

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 2, 2005

*Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.*

—Philippians 4:6



PRODUCE GOOD FRUIT

Vineyards and vine dressing are familiar in many places. In Scripture, they are favored ways of speaking of the Trinity's care for the Lord's gathered and covenanted people. In today's readings from Matthew and Isaiah, the yield of the vineyard is spoiled. In response, Jesus notes he has become the cornerstone of a new structure and has been given to a people who will produce good fruit. May God's incomprehensible peace be in our hearts and thoughts.

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SPONSOR THE CROP HUNGER WALK

Our parish Peace and Justice Committee will be outside the Church TODAY and again on the 9th and 16th to recruit walkers and sponsors for the Annual Crop Walk which will be held on October 23. Please consider walking or sponsoring a walker. You all have always been so very generous! Thank you!

A SMART THING TO DO

All of us, no matter what our age, might want to consider signing an **Advance Health Care Directive** in case a time comes when we are not able to make our own medical decisions. Having this legal document can give peace of mind and can save much heartache for our loved ones.

With this in mind, we have scheduled **Reverend Dick Benson, C.M.**, Academic Dean of St. John's Archdiocesan Seminary, to **speak on the "Moral Aspects of End-of-Life Issues"** (for example, "When is it morally right for me to decline certain medical procedures? Is it morally right to stop life supports for a family member?" etc.) This is our opportunity to learn what the church teaches about these important matters. Advance Health Care Directive forms will be handed out after Father's talk which occurs on Sunday, October 16th, 11:30 a.m. in the Fr. Gerald Meisel Parish Hall.

The following Sunday, October 23, our parish nurse, Lucille Sevigny and others will be here after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in Rooms 3 & 4 to answer any questions we may have about the Advance Directive form. Consultation will be available in both Spanish and English. Let us thank Lucille, Vilma Levy and others who are assisting in this important ministry to our community.

PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER BABY SHOWER

Throughout this month, Respect Life Month, we will have a baby bassinet at the side altar to collect items to benefit the moms and babies at the Precious Life Shelter. Suggested items include receiving blankets, quilted or crocheted blankets, newborn diapers, nightgowns, sleepers, T-shirts, bibs, baby powder, shampoo, lotion. Checks are welcome and should be made out to Precious Life Shelter. Cash donations should be put in an envelope marked Precious Life and dropped in the regular collection. Thank you!!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

This week we celebrated the feast of this illustrious saint and want to publicize the **purpose of the organization** which bears his name. **St. Vincent De Paul Society** is a Catholic organization of lay people who give person-to-person **service to the needy and suffering** in the tradition of its founder, Frederick Ozaman and patron St. Vincent de Paul. What is unique about this organization is its focus on **helping those in our own parish.**

A NEW NAME

In accordance with church practices in most places in the United States, St. Matthew's will now use the name **Adult Faith Formation Committee** to designate what we used to call the Adult Education Board.

COMUNIDAD'S OCTOBER MEETING

Comunidad's October meeting will be held Tuesday, October 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fr. Gerald Meisel Parish Hall. Three Comunidad Steering Committee members, Keith Brittin, Dave Kennedy, and Ray Ramirez will report on the meeting of the National Association of Catholic Diocesan Gay and Lesbian Ministries which they attended in September in San Jose.

GATHERING FOR ALL NEW LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10 — 7:00 P.M. — INSIDE CHURCH
All lectors, eucharistic ministers, greeters, ushers and servers who began their liturgical ministry during this past year are encouraged to attend this evening of prayer and deepening of commitment to ministry.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a
Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14 [1-10]

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Sr. Stephanie Baxter
