

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 1, 2006

THE LAW OF THE LORD IS PERFECT, REFRESHING THE SOUL; THE DECREE OF THE LORD IS TRUSTWORTHY, GIVING WISDOM TO THE SIMPLE.

— Psalm 19:8

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

October is designated each year in the United States as *Respect Life Month*, a time to renew our commitment to support life at every stage. As in years past, throughout the month of October we shall focus on mothers and babies who need our help.

Our month-long baby shower to benefit the moms and babies at the *Precious Life Shelter*, a crisis pregnancy facility, will begin today, and continue throughout the month of October. The following items are needed: receiving blankets, crib blankets, newborn diapers, nightgowns, shirts, onesies, sleepers, booties and socks, bibs, baby wipes, lotion, baby powder and shampoo, Q-tips and small stuffed animals. You may place your new, unwrapped items in the bassinet located in front of the Sacred Heart Altar. Checks may be made out to *Precious Life Shelter* and dropped in the Sunday collection box.

We thank Joyce Watt who works very hard to keep us informed throughout the entire year on the large number of life issues that deserve our attention and prayer.

The joyful love with which our parents welcomed us and accompanied our first steps in this world is like a sacramental sign and prolongation of the benevolent love of God from which we have come.

Pope Benedict XVI, Homily of the Holy Father,
On Occasion of the Fifth World Meeting of Families, July 9, 2006

THANK YOU!!!

To all parish groups, ministers and volunteers, I thank you for your participation in our St. Matthew Feast Day liturgy and fiesta last Sunday. The food, the entertainment, and most of all, the time shared by all those who attended were all indications that we are indeed a very blessed parish! Thank you again!

Fr. Guillermo Rodriguez

OUTSIDERS AND INSIDERS

Since the Second Vatican Council, Catholics have been led to a deeper awareness of the universal call to holiness rooted in baptism. This call to holiness, that we once thought we alone possessed, we now know to be true of all the baptized. Division among those who have followed the Lord Jesus has been around since the very beginning of Christianity. Jesus' apostles complained to him about others, outside their circle, who were driving out demons in the name of the Lord. Jesus set them straight by telling them that "whoever is not against us is for us" (Mark 9:40). Imagine what the world would be like if we were able to lay down the divisions that exist among us and work together, inspired by God, to bring peace and justice to those who are in need.

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REFLECTING ON NEXT SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

Each week you are encouraged to open your bible and reflect on the next Sunday's gospel reading. The readings for next week are listed below along with two questions to prompt you to relate the Word of God to your life.

DO YOU NEED A BIBLE?

If you are in need of a new bible you may order one as you leave the church today. They are available for \$10.00 each or \$12.00 if you prefer large print. We will purchase them and have them for you in the coming weeks. At the table outside today, there are free samples of other publications which contain the Sunday readings, which you may order individually if you wish.

- 1) *How is my faith reflected through my relationships with my spouse, children and friends?*
- 2) *Am I "childlike" in the eyes of God?*

OCTOBER 8 - 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

COMUNIDAD MEETING

The next Comunidad Meeting will be held this coming Tuesday, October 3rd at 7 PM in the Fr. Gerald Meisel Parish Hall. The topic of discussion will be a report from the National Association of Catholic Diocesan Gay and Lesbian Ministries (NACDGLM) Conference. David Kennedy will present an update of the "State of the Ministries" from a national perspective and give some insights of the problems, issues, and progress being experienced by Ministries across the country.

CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND PARTICIPATION

The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society — in economics and politics, in law and policy — directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. Marriage and family are the central social institution that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Room #2 after the 10:30 and 12:30 Masses next Sunday.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

*Betty Schaefer, Keith Johnson, Marnie Stegeman
Beverly Campos, Connie Rhynerson*