



Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 9, 2005

HOPE FOR THE JOURNEY: MEANINGFUL SUPPORT FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL AND THE GIFT OF LIFE... IN THE FACE OF DEATH

Next Sunday, October 16th, 11:30 a.m.
Fr. Gerald Meisel Parish Hall.

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 available after Father's talk.

In an effort to further help us, St. Matthew's Parish Nursing staff and St. Mary's Hospital Pastoral Care Dept. will provide everything we need on Sunday, October 23rd, 11:30a.m.-12:30 p.m. in classrooms 3&4. They will answer questions concerning the completion of the Advance Health Care Directive form, the terminology used in the document, and the disposition of the document.

SPONSOR THE CROP HUNGER WALK

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

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING TODAY

We will have Blood Pressure Screening available to all parishioners after the 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m Masses.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Wilfred Lanteigne, Freddy Clancy

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!!

GATHERING FOR ALL NEW LITURGICAL MINISTERS

TOMORROW, 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.

VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION 73

One of the most important issues in the November 8th election will be Prop 73. Prop 73 will require a doctor to notify at least one parent 48 hours before doing an abortion on a girl under the age of 18.
REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE NOVEMBER 8TH ELECTION. In order to vote, you must be registered by October 24.

ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS

It's that time again! Please let Sr. Dolores know your non-availability dates for the months of November and December. This information is needed by Friday, October 21st. Thank you.

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JOIN US TO PRAY THE ROSARY on Saturday mornings at 8:30a.m. in the church.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21