



ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH

SERVICE TO HIS PEOPLE

Member of 5 Saints West Pastoral Planning Group

January 17, 2010

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

GLORY BE TO GOD! –

I love this story and I can see it as one of the many experiences parents have in raising their children. Something we smile about enjoy sharing with others.

A little boy complained of pain "all over," so his concerned mom took him to the pediatrician.

"So where does it hurt, pal?" the doctor began.

"I hurt all over," the boy said.

"What do you mean, all over?" the doctor asked.

The boy touched his knee with his index finger and cried,

"Ow, that hurts!"

Then he touched his left cheek and cried, "And that hurts, too, Doctor!"

Then he touched his ear, tears running down his cheek, "Even that hurts!"

The doctor then looked him over and examined him very closely. Then he smiled and told him the diagnosis: "Son, you have a broken index finger." That why it hurts all over.

The gospel this weekend tells us of a wedding feast in which Jesus, Mary and his disciples are the invited guests. As with all wedding we might assume that love abounds. This wedding proves to be different. In a moment of crisis we are told that is no more wine. This is a time of real embarrassment for this couple and for their family.

Then we are given three instructions which will carry us up each week until the season of Lent.

Listen to what Mary says to us. ***"Do what ever he tells you."*** Then when we follow this advice we experience something of "Quality". The steward says to the bride groom. ***"At most celebrations like this, people serve good wine first and then when they have drunk freely, an inferior one is served; but you have done the opposite and kept the good wine until now."*** Then we are told what happens when we follow the instruction Jesus gives us - that the faith experience we have will deep our faith to believe in him. So St. John uses the wedding as a metaphor to manifest to us that there is now "new" wine among us.

All Jesus' life and action are directed toward his saving and comforting words, culminating in his death and resurrection – and our response to this is "to believe in him". Our believing is our actions of entering into Jesus saving work.

What the Gospel of John is really telling us that is Jesus comes to change our perspectives, the values and measures by which we live our lives, the ways we deal with one another, the factors that go into the decisions we make, the things we value and seek for ourselves. In Christ, our tendency to fear and doubt and self-centeredness is replaced with the "new wine" of compassion and gratitude for the life God has given us, of honor and respect for every human being as a child of God, of the justice, mercy and peace of God, the Host of the great Wedding Feast.

The Giving Tree Thank You!!!

We would like to thank the people of St. Christopher's who so generously gave to The Giving Tree this year. We placed 342 ornaments on our Tree. With your help we were able to assist 50 families (94 people).

We would also like to thank Michael and Tim Murtaugh, Katie Liebow, Katherine Wimer, Karen, Ben & Eva Campanis, Pat Bradt, Kristine & Mickaela Huff and Sarah, Jennifer Vujanovich, Val, Lauren & Deanna Kessler, Sarah Close, Karen, Mara and Alex Curtis, Linda DeBellis, Joan and Rachele Glakowsky, Dick Philson, Karen Lagas, Dee Milner, Marilyn Weinert, Michelle Buckenmeyer, Terry & Kathy Collins, Kathleen Delesky, Nancy Bodziak, Steve Beiter, Lisa Guernsey, Joan Reilly, Donna Smith, Joanna Aguglia, Linda Benoit, Bruce and Susan Dunn, for their help in making the ornaments and setting up The Giving Tree, wrapping the gifts and delivering the gifts to the families of St. Christopher's and Bethany House.

A special "THANK YOU" to Robert Yaw for all his hard work in setting up "Santa's Workshop".

"It wouldn't be the same without you!"

Thank you,

Chris and Sheila

Martin Luther King Holiday

Our offices will be closed on January 18th in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Youth Group:

There is youth group for the rest of January! We look forward to seeing you there...all 7-12th graders are welcome and encouraged to check it out! Sundays 1-3 - youth room! :)

MASS INTENTIONS - Jan. 16th to Jan 24th

Saturday	4:30 PM	James V. Bovenzi by Don & Sharleen Ellis
Sunday	9:00AM	Ray Saurini by Joe & Janet Shortino
	11:00AM	For the people of St. Christophers
Monday	9:00AM	Paul Zukaitis by Ron & Barb McKenna
Tuesday	9:00AM	Mothers living and deceased
Wednesday	9:00AM	Johnny Palermo by the Crawford family
Thursday	9:00 PM	For those recovering from surgery
Friday	9:00AM	Communion and prayer service
Saturday	4:30 PM	Anthony Staccone by the Weinert family
Sunday	9:00AM	Roberta Daniels by Ken & Dee Milner
	11:00AM	For the people of St. Christophers

NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**Sunday, January 17**

12:00 PM - (Any open Clsrm) Youth/Young Adult Choir
 06:00 PM - 08:00 PM (Hall) Hands of Christ Gathering

Tuesday, January 19

06:00 PM - (Hall) Council

Wednesday, January 20

07:00 PM - (Church) Folk Group
 07:00 PM - (Rectory downstairs) Raffle Meeting

Thursday, January 21

06:00 PM - Triple room upstairs Hope and Healing

Sunday, January 24

09:00 AM - (All Clsrms) Pre- School FF Classes
 11:00 AM—(Church) 1st Eucharist Enrollment Liturgy
 12:00 PM - (Any open Clsrm) Youth/Young Adult Choir

Keeping the Spirit Alive

Catholic Ministries Appeal

Although we have reached our goal in dollars, we are still well below where we want to be in the numbers of contributors we have set for our goal. If you have yet to make a donation to this year's CMA campaign, please do it today.

Thank you for your support of this year's campaign

"Thank you"**To the Wonderful People at St. Christophers and the Chili Lions Club**

Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers. The food and Wegman's gift card are greatly appreciated. It's wonderful to know there are so many great people in our community, our sincere thanks to all.

Shirley & Bob Vetere

To Martha, Mary, Elizabeth Ministry and the Lions Club

I want to thank all of you for making me meals, and bringing cookies. It helps a lot for me. Also, thanks for your prayers. You are also in my prayers too.

Love, Sharon, Tom Karenna Ferrera

NCYC Journal: Mary Greenblatt:

Picture this...almost 21,000 teens, 2000 chaperones, 1000 volunteers, 28 bishops, one cardinal, 250 priests along with sisters, Franciscan brothers and seminarians all were in attendance at the National Catholic Youth Conference in Kansas City, MO. I work in the diocesan Youth Ministry Department and was lucky enough to go as one of the 14 Guardian Angels and also as a chaperone for St. Christopher's. The magic, peace, and acceptance that go along with NCYC are amazing. One memory that stands out to me is that there was a Eucharistic Adoration procession from the Sprint Center thru the streets to the convention center. It was so powerful to see it coming towards you, led by the Knights of Columbus, priests and seminarians, thru the streets of a downtown city. People dropped to their knees in reverence and I swear, there was complete silence as it passed even though there were 24,000 people. On the last day one of the speakers was an 18 year-old who was cured of a malignant brain tumor when he was 7 years-old thru the power of the Holy Spirit. He saw three of the people from Fatima in a vision and was visited by an angel with a complex name. His dad looked the name up in the bible and indeed the angel's name was there. How would a 7 year-old know a name like that? The closing Mass was 2 ½ hours long but full of reverence, incense, music and the power of the Young Catholic Church. To witness 21,000 teens singing and holding hands for the Our Father—it was truly a "God Moment." Thank you for supporting the youth of our parish. Any teens reading this who will be in high school in two years, on behalf of the diocesan Department of Evangelization & Catechesis, I welcome you to join us in Indianapolis, IN. It will definitely be a life changing experience.

Back by popular demand
**Young Adult
 Coffeehouse Night!**



On **Sat., Jan. 30th, 7-10m**, the basement at St. C's will be turned into a Rockin' Coffeehouse! Everyone Welcome... bring friends!

LIVE MUSIC provided by local Young Adult Musicians... Kim P. Winden, Kariana Todesco, Eric Traugott, Rich Conroy & Dana Marzovilla, to name a few!

Special Speaker:
Steven Lawson

*Community Action Associate,
 Station of the Cross Catholic Radio*

A Buffalo native and recent RIT graduate, Steve has a great story to tell about his journey from Film student, to Agnostic, to a rediscovery of his Catholic Faith

**Coffee & Food too!**

Spread the word & hope to see you there!!
 Contact Maranda for more info! marandas-kolen@hotmail.com or 719-5851

March for Life

An Incredibly Inspiring Event

We hope you will consider joining us for the March of Life. Our bus leaves at 10 p.m. on January 21st from St. Christopher's and will arrive at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception around 6:30 a.m. on January 22nd. Following the march, we plan to leave Washington D.C. at 4:30 p.m., which will bring us back to St. Christopher's Church at nearly midnight.

Each seat will cost \$55. If you cannot attend the march, please prayerfully consider a donation for a person or family that wishes to attend but needs financial assistance. For more information on securing a seat for the trip, please call Joan Reilly at 1-315-690-6455.

Food Donations

We want to thank each and every one who donated Food at the Thanksgiving Day Mass. We had a car that was totally full to the brim. It was delivered to Bethany House and they were so very thankful for all of it. We thank all Parishioners who donated so generously.

St. Christopher's Human Service's Ministry

GOLDEN AGERS

The Golden Agers meeting will be January 26th, 2010 after the 9:00 Mass. After the meeting we will go downstairs to the Hall where Joanna will lead us in Line Dancing. We will have lunch in the Hall (pizza and pop on us). Please let Chris know if you plan to attend or you are unable to attend at 293-9248.

Care Packages for Soldiers

Care packages will be sent in January, April, and June, to the men and women of Bravo Company serving in Afghanistan. Please consider donating "gently read" paperback books and magazines. We can also use donations of soup mix, granola bars, kool-aid singles, hot cocoa mix, sewing kits, Pringles chips, stress relief balls, AA and D size batteries, stick-ups air fresheners, hand and foot warmers, puzzle books. They also love to receive cards and notes, especially hand-made cards from children. There are 40 soldiers in Bravo Company. If you would like to help, please call Joanna Aguglia at 594-9378. Many thanks!

Vocation Awareness

This is National Vocation Awareness Week. How fitting that the week begins with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus' baptism in the Jordan marked the beginning of his public expression of the life that God the Father had called him to. In much the same way, each of us is called by nature of our own baptism to publicly live our life as a sign of God's love in the world. We do that through many different vocations – married and single life, ordained and religious life. Let us pray in a special way this week for all holy vocations. Let us also pray that women and men will generously answer God's call to the religious life and ordained priesthood to serve our local church. Office of Vocation Awareness/ 585-461-2890/ vocations@dor.org/ website: www.dor.org/vocations

The Joy of Stewardship

Parish Financial Stewardship Summary

	LAST WEEK	Attendance	YEAR TO DATE
Last Week	\$ 10909.85	762	\$ 197,486.85
#of Envelopes	1/10/2010	259	

Some Christian stewards prefer to make the first check they write each month one they are giving to the Church or another charity. Remember, the idea is to give our first fruits, not from what's left over. Giving on a regular, predetermined basis signifies that your are putting God first.

Stewardship ... Live It!

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SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS:

- Sunday Eucharist* Saturday 4:30 PM
- Sunday 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
- Weekday Eucharist* 9:00 AM Mass or Communion Svc
- Parish Office Hours:* Monday - Thursday
 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 Friday—9-12:00
- Rel. Ed. Office Hours:* Monday - Wednesday
 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM