hold on to) fluid. One way to get our body to excrete fluid more efficiently is to get a proper amount of potassium in our diet. Oranges, bananas and broccoli are great sources of potassium.

See you at blood pressure screening this weekend! Buffy Modde, RN Parish Nurse @ HNOJ



If you or a family member or friend are admitted to the hospital, please call the office at 868-2310 and give us that information. We would love to visit you and have the

community pray for you. Because of HIPA, the hospitals will not let us know you are there.

# ZUMBA UPDATE.....

Zumba will continue until December 22, 2010. The Health and Wellness Committee will discuss continuing an evening of exercise in January. Watch the bulletin for details. If you have questions, please call the parish nurse. Suggestions are encouraged, we can't offer you something if we don't know what you are interested in.



## Young at Heart

Please join us for our "Pot Luck" lunch on Wednesday November 17th at 13:00 noon! Bring a dish of your favorite food for all of us to share!

Don't forget to bring \$10 for the Christmas party on December 15th 1:00 noon. There will be some fun entertainment at both the Pot Luck and Christmas Party, so be sure to join us and bring a friend!!

This year a large number of Medicare Advantage programs and Medicare Prescription Drug programs have changed their coverage and increased their rates. To avoid paying more than you need to, it's important to review your coverage to make sure that you have the best plan at the best price. These changes must be completed by December 31st. The Northeast County Senior Ministry would love to help you to do this. For more information, please call Faria at 664-9700

### **BLOOD DRIVE FOR NOVEMBER**

Holy Name of Jesus will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, November 20 from 9am until 1pm in the Community Center. You are very important to the success of this drive. There is no other way to manufacture blood it can only come from the generosity of people like you. With Thanksgiving and the holidays approaching this would be a great way to start the season. There are approximately 1,100 families in our parish and our goal is only 25 pints this should be easy, but don't wait for someone else take the leap and give so someone can live. If you plan to donate you must have a valid photo ID. Thank you in advance and have a great Thanksgiving.

# Rest in Peace &

Please pray for the repose of the soul of James Frederick Easley and all who have died this week. May their soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

## "Journey to Bethlehem" at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows with the Northeast County Senior Ministry

Experience the "Way of Lights" display at Our Lady of the Snows on Wednesday, December 1st. The evening trip will depart from Sacred Heart (751 N. Jefferson, Florissant) at 4pm to arrive at the shrine by 5pm. Upon arrival, enjoy dinner from the buffet or from the menu at the restaurant located on site at your own cost. Explore the nightly activities, including the Tree Room, Wreath Auction and more. Afterward, experience a scriptural "Journey to Bethlehem", surrounded by 1.7 million lights, art displays and life-size biblical statues. We will return home no later than 8:30pm and the cost is \$5 to cover transportation. To RSVP, please call Amy at 774-9700 by Monday, November 29th.

### Prayer: Growing in Relationship with God

Four sessions on how to nurture this life will be held on four Tuesdays in Advent at:
Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Center
November 30, December 7th, 14th, 21st
10:00am—11:30am
Bring: Notebook, pen & open heart
If interested contact Sr. Pat 741-7700 ext 6

# YOUTH GROUP WANTS TO HELP YOU UN(LUTTER YOUR HOUSE!

We are looking for things to sell at our Santa Store at our breakfast. Do you have nice, gently used but un-needed items that you could donate? Things like candles, mugs, jewelry. You know anything that a child might want to buy for their family members. Our youth group sells these things for a small price but it adds up and funds our group's events all year long! Please leave the items in the back of church with BWS printed on them. Please no clothes unless they are Christmas sweatshirts or unworn gloves or scarves, something like that. Thanks so much for your help! For more information call Mrs. Judy Krenn 761-6570

# SIXTH GRADE HOLD MEAT RAFFLE TO RAISE MONEY FOR CAMP

The sixth grade at Christ Light of Nations are hosting a meat raffle to raise money for their Outdoor education experience at Camp Lakewood in the spring. Below you will find a listing of the meat which will be raffled off on November 22. Tickets are \$5.00 a piece. Just fill out the raffle tickets and return to school or in the collection basket with your check (made payable to Christ Light of the Nations School) or cash in an envelope (marked Meat Raffle). The drawing will happen on Monday, November

22 at school. The winner will be notified that day.

10 pound Bone-In Miller Ham

12 pound turkey

10 pounds Ground Chuck

10 pounds Sirloin Steak

5 pounds Boneless Chuck Roast

10 pounds Boneless Beef Roast

22 pounds Pork Loin cut in Chops

10 pounds Pork Steaks

10 pounds Pork Cutlets

10 pounds Homemade Pork Sausage

# 109 total pounds of meat

We thank you in advance for your participation and for helping us get to camp.

#### **GIVING TREE**

The Giving Trees provide a wonderful opportunity to share the hope and joy of Christmas with families served by the St. Vincent de Paul and Room at the Inn. In this economy, the need is greater than ever. We've seen an unprecedented number of households with both gas and electric shut off or eligible for disconnect. Many people are struggling to find employment and pay their rent or mortgage. There are ornaments for gift cards, personal care items and other necessities.

Christmas should be a magical time for the children. Your gifts of toys make that possible and are so Appreciated by our families.

Choose toys that don't have small pieces that are easily lost or broken. Toys for children age three and under should not be a choking hazard. The ornaments must be attached to the unwrapped gifts. Place checks, cash and gift cards in sealed envelopes marked "Giving Tree" and place them in the collection basket or drop them off at the parish office. All gifts musty be returned by the weekend of December 4-5. Thank you and have a holiday season.

# WE Owe a Big Thank You

For the past two years, the Kilo Diabetes Foundation has presented 2-Type 2 Diabetes awareness presentations, provided one very nice luncheon and A1C% screening and retesting every three months to several members of our parish. The Kilo Diabetes Foundation has lost there funding for community outreach. Join me in sending a great big thank you to the Kilo Diabetes Foundation and in praying for them, that their funding will soon be resumed so they can continue to assist communities the way they were able to assist us.

# Youth Group presents

# A Breakfast With Santa!

"Wake up to the TRUE meaning of Christmas!"

Come join us and get into the spirit of Christmas.

December 4th, 2010 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Holy Name Community Center 10235 Ashbrook

**Just for fun** we welcome the children to come *in their Pajamas* for... **pancake and sausage breakfast**, a Santa Store with **free wrapping**,

Holiday Crafts, Games, Christmas songs, Face painting,

Raffles and a special visit with good ole Santa.

All this for \$\frac{\$6 per child \$4 per adult}{}\$ and only \$2.00 for a special picture with Santa.

Please invite your friends and relatives to join in the fun!

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3, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4,
Please sign me up!
Family Name
#childrenx(\$6) plus #adultsx(\$4) = $$$
We would like to have #pictures x (\$2) = \$
This is our Family's total cost add \$ above = \$
Please include payment in an envelope and out in Mrs. Krenn's Mailbox at CLN or at the parish office.



Stewardship of Treasure Your Gifts of Support for **Our Parish Mission** 

### Report on Parish Collections

**Envelope Offerings** \$10,216.27 **Loose Offerings** \$145.25 **Total Sunday Collection: Parish Support** \$10,361.52 St. Vincent de Paul Society \$1,327.04



# PLEASE PRAY for:

Gregg Murphy, Charlotte Bounke, Pat Mueller, Bob Kelly

# In The Hospital...

Virginia Bonnell, Nicole Hayes, Carolyn Ginder-Bill Rademacher, Clare Ellington, Barb Weiss



#### The End of the Year

To all the Mostaccioli Casserole Chef's:

We have come to the end of the year. Matt and I would like to thank

you for all the cooking you have done this year to keep the Mostaccioli Casseroles going. We know that the homeless people at St. Patrick's Center appreciate all the good food you provided for them. Our last pick up for this year will be on November 18th.

We will return again on January 20, 2011. We wish all our friends a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas!

Matt & Connie Borzymowski



#### PRAYER CHAIN

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please call either Betty Kondracki @868-0176 or Pat Edgar @868-4143.

If there is anyone who would like to be part of this rewarding ministry, we could always use another prayer partner.

#### 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down." LUKE 21:6

Thanks to the effort of a billion-dollar advertising industry, our material expectations continue to rise year after year. Yet, today, speaking about the end of time, Jesus reminds us that all the material possessions we spend our time and energy to accumulate will become nothing but rubble in the end. What will really matter will be the time we spend on improving our relationship with our God.

# November 14 through November 21, 2010

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a Ps 98:5-9 2 Thes 3:7-12 Lk 21:5-19

Monday: Rv 1:1-4;2:1-5 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6,14-22 Ps 15:2-4b,5 Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11 Ps 150:1b-6 Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10 Ps 149:1b-6a,9b Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11 Ps 119:14,24,72,103,111,131 Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12 Ps 144:1-2,9-10 Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3 Ps 122:1-5 Col 1:12-20 Lk 23:35-43

# **Seminary Renovation Update**

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary is exercising wise stewardship with your donations to the Faith for the Future Capital Campaign. Check it all out on http://www.kenrick.edu/



Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Our Lady of Guadalupe St. Angela Merici St. Norbert

Christ Light of the Nations Sacred Heart—Florissant

St. Ferdinand

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

#### NORTHEAST DEANERY

NOVEMBER 2010 ♦ NO 1

"Every sacrifice should be made to prepare our children through a sound Catholic education, to be strong members of the Church and good citizens." (12)

The "best means by which she (the Church) can assist parents in the Catholic upbringing of their children is the Catholic school" which should "be available to all the families of the deanery." (13-14)

Pastoral Letter on the Reorganization of the Northeast Deanery, 2005

## **Funding the Federation**

There are 11 parishes and 8 elementary schools in the Northeast Deanery. In April 2010 after consultation with parish leaders the Pastors of the Deanery agreed to work together to ensure the strength of our schools. As a part of this agreement, based on the size of each parish, the Pastors committed a total of \$60,000 for the 2010-2011 school year in order to—

- Strengthen each school's marketing efforts
  - Increase enrollment
- Develop new sources of funds for tuition assistance
- Work together as schools to create programs for faculty development, joint student learning, and extracurricular activities.

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# Federation Strengthens Catholic Education in North County

Nearly 200 years ago, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne helped establish Catholic education in North County. Her pioneering spirit – her willingness to try new things – lives on in North County today as we continue her commitment to Catholic education through the formation of the Federation of Catholic Schools in the Northeast Deanery.

We are seeking ways to work more closely together **to ensure the strength of our schools** well into future.

We all recognize the demographic and financial challenges facing our schools, but we continue to provide high-quality, Catholic education. In response to these challenges and building upon our strengths, the pastors, principals, and lay leadership of eleven parishes and eight schools have joined together to establish the Federation.

A collaborative effort, the Federation has set forth four primary goals:

- To increase the viability, affordability, and accessibility of Catholic elementary schools and thereby achieve a greater degree of stability and sustainability
- To enhance the Catholic identity, academic programs, activity programs, and special programs of the Catholic elementary schools
- To establish ways and means for better capitalizing on and responding to the changing realities of increased diversity
- To establish ways and means for achieving greater efficiency and effectiveness among the schools by sharing resources, programs, and local policies where desirable

Put simply, we are seeking ways to work more closely together to ensure the strength of our schools well into future.

Since the beginning of the school year, work has been well underway to bring these goals to life. Our school principals have begun collaborating on professional development, academic programs, extracurricular activities, and more. In addition, joint marketing and fund development efforts have begun under the direction of the new Federation Director of Advancement.

In launching the Federation, Archbishop Robert Carlson has expressed his support for the Federation and its efforts: "Know how creative I find your plan, how encouraged I am by it, and how much I want to be a part of it."

Building on this sentiment, Archbishop Carlson added, "I am absolutely committed that our schools are strong and alive not just for this generation, but for those of the future."

Just as St. Rose built a foundation for the future with her dedication to Catholic education, it is our hope that the Federation will strengthen the future of Catholic education in North County for generations to come. We are just beginning, but stay tuned for more information on the many activities of the Federation.