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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Deceased: Mary McClain, Joseph Gwynn, Beverly Miller, Jean Cotterell

The Living: Arden Manning, Elsie Farrow, David Durrin, Marina Gomez, Judy Dwyer, Dennis Becker, Rosemary Elliott, Mary Ennis, Roy Routledge, Thomas Fahey, Reynaldo Tingzon, John Hamilton, Dee Spike, June Lagler, Shannon Lusby, Amabile R. Zorich, Mary Cox, Dorothy Brightbill, Francis Montani, Cheryl Perry, Millie Gomoll, Vera Saxton, Cheryl Trimpler, Lucille Dole, Joanne Scabery, Jack & Marge Curtis, Cindy Daugherty, Dan Duncan, Evelyn Mertz, Lou Schmiedescamp, Geraldine Wirfs, Clarence Young, Maria Neukamm.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

Total Offertory for 2/5/11 \$ 6,160.70
Average Weekly Offertory 2011-11 \$ 8,349.26
Average Weekly Budgeted 2011-12 ... \$ 8,307.12
"Average Weekly Offertory" is based on 33 weeks.
The "Average Weekly Budgeted" is based on the total 2011-12 Fiscal Year Offertory Budget divided by 52 weeks.

SPECIAL EVENT of the week:

Feb 20	Monday Parish/School closed
Feb 14	Tuesday
Feb 15 6:30 pm	Wednesday Choir Practice Church
Feb 16 6:30 pm	Thursday Bible Study PSC
Feb 17	Friday
Feb 18	Saturday
Feb 19	Sunday



ST THERESE 2012 AUCTION NEWS:

Raffle Tickets will be on sale today after the 9:00 am mass for the St. Therese Auction. The cost is \$10 per ticket. Take a chance on winning \$1000 cash, or \$1500 off tuition.

Please join us for the St. Therese Annual Auction, March 3rd, 2012, at the Portland Airport Embassy Suites Hotel. The theme is Denim & Diamonds, and the tickets are \$50. Please contact the school office to reserve your seats at (503) 253-9400

ST. VINCENT de PAUL News

The item of the month for February is Macaroni-and-Cheese. All donations of canned/boxed food, toiletries, or money are welcome. St. Vincent De Paul also needs volunteers on Wednesday mornings from 9:45 to 10:30 am for help stocking shelves. St. Vincent de Paul is creating a roster of Spanish translators to assist with calls from Spanish speaking clients. All work will be done by phone and this would qualify for Fair Share parish hours. If you are fluent in Spanish and would like to help out please call Shasta Hatter at 503-253-7566 and leave a message.

February 19 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Mark 2:1-12

This gospel story illustrates that Jesus heals the body as well as the human soul and spirit. People bring a paralyzed man to the house where Jesus is staying. The house is so crowded that the man must be lowered down through the roof to the room where Jesus is. Jesus looks at the man and says, "Your sins are forgiven." This surprises people, because they believe that only God can forgive sins. The paralyzed man is healed in body and spirit, and the people praise God for what they have just witnessed.

Why do you think Jesus tells the man that his sins are forgiven? Who is this Jesus who can forgive sins and heal people of their illnesses? None of us are perfect -- we all do things that are wrong. Talk about how Jesus' forgiveness of your sins makes you feel. Have you ever been surprised by a spiritual experience?

LENTEN PARISH MISSION @ ST. RITA'S

We invite you for a Lenten Parish Mission on the evenings of **March 4th, 5th and 6th - 7:00 to 8:30 pm.** The theme is "**Behold the Lamb of God**" and the mission preacher is Fr. Charlie Brunick, CSP, pastor of St. Philip Neri Parish and director of the NW Paulist Center for Evangelization and Reconciliation in Portland. Refreshments will be served following each night of the mission. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Stanton, Director of Faith Formation, 503-252-3403, x104 or bstanton@questoffice.net

BENEDICTINE SISTERS:

Come and See Weekend Feb 24-26 at Benedictine Sisters in Mt. Angel, Oregon for Catholic women 18-50 to experience prayer, community and way of life as lived by the Sisters. For more info call 503-845-6141 or email smarietta@juno.com

Girl Scouts: The local Girl Scout troop is having a cookie booth after the masses the weekend of Feb 18/19 and 25/26. Please help support them. Also you can call Cristina Gwynn at 503-936-6549.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK NEEDED:

Eucharistic Ministers to the sick are people willing to commit approximately one hour per week to visit the shut ins of our parish and bring communion to them. These people are in care facilities, foster homes or their own homes. Most of those that are visited enjoy the time spent with someone of their own faith. The Eucharistic Minister is often the only visitor some of these people encounter. This ministry is extremely rewarding. For further information please call Steve Jones at the parish office (503) 256-5850 ext. 105.

CHOIR:

The Music Ministry of a parish helps the liturgy be lively and relevant. Music adds a dimension of involvement that would be missing if we just spoke all the parts. Our choirs on Sunday morning are always on the alert for potential new members: More voices means that there is more we can do in the way of "parts" and in other ways to enhance the music. Please consider whether you would like to be in one of the choirs. Speak to the directors after mass and let us know that you are interested. Just asking won't get you drafted, but we are interested in helping people become choir members. Note that all ages are welcome! For young people, it's a great way to be more involved in the liturgy, to help lead the worship as well as being part of your participation. And "seniors" should remember that the voice is about the last thing to go!

Lenten Mission @ St Joseph the Worker

Please come to our Parish Lenten Mission on March 4, 5, & 6 at 7:00pm featuring well known speaker & musician, Chris Padgett. St. Joseph the Worker Church on NE 148th & Division. We would love to have you join us!

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Unacceptable

Today the Obama administration has offered what it has styled as an “accommodation” for religious institutions in the dispute over the HHS mandate for coverage (without cost sharing) of abortion-inducing drugs, sterilization, and contraception. The administration will now require that all insurance plans cover (“cost free”) these same products and services. Once a religiously-affiliated (or believing individual) employer purchases insurance (as it must, by law), the insurance company will then contact the insured employees to advise them that the terms of the policy include coverage for these objectionable things.

This so-called “accommodation” changes nothing of moral substance and fails to remove the assault on religious liberty and the rights of conscience which gave rise to the controversy. It is certainly no compromise. The reason for the original bipartisan uproar was the administration’s insistence that religious employers, be they institutions or individuals, provide insurance that covered services they regard as gravely immoral and unjust. Under the new rule, the government still coerces religious institutions and individuals to purchase insurance policies that include the very same services.

It is no answer to respond that the religious employers are not “paying” for this aspect of the insurance coverage. For one thing, it is unrealistic to suggest that insurance companies will not pass the costs of these additional services on to the purchasers. More importantly, abortion-drugs, sterilizations, and contraceptives are a necessary feature of the policy purchased by the religious institution or believing individual. They will only be made available to those who are insured under such policy, *by virtue of the terms of the policy*.

It is morally obtuse for the administration to suggest (as it does) that this is a meaningful accommodation of religious liberty because the insurance company will be the one to inform the employee that she is entitled to the embryo-destroying “five day after pill” pursuant to the insurance contract purchased by the religious employer. It does not matter *who* explains the terms of the policy purchased by the religiously affiliated or observant employer. What matters is what services the policy covers.

The simple fact is that the Obama administration is compelling religious people and institutions who are employers to purchase a health insurance contract that provides abortion-inducing drugs, contraception, and sterilization. This is a grave violation of religious freedom and cannot stand. It is an insult to the intelligence of Catholics, Protestants, Eastern Orthodox Christians, Jews, Muslims, and other people of faith and conscience to imagine that they will accept as assault on their religious liberty if only it is covered up by a cheap accounting trick.

Finally, it bears noting that by sustaining the original narrow exemptions for churches, auxiliaries, and religious orders, the administration has effectively admitted that the new policy (like the old one) amounts to a grave infringement on religious liberty. The administration still fails to understand that institutions that employ and serve others of different or no faith are still engaged in a religious mission and, as such, enjoy the protections of the First Amendment.

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