

READINGS THIS WEEKEND

- (1) Proverbs 8, 22-31
- (2) Romans 5, 1-5
- (3) John 16, 12-15

At least once every few years one sweepstakes, contest, lottery or another, rediscovers the idea of a prize involving "as much as you can catch or carry." Often this takes the form of a booth filled with dollar bills blown around by a strong fan. One wins as much as one can catch in a minute. Blown by the strong wind of the Spirit, we have received as gifts far more than we can carry. We are given a share in the unity of Christ and the Father in that same Holy Spirit. How much we "win" depends not on what we can hold on to, but on what we are able to give in lives of love & service. We claim to be created in the image of God. Part of that image is the unity of the Trinity. How have we built up the unity of the body of Christ using the gifts of time, talent and treasure?

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Ed L., Joe Brown, DH, Paul Gochenouer, Gus, David Huey, JP, Delores Lamont, Rich Phillips, Edna Pitstick, Kenita Pitstick, TK, Nancy Vernot, Dorothy Williams, Active U.S. Military Family & Friends of St. Paul's



Memorial Day
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THE MEMORIAL DAY MASS will be celebrated on Monday, May 31st, 10 AM in the church.

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP THE KIDDIES

for VBS: Children ages 4 -12 are invited to ***Vacation Bible School***, June 14-18, 6-8 PM, at Mills Lawn School. **Teens are needed** to assist teachers in story-telling, crafts, music, games (and more) and **adults are needed** for teachers, group leaders and to help with the props. If you think you can help in any way, call Carole Grady at 767-7450 or 864-2334. **Registration forms are available in the vestibule.**

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION . . .**

- ~ The house next door to the Rectory is going to be up for sale on June 1st.
- ~ Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Council and Stewardship Cabinet have already met to discuss the possibility of purchasing the property.
- ~ A *Classroom Fact Finding Committee* has been formed and has met to discuss the possibility of using the current administration building/rectory for classrooms.
- ~ The Archdiocese would have to approve the purchase before we could make a decision.
- ~ Once the facts are all in and discussed, a vote will be taken by the Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council and it will be decided whether or not to move forward.
- ~ Fr. Tony is not taking a position at this time.
- ~ We will keep you informed on the progress and let you know once a decision is made.

WEEKLY COLLECTION & OTHER

Collection for May 23 rd	\$4,004
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,500
<u>Maintenance / Restoration / Major Replacement Goals</u>	
Church Air Conditioner and Zone Controlled Heat	\$15,000
Rectory Air Conditioner	\$ 4,550
New Copier (Parish Office)	\$ 5,935
Maintenance/Restoration for May	\$ 1,893
Maintenance/Restoration since 11-01-09	\$14,234
Spent on Rectory Furnace:	\$8,820
Available for above goals:	\$5,414
Children's Envelopes	\$ 4.02

Please remember St. Paul's in your will.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
AND YOUR NEW PLEDGES.

▼ UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS ▼

PRAYER GROUP: Short meditative Rosary or chaplets & litanies prayed Mondays, 7:30 PM.

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION: Weekend of May 29-30th (food is welcome at ANY time!)



PPC (Parish Pastoral Council) MEETING: Tuesday, June 1st, 7:00 PM in the Undercroft.

ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL: Thurs., June 3rd at 7:00 PM. **Adult Choir Mass** is on Sunday, June 6th at 11:00 AM (Review 10:15 AM).

COFFEE HOUR: Sunday, June 6th, Noonish.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE at Friends Care (150 E. Herman St., YS) Sunday (June 6th) at 2 PM. Assistance needed in "wheeling" the residents and singing the hymns. Please join us!

THE ANNUAL APPRECIATION DINNER in the Undercroft for Teachers, Education Commission, and Parish Pastoral Council is scheduled for **Monday, June 7th**. There will be a social hour at 6 PM followed by dinner at 7 PM.

PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE MTG.: Tuesday, June 8th at 7:30 PM in the Undercroft.

ENSEMBLE MUSICIANS Thurs., June 10, 7 PM.

DivorceCare: Separated or divorced? Would you like to find a support group close to home? St. Teresa Church (Spngfld) is offering a weekly seminar on Mondays at 7:30 PM this summer, beginning June 7th. If you're interested in more info call Melanie Oliver at 342-8861, Ext. 16. **Both Catholics and non-Catholics welcome!**

IT'S ALMOST GARAGE SALE TIME AGAIN so keep cleaning out those closets & gather up the items you'd like to donate! The actual sale will be on Sat., June 12th (Street Fair weekend) from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM with set up/pricing on June 10/11 from 5-7 PM. Please call Gail at the Parish Office (767-7450, Ext. 10) if you think you could help out in any way ... even an hour of your time is very beneficial. Thanks!

OUR SYMPATHY & PRAYERS go out to the family and friends of Walter "Walt" Cummings who passed away on Saturday, May 22nd and whose funeral Mass was celebrated here at St. Paul's on Friday, May 28th. Walt has been a member of St. Paul's for many, many years ... you may remember that we wished him a Happy Birthday back on April 14th ... his 105th Birthday to be exact! Walt will be sadly missed by all who knew him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

MANY THANKS to Liz Romohr who has been cleaning the Parish Offices for us once a month out of the goodness of her heart (and for a few pieces of chocolate out of the candy dish!). It would be great if we could find one more volunteer to help out. If this is something you would be willing to do, call Gail at 767-7450, Ext. 10. Thanks! P.S. Bathroom duty is not part of the job. Mark Breza gets to do that & sometimes Fr. Tony! ☺

GUESS WHO IS HAVING A BIRTHDAY . . . why it's Fr. Tony, that's who! We can't tell you how old he's going to be on Saturday, May 29th (because Gail would like to keep her job!), but we can tell you it's okay to wish him a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** **IN ADDITION TO HIS BIRTHDAY,** Fr. Tony will celebrate his Thirty-Fifth Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on Monday, May 31st. Congratulations on both events, Fr. Tony! (Oh yeah ... and if anyone figures out his age by doing the math, don't blame the secretary!)



WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS TO

Alice DeWine & Nick Dudukovich, who were brought together in Holy Matrimony here at St. Paul's last Saturday, May 22, 2010. Alice is the daughter of Mike & Fran DeWine. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Dudukovich – may God Bless your marriage with many years of happiness together !



FROM CAROLE GRADY, D.R.E.

First Communion: Two Sundays ago St. Paul Parish celebrated First Communion. Eight young members of our parish family were invited to the Eucharistic Table for the first time. The children, their parents, and their catechists all worked very hard to prepare for the important day. At the Liturgy in a prayerful and reverent way, the children welcomed Jesus into their hearts. Many people participated in the Mass and helped make the occasion special. Our Youth Ministry Choir led us in song. Many parishioners served as lectors, servers, distributors, greeters, and ushers. We thank all who were present and participated in the celebration. We also thank all those who helped with the First Communion Reception in the undercroft, including Adele Kelble, Mary Triplett and Eileen Borchers. May our parish celebration of First Communion renew in all of us a deeper love and thanksgiving for the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist. - *Carole Grady, DRE*

Parish Celebrates Again: This Saturday, May 29th, St. Paul Parish will celebrate the First Communion of one of its younger members, Kolonji Cross. This past year Kolonji, with the help of his godparents, his father, Gary Cross, and Carole Grady has prepared to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist for the first time. We congratulate and celebrate with you, Kolonji! - *Carole Grady, DRE*

7/8 GR. HELPS AT 4PAWS FOR ABILITY:

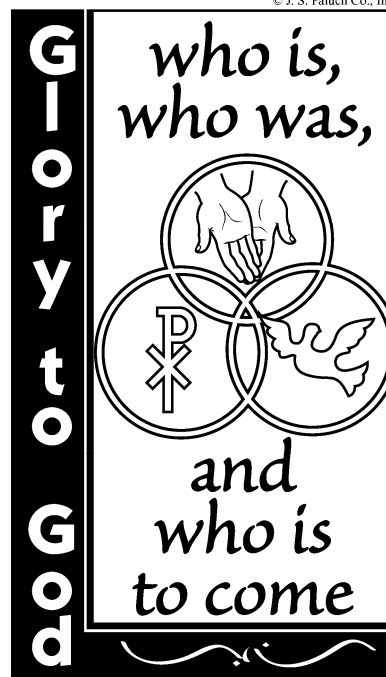
Members of the 7th & 8th grade PSR class volunteered their time on Saturday, May 22nd to help exercise puppies at *4Paws for Ability*. I wish to extend a thank you to Kathleen Whetsel for driving. AnnDee Pettiford, Hannah Brown, Claire Fisher, Evelyn Greene and Jacob Whetsel spent 2 hours playing with a litter of 5 labradoodles and a litter of 4 golden retriever puppies. The puppies played chase & retrieved tennis balls. The students provided the puppies with plenty of exercise and lots of love. More important, the puppies were given the opportunity to socialize with different people in preparation for their future rolls as service dogs. The mission of *4Paws for Ability* is to enrich the lives of people with disabilities by the training & placement of service dogs to provide individuals with companionship & promote independent living. They educate the public to accept the use of service dogs in public places and assist with animal rescue whenever possible by obtaining many of their animals from shelters and rescue groups. Anyone interested in learning more about this organization or volunteering ones time can contact them at (937) 374-0385.

- *Jenny Smith, Community Service Coordinator, 7th and 8th Grade PSR, (937)-675-2308*



PRAISE TO THE CREATOR

The first reading, from Proverbs, is a beautiful doxology of the glory of Christ, who existed before all of creation. Christ is the Wisdom of God spoken of in the verse: *"from of old I was poured forth, / at the first, before the earth"* (Proverbs 8:23). Christ is described in terms of preexistence, of knowledge and wisdom of God, as the Child of God in whom the Creator delights, playing on the earth and delighting in the human race. Psalm 8 continues this hymn of praise to the Creator, enumerating all the wonders of creation, and marveling at the wonderful truth that God has put humanity at the forefront of it all, making us a little less than angels, *"crowned with glory and honor"* (Psalm 8:6). © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.



FROM THE PASTOR - RCIA NEWS

As we close the Easter Season we congratulate Rhonda Connolly who was baptized, confirmed, and received first communion at the Easter Vigil Mass. We congratulate Kelly Zeller and Nancy Schwab who were received into full communion with confirmation and first communion at the Easter Vigil. Congratulations to Kaleigh Hands who began her faith journey with us while at Cedarville University. She was received into full communion in a Catholic parish in Texas.

Current RCIA Schedule: No class May 30th. Classes resume June 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th. These classes are entitled *"initial inquiry."* There are four persons already in the Inquiry sessions. There are six Catholics who attend as a support team & to find enrichment. There will be no classes in July. Inquiry classes begin again on Sunday, August 1st at 6:00 PM in the Parish Office Building/Rectory (*POB*). Each Sunday thereafter RCIA will continue at 6:00 PM. Those who wish to inquire about the Faith, not Catholic or Catholic, are invited to join us. See you June 6th at 6:00 PM.

SAINT CHARLES LWANGA AND HIS COMPANIONS (martyred 1886-87) - June 3

"Master of Pages," reputedly the handsomest man in all Uganda, Charles Lwanga, lay catechist, courageously led about forty teenage boys, Catholics and Anglicans, on a forty-mile forced march to martyrdom for their common Christian faith. Teaching each other the hymns of their different churches, they strengthened one another for the ordeal ahead. King Mwanga, himself barely twenty, had ordered them executed for being "those who pray." But these royal pages were the king's male harem, who, now Christians, refused what pious accounts demurely describe as his "unreasonable demands." Some were clubbed to death, most burned alive; the youngest, thirteen-year old Saint Kizito, whom Charles had often shielded from the King's lust; the most tragic, Saint Mbagwa, whose father was his executioner! In 1964, Paul VI canonized the young Catholics and praised their Anglican companions, recalling the heroism of early Christianity's African martyrs, which we modern Christians of far less faith never expected to see repeated. Forty years after the pope's words, what does our faith cost us? Heroism aside, how generous is our response?

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TRANSLATION STATION

Almost everyone should feel at home with this new translation.

<u>PART OF MASS</u>	<u>PRESENT TEXT FOR PEOPLE</u>	<u>NEW TEXT FOR PEOPLE</u>
Penitential Act Form A (Confiteor)	I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have that I have sinned through my own fault, in my thoughts and in my words in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do: and I ask blessed Mary, ever Virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters to pray for me to the Lord, our God.	I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever Virgin, and all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God.

See, I knew you would recognize this one. I don't guarantee that all the changes will all be this easy, but one at a time, we can handle it and then we will be ready when the big day comes. - *Dolores Sizemore*

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND !

SCHEDULED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (29 th)	5:00 PM	Special Intentions for Justin Clark & Family (Pauline Gacnik) Joann Ryan (Rita Tobias) Carmelo Ricciardi (Jo Dunphy) Walter Cummings (St. Paul Parish)
Sunday (30 th)	11:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Paul and St. Charles Borromeo
MONDAY	10:00AM	MEMORIAL DAY MASS (in the Church)
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Marjorie Carey (St. Paul Parish)
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Marie Clemons (St. Paul Parish)
Thursday	8:15 AM	John Schroeder (Patty Alexander)
Friday	10:30 AM	(AT FRIENDS CARE CENTER) Poor Souls in Purgatory
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LITURGICAL MINISTERS WEEKEND OF MAY 29-30

	5:00 PM	11:00 AM
LECTORS	Jean Nealon / Dolores Sizemore	Julie Skinner / Jeff Inslee
DISTRIBUTORS	Deborah Dillon-Bloch / Sheila Kilgore Jim Nealon / Norma Lewis	Desiree Powers / Eileen Borchers Vince Peters / Joyce Nosker
SERVERS	Dan Retherford / Jeremy Malchow	Evan Eggeman / K. Onfroy-Curley / J. Whetsel
CANTORS	Mike Triplett	Jo Frannye Reichert
GREETERS	Cynthia Christian / Ellen Svendsen	Jennifer Hensley / Dana Cooney
COLLECTORS/USHER	Chuck Garrety / Jim Nealon	Jason Hensley / Dana Cooney

LITURGICAL MINISTERS WEEKEND OF JUNE 5-6

	5:00 PM	11:00 AM
LECTORS	Sheila Kilgore / Jean Nealon	Ellen Guest / Julie Skinner
DISTRIBUTORS	Norma Lewis / Dolores Sizemore Vickie Hoomes / Sheila Suwalski	Greg Noll / Cassie Ditmer Robbie Marion / Anne Sidney
SERVERS	Jim Nealon / Len Suwalski / John Feltz	Rhona Marion / Jeremy Malchow / Evan Eggeman
CANTORS	Julie Marshall	Tim McLinden
GREETERS	Vickie Hoomes / Eleanor Johnson	Jennifer Hensley / Anne Sidney
COLLECTORS/USHER	Joe Holly / Bill Rollins	Jason Hensley / Greg Noll

This was probably in the bulletin before ... but it's a good one, so here it is again!

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car. His father said he'd make a deal: 'You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little, and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car.' The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer, and they agreed on it. After about six weeks his father said, 'Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut. The boy said, 'You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair ... and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair.' His father replied, 'Did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went?'

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF LIFE?

(Author unknown)

In a nutshell, life is preparation for eternity. In this world, we were not made to last forever, and God wants us to be with Him in Heaven. One day your heart is going to stop and that will be the end of your body – but not the end of you. You may live 20 years or 100 years on earth, but you are going to spend trillions of years in eternity. This is the warm-up act - the dress rehearsal. God wants us to practice on earth what we will do forever in eternity. We were made by God and for God, and until you figure that out, life isn't going to make sense.

Life is a series of problems: either you are in one now, you're just coming out of one, or you're getting ready to go into another one. The reason for this is that God is more interested in your character than your comfort. God is more interested in making your life holy than He is in making your life happy. We can be reasonably happy here on earth, but that's not the goal of life. The goal is to grow in character, in Christ's likeness.

You may think of life as hills and valleys - you go through a dark time, then you go to the mountaintop, back and forth. But maybe rather than life being hills and valleys, it's like two rails on a railroad track and at times one rail has a problem then the other, something good and something bad in your life. No matter how good things are in your life, there is always something bad that needs to be worked on. And no matter how bad things are in your life, there is always something good you can thank God for. You can focus on your purposes, or you can focus on your problems.

If you focus on your problems, you're going into self-centeredness. One of the easiest ways to get rid of pain from your problems is to get your focus off yourself and onto God and others. You have to learn to deal with both the good and the bad of life. Actually, sometimes learning to deal with the good is harder.

We also need to ask ourselves: am I going to live for possessions? Popularity? Am I going to be driven by pressures? Guilt? Bitterness? Materialism? Or am I going to be driven by God's purposes (for my life)? When you get up in the morning, try sitting on the side of your bed and say, "God, if I don't get anything else done today, I want to know You more and love You better." God didn't put you on earth just to fulfill a to-do list. He's more interested in what you are than what you do. That's why we're called human beings, not human doings.

Happy moments ... praise God.

Difficult moments ... seek God.

Quiet moments ... worship God.

Painful moments ... trust God.

Every moment ... thank God.

