

# 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IT IS CHRIST WHOM WE PROCLAIM, ADMONISHING EVERYONE AND TEACHING EVERYONE  
WITH ALL WISDOM, THAT WE MAY PRESENT EVERYONE PERFECT IN CHRIST.

— Colossians 1:28b

JULY 22, 2007

## HOSPITALITY

Hospitality means receiving guests generously; my house is your house! Abraham and Sarah, the parents of us all, receive the Lord and get a wonderful response: "You will have now a son." Sarah laughs but then produces Isaac. Mary and Martha receive Jesus. Like Mary and Martha, we bask quietly in God's presence and, despite concern, should avoid over-fussiness in our worship. When we open ourselves to God, we share hospitality and the gift of God's Son. How do you receive the Lord?

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## RCIA IN JAPANESE

Every once in a while the Holy Spirit sends us a surprise — on *Welcome Sunday* this past June we received a catechumen who speaks Japanese, and in our efforts to meet his needs, we are asking any Catholic who speaks Japanese to contact Sister Dolores, 562.439.0931 x 5. Perhaps you can join Brother Tom (who speaks Japanese) and RCIA team members in being a faith support person for our new catechumen.

## FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE INVITATION

Our Faith Formation committee invites leaders of parish ministry groups to attend a Monday night, August 13th, 7 p.m. meeting in the Fr. Gerald Meisel Parish Hall in order to prepare for our Parish ministry enrichment day on November 10th. All leaders of ministry groups as well as faith formation committee members are encouraged to attend.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR FR. JACK'S NEXT TALK

Having taken two significant trips this year, Fr. Jack Stoeger will speak about his travels in his presentation on **Monday, August 20th at 7 p.m.** in our parish hall. "*Jamaica and Vietnam: Different Perspectives on Life and the Church.*" We hope you will save this evening for an informative, inspirational presentation.

## IN THESE LAZY, HAZY, DAYS OF SUMMER...

You are encouraged to open your bible every week and reflect on 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.

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**FIRST READING:** Genesis 18:20-32

**SECOND READING:** Colossians 2:12-14

**GOSPEL:** Luke 11:1-13

- *What does this Gospel say to me about my own prayer life? How do I feel about the gospel's insistence that persistence pays off?*
- *Have I been the reluctant neighbor when someone "knocked on my door?" How can I turn my response to one of generosity?*

### You might also...

Pick up a book to enrich your spiritual life before or after the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass. Ten minutes of spiritual reading per day can really *make your day!*

or...

Join other parishioners in the church on Saturday mornings at 8:30 a.m. to pray the Rosary.

## DID YOU KNOW...

The Internet has become the new schoolyard for child molesters seeking girls or boys to victimize. Internet "chat rooms" provide a teenager an opportunity to engage in a "live" conversation with friends from school or church, or with other teenagers from around the world. A chat room is described as being similar to an old style telephone party line except that the teens are typing. Law enforcement has found that child molesters use chat rooms to gain easy and safe access to teens. Because of the caring and the seductive talent of child molesters, teenagers should be warned that when they are in a chat room, they should never provide anyone with private information, personal information, and especially their specific physical location.

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## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

*Larry Nuañez*

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