



**LIVE SIMPLY.....
SO THAT OTHERS MAY SIMPLY LIVE**

The parable of Lazarus and the rich man speaks to our hearts. In some ways, we may be able to identify with either of the individuals.

In any event, we are asked to place ourselves into the scene and to ask some difficult questions if we identify ourselves with the rich man. How do we share the gifts and richness that we have? Are we blind to the needs of those who (although are not at our feet) are in front of our eyes, at our door, or on the street where we live? If we see ourselves as the poor man, do we see a hope for our resurrection into new life through and during our suffering? We all have a part to play in the drama of the spiritual journey, and Jesus calls us to the same happy ending into the Kingdom. How well do we respond to those needy at our door?



This Thursday, October 4, 2007 we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. We congratulate and offer our prayers to St. Francis Parish as it celebrates its feast day.

BLESSED COMPANIONS

From the story of creation to Christ's triumphal entry to Jerusalem, animals have played a special role in the Christian faith. In scripture God uses our "beastly brothers" to teach us about His kingdom. We marvel at Balaam's talking donkey and Elijah's food bearing ravens. We tremble at Jonah's whale and Daniel's lions. And in everyday experience we are humbled by the unswerving devotion of simple family pets, or animals trained to be the eyes, ears and hands of the physically challenged.

These blessed companions are there as a reminder that God is the King of all creation. He has provided this world for all of us to enjoy, every swimming, flying, walking and crawling creature. May we prove to be good stewards of the legacy given to us in the garden: tending His creatures with love, compassion and wisdom.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Twelve-hour Adoration will take place on Friday, October 5, 2007 and every First Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m..

We hope that you will sign up for a specific time as we must have someone present at all times and we also hope that many people will drop by for a visit and a moment of prayer before the Lord. We are asking that this Adoration moment center on both a prayer for Vocations and also your own personal needs. Let us pray for one another.



**NEXT SUNDAY IS RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY
WE HAVE NO RIGHT TO PLAY GOD**

"Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the creator, who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end; no one can under any circumstance claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being."

Catechism of the Catholic Church

DO YOU LIKE TO PAINT?

We are presently looking for volunteers to help paint the Parish Center Hall before Religious Education begins on October 14th. If you have time and would like to help us, please contact Joanne at the Parish Office (978-957-0322).



CHILDREN LITURGY OF WORD.

We now have two parents who have volunteered to help out with this important ministry. We are still in need of 2 or 3 people to help with the 9:00 Liturgy of the Word, perhaps only once a month. Children from K to 4th grade will go downstairs and have a special homily and reading. This is a great service and we hope some more people will volunteer. Please speak to Fr. Bob or call the Parish Office to volunteer.



PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

This program, which is mandatory for staff, employees and volunteers of the parish, will be presented at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 3, 2007 at St. Louis Convent. Coffee, cold drinks and snacks will be provided. Please be reminded that this training is mandatory for all staff, employees and volunteers in all ministries and occupations of the parish, school and organizations. If you have not already taken this training you must do so at this time in order to remain active. Please register at least three days in advance by calling the Parish Office at 978-957-0322.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED

For many weeks now, we have asked all of you to assist us by becoming part of our Liturgical Ministries. Out of the 800 people attending Mass on the weekend, only 2 people have volunteered. You have probably noticed that you always see the same faces serving at Mass. May God bless them for their service to their Church but, if more people were available, ministers would only serve once a month and that should not be a burden on anyone. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Bob or Paul Duquette at the Parish Office (978-957-0322).



WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT

An ACTS retreat for women, organized by St. William's Parish in Tewksbury, will be held from October 11-14, 2007 at The Franciscan Center in Andover. The retreat begins on Thursday evening and ends with a Mass on Sunday. Talks and activities during the retreat focus on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service, from which the ACTS acronym is derived. Applications are at the doors of the church or for more information, contact Deacon Gerry Hardy at 978-458-4050.

PARISH SUPPORT

Offertory Collection

\$5,289.00

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Please check the bulletin board at the back of the church for information on this wonderful ministry. We are looking (1) for people who are seriously ill and might like to receive a special shawl and (2) people who knit who could make some of the shawls. Thanks for your help. There will be a blessing of the shawls at the 4:00 p.m. Liturgy on Saturday, October 13.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS NEEDED

Our Religious Education Program is in still need of teachers for all grades, but especially for the 5th and 6th grades. If you are interested, please call Pauline Montmarquet at 978-957-3113.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

The parish is in need of 3 or 4 people with financial backgrounds to become part of our Parish Finance Council. If you are interested and would like to help the parish in these trying financial times, please contact Fr. Bob at the Parish Office (978-957-0322).



A Ham and Bean Supper will be held in the Parish Hall from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. next Saturday, October 6, 2007. Sponsored by the Ste. Marguerite d'Youville Parish Club, the supper will include fresh ham, hot dogs, beans and much more. Donations are \$6.00 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors and \$2.00 for children under 12.

ANNUAL TURKEY RAFFLE MEETING

The Annual Turkey Raffle Committee will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 3, 2007 in room 101 of the Parish Center. We are looking for volunteers to help with collecting donations for the raffle. We are also looking for large donations from those who can help us make this a very special event. Our hope is to sell books of tickets with very unique prizes leading up to the raffle. We would need a number of prizes for this special raffle. We are also looking for volunteers to help out at the event. Your ideas are important to us so please join us for this meeting. We need your support and look forward to meeting you.

SEXUALITY EDUCATION & PARENTAL RIGHTS

Come join the Greater Lowell Marriage and Family Chapter for an informative talk on new legislation being filed that will make Health Education a graduating requirement in our public schools. While the majority of the bill is unobjectionable, the component dealing with human sexuality threatens to undermine parental authority. This session, presented by The Coalition for Marriage and Family, will feature Linda Thayer, Author, certified Boston Public School teacher and approved speaker in the Archdiocese of Boston. She sits on the Family Life Pro-Life Committee of the Massachusetts Catholic Conference. This presentation will take place. At 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 17, 2007 at Community Christian Fellowship, 105 Princeton Boulevard in Lowell. For more information contact Cathy Creed at 978-392-6724.

ST. LOUIS SCHOOL NEWS

- ◆ The **Annual Jog-A-Thon** kickoff is scheduled for October 5, 2007. Help support our school by sponsoring a student in this annual fund raiser. If you don't know a student please call the school at 978-458-7594 to make your pledge or donation. This year, on the 100th anniversary of the school, the goal is \$100,000.00
- ◆ The annual **St. Louis School Christmas Fair** will be held on Saturday, November 17, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the school cafeteria. If you would like to donate to one of our tables, the craft table, or would like to volunteer, please call Danielle Caron at 978-934-9914.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

- ◆ **The Jr. High Fall Formal** will take place on Friday, October 12, 2007 from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. All Jr. High students are invited. Cost is \$5.00 per person.
- ◆ The Parish Youth Group will hold an **Autumn Festival and Craft Fair** on Saturday, October 27, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Crafters are needed and tables are available (\$25.00). For more information, please contact Roma Fauvel at 978-957-3113 ext. 603.

DONATE A CHAIR

Have a chance to win \$100.00

We are in need of 100 chairs for our Religious Ed Program and need your help. If you would like to donate a chair the cost is \$10.00. All who donate a chair will have their name placed into a raffle with a chance to win one of the following: 1st prize \$100.00 - 2nd prize \$50.00 - 3rd prize \$50.00. Each donor will have their name on a chair which will be used by our Rel. Ed. Students. If you are interested in donating a chair you may pick up an envelope at the back of the church, at the Parish Office, or mail a check to Ste. Marguerite d'Youville Rel Ed (on memo line please put "donation of chair") 1340 Lakeview Ave., Dracut, MA 01826.

Thank you for your generosity.

BOY SCOUTS

The Boy Scouts of America Greater Lowell District is looking to fill the position of Chartered Organization Representative for Ste. Marguerite d'Youville Parish. The individual acts as the head of the "Scouting Department" representing Boy Scout Troop 80, Cub Scout Packs 24 & 8. The primary responsibilities include; serve as a liaison between the Troop or Pack and your organization, represent your organization at the District Level and works closely with the organizations Committee Chairman. The Representative must be a member of the chartered organization (parish). Please contact Jeff Ross at (978) 513-5114 or jillak@verizon.net if you are interested in this position or have any questions

SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

MASS INTENTIONS

We are presently taking Mass Intentions for 2008.

There are also Masses open for the remainder of this year. Please call or drop by the Parish Office to schedule Masses for your loved ones.

This Weekend – September 29 & 30

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Alphonse Thibeault
7:00 p.m. Ronald Noe Ethier (Birthday / Deceased)

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Shawn D. Nutter
9:00 a.m. Brother Roland Gaudette
11:00 a.m. Walter Rondeau (18th Ann.)

Weekday Masses

Monday 7:30 a.m. St. Jude For Favor Obtained
Tuesday 7:30 a.m. Julie (Dalpe) Johnson
Wednesday 7:30 a.m. Bryan Willett
Thursday 7:30 a.m. Alfred N. Cormier
Friday 7:30 a.m. Blessed Virgin for Favor Obtained
Saturday 7:30 a.m. M/M Leo Cloutier

Next Weekend – October 6 & 7

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Leo Gilman (10th Ann.)
7:00 p.m. Donald Richards

Sunday

7:30 a.m. M/M Alphonse Thibeault
9:00 a.m. Jeffrey & Maria Masse
11:00 a.m. Joseph Raymond Chalifoux

LECTOR WORKBOOKS

If you did not pick up your workbook at the ministry meeting they are now available in the sacristy.

INFANT/TODDLER PRESCHOOL PARENTS GROUP

Stay at home moms and dads, come join us for 1½ hours one day per week with your young ones and join in for story times and activities for the three age groups.

This will take place on Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Please fill out the form below if you are interested in becoming part of this program. Sessions will begin in October.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

CHILD(REN'S) NAME(S):

_____ AGE _____

_____ AGE _____

_____ AGE _____

Please place completed form in the collection basket or bring/send to the Parish Office.