



Dear Parishioners,

Christ in today's Gospel directs us to take up our own crosses and follow after Him. Certainly whenever we suffer from the selfishness and sins of others, from the consequences of our own sins, and/or from the imperfections of our fallen world that are not of anyone's responsibility but a result of the original sin of Adam and we willingly unite these to the cross of Christ we take up our crosses. Yet to take up our crosses and follow Jesus involves more than just the passive sufferings we experience. Even more so, taking up the cross includes the positive sufferings and sacrifices that we bear because we make the choice to love, to be self-giving. On August 19th, in Madrid, Spain, our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI, while addressing the youth gathered there for the International Youth Day as they meditated on the Stations of the Cross, said the following:

"Let us look upon Christ, hanging on the harsh wood of the Cross, and let us ask him to teach us this mysterious wisdom of the Cross, by which man lives. The Cross was not a sign of failure, but an expression of self-giving in love that extends even to the supreme sacrifice of one's life. The Father wanted to show his love for us through the embrace of his crucified Son: crucified out of love. The Cross, by its shape and its meaning, represents this love of both the Father and the Son for men. Here we recognize the icon of supreme love, which teaches us to love what God loves and in the way that he loves: this is the Good News that gives hope to the world.

Let us turn our gaze now to the Virgin Mary, who was given to us on Calvary to be our Mother, and let us ask her to sustain us with her loving protection along the path of life, particularly when we pass through the night of suffering, so that we may be able to remain steadfast, as she did, at the foot of the Cross."

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If you or someone whom you know is not Catholic, but is interested in becoming Catholic, whether he or she is not baptized or is already baptized in another Christian denomination, please have him or her contact Fr. Gutowski. If you are already Catholic and are interested in being a sponsor for someone considering entering the Catholic Church, please also contact Fr. Gutowski likewise. If there are enough who are interested, we can provide an RCIA program beginning this fall.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during my recent surgery. I'm recovering slowly but steadily. My goal is to be back at Mass in the next week or two. I look forward to seeing all of you very soon!
May God's blessings be with you and yours.
Deacon Dave

**MASS INTENTIONS****AUGUST 29 THRU SEPTEMBER 4**

Monday	Virginia Meister
Tuesday	Kenneth Munsinger
Wednesday	William Roth
Thursday	Gilbert & Martha Krielikowski
Friday	Kaia Bender
Saturday	John Fibich
Sunday	People of St. Joseph



We need Religious Education volunteers for next year in the following areas...

Catechist: 4th & 5th Grade
Aide: Kindergarten & 5th Grade

There is a one-child discount for volunteering so if you are interested please contact Sherry at home

332-3369 or via e-mail shuntwork@msn.com. We are doing something fun and different this year to kick off Religious Education. We are having a Fall Festival with our Mass on September 1 with the festival beginning at 5:30 and running until 7:00, after which we will have Mass and an informational meeting. Everyone is encouraged to bring the entire family and enjoy the "Slime Time Fall Festival" where there will be games, prizes, and food.

NOTICE: MEN'S CHOIR

Men's Choir Information - The Men's Choir will begin the new season with practice on Tuesday, September 13, and will sing on Sunday, September 18. You will receive a calendar in the mail with all the information. Any new members, if you are interested in joining us, please contact Kathy Biernbaum at 402- 253- 2648.

DEVELOPMENT OF AN UNBORN BABY

Week 21 (about five months) – I'm not as little as I used to be, just a few weeks ago. Now I weigh about half a pound, or more, and I am about 10 to 12 inches long! My umbilical cord carries about 300 quarts of fluid between me and my Mom each day. That's where I get my food from!

Week 22 – My lungs are getting stronger and more developed. My arms and legs are getting bigger and stronger, too, and sometimes my Mom can feel them when I move.

VIGIL FOR LIFE PROCESSION WITH ARCHBISHOP LUCAS

Please pray for and give public witness to our pro-life values with Archbishop George Lucas at the annual Pro-Life Prayer Vigil Mass and Procession on Sunday, Sept. 10th, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. at St. Mary Church (2302 Crawford St.) in Bellevue. The Mass will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a prayerful rosary procession to the Abortion facility on Mission St. under the supervision of the Bellevue Police Department. A reception will be held in the basement of St. Mary's church afterwards. Concelebrating priests are asked to bring their Archdiocese chasubles and stoles.

HELP FOR SETUP & TAKE-DOWN

If you can help take down chairs and set up for CCD after Sunday Mass or come to the church and help set up for Mass on Thursday evenings at 6 p.m., please sign up on the sheet on the table in the entry to the social hall. It doesn't take a long time if we get the