

readings for the week

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30
or 25:14-15, 19-21
Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26,28/
Mt 25:31-46

200th anniversary of the birth of st. paul the apostle

Pope Benedict XVI has announced "The Year of St. Paul" which began on June 28, 2008 and ends June 29, 2009. The Diocese of Norwich, through the Offices of Faith Formation and Evangelization, offers the next event in commemoration of this special year of prayer.

On **Sunday, November 30th at 2:00pm** the **Theatre of the Word** (as seen on EWTN) will present a live performance of *The Journey of St. Paul* at **Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 156 Providence St., Taftville**. Admission is **\$10.00 per person** (Group rates are available for ten or more).

Registration deadline is November 24, 2008. Please contact Rella (875-4563) for a copy of the registration form.

Thanksgiving Pies

This weekend is your last chance to order pies for Thanksgiving from members of the Youth Group. Some pies will be made by members of the Youth Group and/or their parents. Others will be made by Rella's daughter, Elaine (formerly the owner of Elaine's Bakery).

The price for each pie is \$15. The pies will be available for pick up in the Parish Library (entrance next to the statue of the Sacred Heart) on Wednesday, November 26 (just in time for Thanksgiving!) from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

If you have any questions, please contact Rella (875-4563 or rella@sacredheartchurch.com).

Reserve the Date - December 9, 2008

A special Advent Program will be presented here at Sacred Heart. Watch the bulletin next week.

"Prepare the Way of the Lord."

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

It is obvious to me that this is a parish where the people show love, care and concern for one another. This is consistent with being a family, the Body of Christ. There are times, for a number of reasons, where we may not see a parishioner at Mass for weeks or months at a time, the yoking of our parish with Saint Maurice and the new Mass schedule has made this more evident. We may lose touch with them. They lose touch with us. They may feel forgotten.

As parishioners we are all responsible for our brothers and sisters. If you haven't seen someone at Mass for a while, I invite you to call them or pay them a visit

To show them our love
To see if they are well
To tell them they are missed
To show them we care
To tell them we need them
To see if we can help

Some people already do this. But if we are going to hold this parish together and make it grow, we all need to do it. However, if you are not comfortable making a call or visit, let me know and I will make the connection.

We are less than a month from Advent, the beginning of a new church year. A good time to tell people that we care. A good time to gather our family back home for Christmas at Sacred Heart.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Larry Deraleau

Come for Mass – Stay for Brunch

Plan to be here on **Sunday, November 23rd** as Sacred Heart's Haiti Ministry will be serving **Sunday Brunch**.

(Saturday Mass folks: You are welcome to come back for Brunch, too!)

No charge - the free-will offerings are used to benefit the people of Haiti.

welcome to sacred heart parish!

The following families have recently joined our parish. We welcome them and look forward to getting to know them.

Eric & Sarah Akstin
Keith & Helena Connors and Aiden
Robert Morel
Katerine Wetzel

thomas merton

On Dec. 10 Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford will sponsor a day or evening retreat on Merton's Message for the 21st Century, Exploring Great Themes of Thomas Merton. The retreat will take place from 10am to 2pm and will repeat from 6pm to 9pm. The requested offering of \$30.00 includes lunch or dinner.

Thomas Merton is one of the most influential Catholic thinkers of the 20th century. Presenter Brandon Nappi, M.Div., is Associate Retreat Director at Holy Family and a graduate of Notre Dame and Yale Universities. He will explore Merton's insights on Christian life and how his thought can chart a course for Christian spirituality in the new millennium. Register online at www.holyfamilyretreat.org or send the offering to HFPRC, 303 Tunxis Rd., West Hartford, CT 06107. For more information, visit www.holyfamilyretreat.org or call Brandon Nappi at 860-521-0440 ext. 118.

open house at east catholic

East Catholic High School conduct an entrance exam for eighth graders on Saturday, December 6, 2008 at 8am at East Catholic High School. Call Ms. Gryphon, Admissions, at 649-5336 x 238 for more information. Pre-registration for the exam is advised but not required. The school website is www.echs.org

saint maurice church christmas fair

38th Annual Saint Maurice Church Christmas Fair - Saturday November 22nd, 2008 9am to 3pm

Home Baked Treats, Handmade Treasures, Hot Food Fest. Over 40 Crafters, Free Admission & Parking!

In Addition, a special raffle of a hand crafted quilt created by the St. Maurice Christmas Crafters.

**Bring family and friends, spread the word!
Sleigh bells are ringing!**

Ecumenical Service

Tuesday, November 25th at 7pm at Saint Maurice Church, Bolton. Free goodies after the service.

The theme for the service is *"I Was Hungry and You Gave Me Food."* Accordingly, a free-will offering will be taken to support the Manchester Area Conference of Churches to support their Food Pantry.

frosty village bazaar

Saint Matthew Church in Tolland will hold its annual Frosty Village Bazaar on Friday, November 21 from 6-9pm and Saturday, November 22 from 9am to 2:30pm in the Parish Hall on Old Stafford Road, just off the Tolland Green.

This year, the Bazaar has many new and exciting crafts including gift baskets, wreaths, decorative candles, and unique, hand-crafted wooden items by the Saint Matthew Woodchucks.

The Country Store has coordinating books and stuffed animals – a wonderful gift for any child. Hand-knitted items, dried arrangements and ornaments are sure to please. A "Kids Only" booth offers a perfect gift for that special teacher or parent, and a visit to Santa and Mrs. Claus will delight the children. The "Attic Treasures" and "Kollectables" tables of gently-used items have been known to hold many hidden treasures. The kitchen provides soups, luncheon items and dessert both Friday and Saturday.

There is no admission charge. The public is invited to escape from the hectic pace of crowded shopping malls and get in the holiday mood with a stop at Saint Matthew's Frost Village Bazaar.

the work of the church

SATURDAY	33 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
5:45pm	Mass: Howard G. Bardin, Jr. , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family
SUNDAY	33 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10:45am	Mass: Robert Brown , requested by Ed & Hilda Kayan – and – Despina Rose Rychlovsky, 1st Anniversary
MONDAY	
9:00am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
TUESDAY	
9:00am	Mass: Labbadia and Davia Families , requested by Maria Davia
WEDNESDAY	
9:00am	Mass: For the People of the Parish
THURSDAY	
4:30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation this week
7:00pm	Mass: Salvatore Neri , requested by Frank & Maria Neri
7:45pm	Intercessory Prayer
FRIDAY	
9:00am	Mass: Armand J. Letendre, 1st Anniversary , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family
10:30am	Mass at Vernon Manor
SATURDAY	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING
5:45pm	Mass: Nancy Cianci , requested by the Sacred Heart Finance Council. <i>and</i> Gaspere Davia , requested by Maria Davia
SUNDAY	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING
10:45am	Mass: Alice Szczapa , – and – Governor Bill O'Neil , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family

meetings

SATURDAY	
7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous* , South Rooms
SUNDAY	Fellowship before and after Mass
9:15-10:30am	Faith Formation Grades 1-5
6:30-7:45pm	Faith Formation Grades 6-Conf Prep
7:45-9pm	Youth Group
MONDAY	Offices Closed
WEDNESDAY	
4-5:15pm	Faith Formation Grades 1-3 & 5
7:00pm	Pastoral Council , Library
8:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous* , South Community Rooms
THURSDAY	
10:00am	Bible Study , South Community Rooms
7:45pm	Intercessory Prayer
8:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book* , South Rooms
SATURDAY	
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* Note: Some groups meet at Sacred Heart (including but not limited to The Red Cross, Cub Scouts, Alcoholics Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book and Narcotics Anonymous) but they are not part of and not acting on behalf of the Parish or the Diocese

**WEBSITE ADDRESS FOR ST. MAURICE
WWW.STMAURICEKOF.C.ORG**

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY / NOV. 15 - 16, 2008

4:00 p.m. Mildred Alisch, request of Christmas Fair Workshop Women and Robert Simmons request of Mary Simmons and family.

8:45 a.m. / Mary Plis, request of Stephen Plis

NEXT SUNDAY Nov. 22 - 23, 2008

4:00 p.m. Mildred Alisch and Matteo and Vincent Quagliano

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Because of the change in the number of Masses to be celebrated each weekend at St. Maurice Church and Sacred Heart Church, Fr. Stan requested permission from the Chancery to celebrate Masses with multiple intentions. Permission was granted with the following conditions:

- a. *The faithful must knowingly and voluntarily agree to have their intentions combined in a single celebration;*
- b. *The date, time, and place of this celebration is be publicly announced.*
- c. *Such celebrations may occur, at most, only twice each week in any church.*

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING" – TITHING

Last week's collection was \$ 4,018.00

Last year's collection was \$ 4,177.00

Projected amount needed \$ 4,204.00

(for projected obligation, expenses, repairs and tithing the tithe). "Well done, my good and faithful servant Come, share your master's joy." The master's words of praise and welcome for the servant who used his talents well are the same words that each of us hopes to hear when we meet God face to face. We use our "talents" well when we live simply, make God a priority in our lives and share our gifts with others.

CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. at the Parish Center. Everyone is invited to join in making crafts for the 2008 Christmas Fair.

The Fair Group needs:

Cookie cutters; China cups and saucers;

Soup mugs; Small fancy boxes (Harry & David style ; Baby food jars; Teaspoons, odd pieces will be fine; flour; sugar; suregel; cinnamon; molasses; Crisco. Items can be left at the back of the church.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY – November 15-16, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time / Fr. Stan celebrant./ Baptism of Griffin Alexander Boulay at the 4:00 P.M. Mass

TUESDAY: Choir rehearsal at 7:15

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY: SETTING UP FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAIR, BOTH AT THE PARISH CENTER AND THE CHURCH BASEMENT. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP DURING DAY LIGHT HOURS. PLEASE CONSIDER LENDING A HAND.

SATURDAY: CHRISTMAS FAIR FROM 9 A.M. TIL' 3 P.M.

SATURDAY Confessions 3:00 to 3:45 p.m.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, Nov. 22 - 23, **OUR LORD CHRIST THE KING, FR. TONY**, celebrant

4:00 P.M.

ALTAR SERVERS: Josh Meyers, Kyle Toce

LECTORS: Robert Lacombe

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS: Peggy Peruccio, Vi Sobol, Beatrice Lacombe

8:45 A.M.:

ALTAR SERVERS: David & Chrissy Bendzinski, Ashley Heavens

LECTOR: Linda Chamberlain

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS: James Boylan, Sharon & Cliff Scorso

MACC – SOUP KITCHEN

On Sunday November 23rd, St. Maurice Parish will be providing the dinner for 35-40 shelter guests. We will be responsible for providing the entire dinner, and I am looking for individuals who would like to cook and provide a dish (for example, lasagna or a casserole), make a salad (tossed, pasta) or bake a dessert. If you are interested, please contact Donna Bradford at 645-0541

SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF FAIR:

SUNDAY, NOV. 16

12-4 p.m. Setup tables, chairs, pegboards. Lifting involved.

2-4 p.m. Ironing merchandise at Parish Center

MONDAY, NOV. 17 THRU NOV. 21

9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Parish Center open for work and drop off of handmade articles.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19

7-9 p.m. apple peeling – please bring peelers

THURSDAY, NOV. 20

9 a.m., Pie assembling.

FRIDAY, NOV. 21

9 a.m. – 7 p.m. Drop off baked goods. Use left door of Parish Center.

9 a.m. – 7 p.m. Help Craftsmen move in merchandise and displays.

SATURDAY, NOV. 22

7-9 a.m. Help Craftspeople move in.

8:30 a.m. Volunteers should arrive.

9 a.m. **FAIR BEGINS**

3 p.m. **RAFFLE DRAWING**

3 p.m. clean up after Fair. Much help needed!

Help moving Craftspeople out

To all bakers of the Parish...Needed, breads, pies, fudge, cookies, etc. Add the recipe and it sells in minutes. Please note Friday's drop off times and we welcome all Fair day deliveries.

DATES TO REMEMBER-Wednesday Nov. 19th, 7-9 p.m. Apple peeling time – All are welcome.

Friday, Nov 21, 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. drop off time for all baked goods.

We especially ask the aid of the men of the parish to volunteer to help in the moving of Craftspeople displays both before and after the Fair.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE "FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD."

There will be a community Thanksgiving service here at St. Maurice on Tuesday, Nov. 25th at 7 P.M. This annual event is sponsored by the Bolton Ecumenical Council and will include the combined clergy and choirs of the Bolton Christian churches.

This is an opportunity to recognize world hunger and to offer prayer and thanksgiving for what we have. Light refreshment will follow the service and attendee donations of modest finger food would be welcomed.

Enjoy the spirit of Thanksgiving with your neighbors and friends.

Rx for Spirituality (cont'd)

Excerpts from "God and the World" conversation between Joseph Ratzinger/Pope Benedict XVI and Peter Seewald.

Is there some particular language that God uses sometimes to say to us, in quite a concrete way, "Yes, do that," or, again "Hold on, there—last warning! Just leave it alone!"

God speaks quietly. But he gives us all kinds of signs. In retrospect, especially, we can see that he has given us a little nudge through a friend, through a book, or through what we see as a failure—even through "accidents", Life is actually full of these silent indications. If I remain alert, then slowly they piece together a consistent whole, and I begin to feel how God is guiding me.

When you yourself talk with God, is that something that has become as easy and obvious as making a phone call?

In some respects one can make the comparison. I know that he is always there. And he knows in any case who I am and what I am. Which is all the more reason for me to feel the need to call on him, to share my feelings with him, to talk with him. With him I can exchange views on the simplest and most intimate things, as well as on those that are weightiest and of great moment. It seems, somehow, normal for me to have occasion to talk to him all the time in everyday life.

On those occasions, does God always behave respectfully, or does he let you see he has a sense of humor?

I believe he has a great sense of humor. Sometimes he gives you something like a nudge and says, Don't take yourself so seriously! Humor is in fact an essential element in the mirth of creation. We can see how, in many matters in our lives, God wants to prod us into taking things a bit more lightly; to see the funny side of it; to get down off our pedestal and not to forget our sense of fun.

Do you also get cross with God?

Naturally I, too, think, from time to time: Why doesn't he give me more help? And sometimes he remains puzzling to me. In those cases that annoy me I can also feel the presence somewhere of his mystery, his strangeness. But getting really angry with God would mean that we had dragged God too far down to our level. Very often, quite superficial things give rise to this anger. And in those cases where anger is really justified I have to ask myself whether there isn't something important being communicated to me in the things that annoy me and the people who annoy me. I never get cross with God himself.

To be cont'd.