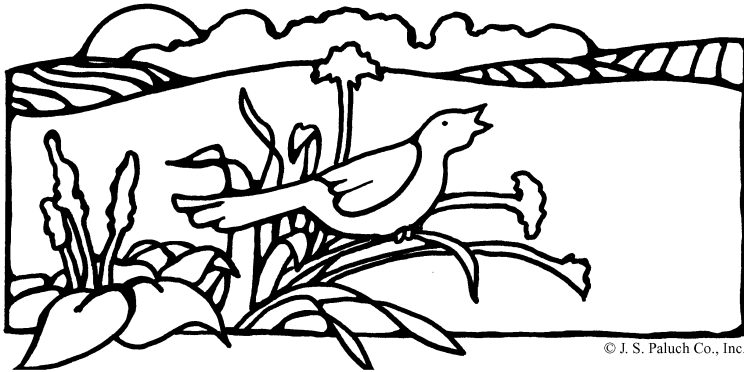


Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 5, 2010



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*Fill us at daybreak
with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and
gladness all our days.
— Psalm 90:14*

TODAY'S READING

First Reading — Who can ever know God's counsel unless God gives wisdom and sends the Holy Spirit from on high? (Wisdom 9:13-18b).

Psalm — In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — Paul asks Philemon to accept back his slave Onesimus, not as a slave but as a brother (Philemon 9-10, 12-17).

Gospel — To be a disciple of Jesus one must carry one's own cross and renounce all possessions (Luke 14:25-33).

EMBRACING YOUR CROSS

We often speak of the "crosses" we must carry in life. These can range from loss of a job to a serious or terminal illness to unhealthy relationships, and so on. The cross has become the wide-ranging metaphor for the trials, ills, and discomforts that are part and parcel of every human life. While we all understand this use of the word "cross," it does a disservice to what the Jesus of the Gospels means by it. For him, a "cross" is not something that fate, bad luck, or unfortunate circumstances foists upon one. It is, instead, something one chooses, something one embraces.

For Jesus, carrying the cross in discipleship was the rejection of earthly possessions or status, it was the sundering of bonds of kinship or friendship. It was, above all, the necessary kind of self-sacrificing, self-surrendering choice one had to make in order to be a true disciple. When life hands us a "cross," we pray to the Lord to give us strength to bear it. If we are to be true disciples, we must also pray for the strength to reach out and willingly accept a cross as well. To bear up, with God's grace, under the burdens that are not of our own choosing does take a strong faith. But to walk willingly under the weight of the cost of discipleship shows an even stronger desire to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30;
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51; 1 Tm 1:12-17;
Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

Spanish-speaking Catechist: Our parish is in desperate need for a catechist who is fluent in Spanish to help prepare Spanish-speaking individuals who desire to receive Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation. There is at least one young couple who longs for the sacraments and needs catechesis. Please call the Parish Office to offer your services.

Rosary Dedication September:

For the faculty and staff in our parish school.

This Week at Our Lady of Sorrows
Sunday, Sept 5th

Rosary, 7:35 am
Mass - 8 am
Mass - 10:30 am
Spanish Mass- 5 pm
Hispanic Committee Potluck after 5 pm
Mass - Cafeteria

Mon, Sept 6th Labor Day

Rectory & School Closed
Mass - 8:00 am

Tuesday, Sept 7th

Mass- 8:00 am

Wed. Sept 8th

Faculty Meeting 2:45 early dismissal
Legion of Mary, 4:30 pm LH
Mass- 6:30 pm

Thurs., Sept 9th

Mass - 8:00 am,
All Youth Group members, Dinner
6:30 pm cafeteria

Friday, Sept 10th

Communion Service- 8:00 am

Saturday, Sept 11th

Altar Guild Meeting, 9 am KH
Hispanic Committee Meeting 10 am
Confessions, 3:00 - 3:30
Mass - 4:00 pm
Hispanic Coro Practicing 7 pm Church

Sunday, Sept 12th

Rosary, 7:35 am
Mass - 8 am
Mass - 10:30 am
Spanish Mass- 5 pm



**Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Labor Day
Wednesday:	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday:	St. Peter Claver; Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year 5771)
Saturday:	Patriot Day; Day of Mourning and Remembrance; Blessed Virgin Mary

Our Lady of Sorrows

Mary is venerated under this title to commemorate the seven sorrows that she suffered: The prophecy of Simeon, the flight into Egypt, the loss of the child Jesus in the temple, meeting Jesus carrying his cross, the Crucifixion, receiving the body of Jesus from the cross, and the burial of Jesus. A devotional image of her shows her heart pierced with seven swords to represent these sorrows.



***Ministers & Altar Server
Schedule for Sept 4 & 5***

	<u>4:00 PM</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>5:00 PM</u>
Communion	Deacon Henry Frances Bursi	Deacon Bennis Theresa Acklen	Barbara Allard Gina Pannell	Estaban Roque Nick Vinturella
Reader:	Eileen Monroe	Brenda Plessinger	Rick Pannell	Diana Marquez Jose M. Benitez
Altar Servers:	Will Solomon	Kellie Owen Hayden Williams	Shelby Gilbreath Antonio Lopez	Juan Rivera Beatriz Barrera

***Ministers & Altar Server
Schedule for Sept 11 & 12***

	<u>4:00 PM</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>5:00 PM</u>
Communion	Deacon Henry Gordon Hooten	Deacon Don Bill Hall	Bob Bustos Janet DeStefano	Estaban Roque Nick Vinturella
Reader:	Barbara Pettit	Bonnie Williams	Tanya Floyd	J.Isabel/M.Barrera
Altar Servers:	Lacey Carter Warren Durbin	Bradley Hudson Kacee Hudson	Katie Hissong John Sterling	Sarahi Roque Abigail Roque

Please remember the following people in your prayers: Fr. Jack Atkinson, Theresa Baker, Ann Balcom, June Bennis, Rebecca Bethune, Deanna Bolgeo, Reno Bolgeo, Johnny Boletta, Shawn Brown, Thomas Brown, Carole Brunner, Keith Carpenter, Trudi Collier, Monsignor Bill Davis, Abrahan Delgado, Margaret Dries, Danny Dunn, Elena Everroad, Rena Frazier, Alice Fricks, Theresa Greco, Eileen Haklitch, Amanda Hall, Shelby Henricks, Joe Frank Hill, Ruth Hill, Mike & Donna Jackson, Margaret Jones, Brad Kitts, Butsy Lanigan, Fr. Joe Lattus, Angelo Lobianco, Ericka Lopez, Robert Lutts, Jerry Lynn, Sadie Claire Lynn, Louise Macdonald, Joseph Mangold, Jessica Mann, Mike McCune, Alex Mosby, Bill Nutt, Tony Oliviera, Frances O'Toole, Jackie Perfetti, Waldyr Poilis, Nancy Pope, Dr. Cheryl Pearson, Bea Remmert, Mary Dorothy Scola, James & Maureen Spain, Mona Stringfellow, Fr. Bryan Timby, Marie Torres, Keith Trenham, Vera Trudell, Mae Tulip, Henry VanNess, Maria Isabelle Vega, Helene Weiss, Lewis Wilkinson, Angie Wright .

Names will be taken off after being on for 4 weeks. If you want to keep name on after 4 weeks, please call the office at 353-1530.

Flowers on altar in honor of Robert Lutts's Birthday from Paula

Stewardship of the Altar – Flowers can be put on the Altar in memory of a loved one; a deceased couple of the departed of an entire family or in honor of someone's special anniversary, birthdays or other happy occasions or just to honor someone you think is special. Please contact Frances Bursi at 357-5874 or 634-1168.



Eaglefest Raffle Tickets: Every registered household in the parish will be receiving 25 Eaglefest Raffle tickets to either purchase or sell. The more each household sells the more publicity we have for Eaglefest. Tickets are \$5.00 each OR 5 for \$20.00. The person who sells the winning ticket will be awarded a \$100 cash prize.

Eaglefest Ravioli Lunch: The Altar Guild and Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the traditional Ravioli Lunch at Eaglefest this year. Lunches include salad, bread, ravioli and gravy, dessert and a drink. The cost is \$8.00/adult and \$5.00/child under 13. Lunches will be served beginning at 11:00 a.m. The kitchen will close at 3:00 p.m. to allow the transition to the steak dinner service that will begin at 5:30p.m.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) – Do you know somebody that has an interest in learning about the Catholic Faith or in becoming Catholic. The classes for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A) will begin mid-September. Please contact the Parish Office (353-1530) or Gerry Taulman (278-7517) for more information. The classes are on Wednesdays evenings after the 6:30 p.m. Mass and they are for those baptized in another Christian religion, those who have not been baptized, and those Catholics who have not been practicing their Faith for many years and want to return to the Family Table.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, Sept. 4th 4:00 pm

Jim O'Toole+

Sunday, Sept 5th 8:00 am

People of Parish

Sunday, Sept 5th 10:30 am

Harold Field+

Sunday, Sept 5th 5:00 pm

Int. of Fr. Wayne Timby

Monday Sept 6th 8:00 am

James O'Harley+

Tuesday, Sept 7th 8:00 am

Delia Owen+

Wednesday, Sept 8th 6:30

Mary Kuenzel+

Thurs. Sept 9th 8:00 am

Ella Mae Zsidi+

Friday Sept 10th 8:00 am

Communion Service

Sat, Sept 11th 4:00 pm

Angelo Bursi+

Sunday, Sept 12th 8:00 am

Deceased Members of STVDP

Sunday, Sept 12th 10:30 am

People of Parish

Sunday, Sept 12th 5:00 pm

Int. of Jose Roque

PARISHONERS IN NURSING HOME:

Jackie Perfetti

St. Francis Nursing Home

5959 Park Ave, room 328

Memphis, TN 38119

Helene Weiss

St. Francis Nursing Home

5959 Park Ave, room 328

Memphis, TN 38119

Ginger Shemwell

King's Daughters & Sons

3568 Appling Rd, room 144

Bartlett, TN 38133

Dolores Bair

Ava Maria Home

St. Lukes

2805 Charles Bryan Road, 38134

Henry Van Ness

Trezevant Manor Assisted Living

177 North Highland, room 124

Memphis, TN 38111

Amanda Hall

Highlands of Memphis

3549 Norris wood Avenue, room 236-1

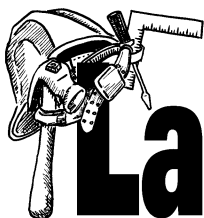
Memphis, TN 38111

Moira Kavanagh

Mid South Rehab Center

2380 James Rd, room 102

Memphis, TN 38127



Labor Day

**Financial Report
Weekend of 08/29/2010**

Envelopes	\$2,175.00
Loose Checks	235.00
Loose Currency/Coin	176.00
Improvement	85.00
Total Collection	\$2,671.00
Church Budget for the week	- 4,458.38
Collection Diff for the week	(\$1,787.38)
Collections Revenues Y-T-D	\$ 34,630.82
Church Budget Y-T-D	<u>40,125.42</u>
Collections Deficit Y-T-D	\$ (5,494.60)

Parishioners' Birthdays this week:

Deacon Don Bennis – September 4
Gerry Taulman – September 4
Cindy Mayes – September 9
Robert Lutts – September 9



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SAINT PETER CLAVER (1581-1654)

September 9

Nearly two hundred years before the Declaration of Independence proclaimed “that all men are created equal,” two hundred fifty years before the Emancipation Proclamation mandated an end to slavery, three hundred fifty years before Martin Luther King’s “I Have a Dream”, and four hundred years before the election of an American president boasting African heritage, Peter Claver left his native Spain behind to volunteer for the Jesuit missions in Colombia. There, he was horrified both by slavery as an institution and by the inhuman brutality inflicted upon the slaves. He solemnly vowed to become “the slave of the slaves,” and lived that vow heroically for close to forty years. Not knowing their language, Peter began his ministry among the slaves by using the universal language of practical charity, providing medical care and a tangible though wordless assertion of their human dignity: “We spoke to them not with words but with our hands, kneeling beside them, bathing their faces and bodies, encouraging them with friendly gestures” (see *Liturgy of the Hours, Volume 4*, p. 2018). Then came evangelization and baptism. Holiness as human wholeness: Peter Claver’s enduring witness.

—Peter Scagnelli. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

The 20th Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration Mass will be held at 12 noon on Sat. Sept. 18th, 2010. The Mass will be at the Cathedral of The Immaculate Conception, 1695 Central Avenue. Bishop J. Terry Steib, S.V.D., D.D. will preside. Everyone is invited to attend this diocesan celebration. This celebration is in honor of those celebrating 25, 50 and 50 plus years of marriage in 2010. If you are interested there are forms in the back of the church. Deadline is Sept 6.

PRE classes begin September 12 at 9:00. If you have not already registered your child, there are registration forms in the vestibule of the church. Please pick one up and bring it when you bring your child to class. The registration fee is \$20/child.

Attention: New Liturgy begins Advent 2011, classes preparing for this event will begin this month. Signup sheets for facilitator’s location and class times are located in the vestibule.

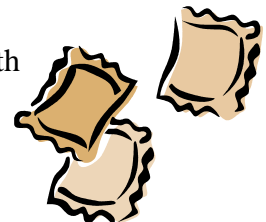
Eaglefest 2010 – Come, one! Come, all! to the best show in town! Mark your calendar for the 20th Anniversary of Eaglefest **October 9th 10am to 10pm**. Just around the corner with a full day of fun planned for you and your family. Games, rides, prizes, ravioli and Spanish dinners, fair food, sports zone, volleyball tournament, arts & crafts, 1st Annual Back Yard Championship Steak Cook Off prizes - 1 place team \$500 - 2nd place team \$250 - 3rd place team \$150 - team entry fee \$150, raffle for a chance to win one of three great prizes - 1st place \$3,000 - 2nd place \$1,500 value cruise for two out of New Orleans with Amtrak transportation - 3rd place \$1,000 value weekend stay with dinner and brunch at Peabody Memphis. Live entertainment to include Eddie Pennington and Band, Odd Normality, Kris Acklen, David Pool, John Frassinelli, Palomino Ridge, Spanish Dancing, Karaoke and much more! Check back often for more details or call 901.353.1530 for more details. **ADVANCE DINNERS TICKEST ON SALE STARTING SEPT. 11**

Eaglefest Steak Dinners: The teams competing in the **Eaglefest Steak Cook-Off** will be grilling 16-ounce rib eye steaks to be served to the public beginning at 5:30 p.m. The dinners will also include a baked potato and corn-on-the-cob. Each team will be asked to cook a certain number of steaks and those purchasing steak dinners may order their steak cooked to order from any of the competing teams as long as a team still has steaks available. The cost of the steak dinner is \$12.00/person. That's a real bargain for a 16-ounce steak grilled to perfection! Some lucky dinners will be eating a steak from the winning team, which will be announced later in the evening. Who knows? It just might be you!!!!!!

Change is Coming! There have been revisions made to the English texts of the Mass that will be implemented in 2011. In preparation for the changes and so we all understand why the changes were made and how they will affect our roles in the liturgy, the Diocese of Memphis is offering a series of eight (8) small group sessions (four before Thanksgiving and four after the new year begins). We are looking for 6-10 people to open their homes for these small group experiences. We are also looking for 6-10 individuals to serve as group leaders. It is not important that you know anything about the liturgy or history of the Mass because this is a group learning experience. Leaders are asked to attend a training workshop on how to conduct the meetings. We need to have commitments by August 9th so we can get our leaders trained and advertise where our groups will meet. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule of the church.

2010 Life Chain Event: Each year on the first Sunday in October, LIFE CHAIN invites churches in each city across North America to stand on a designated local sidewalk and pray for 60 minutes while holding a sign with an approved pro-life message. In 2009, over 1450 cities and towns helped form a life chain across America! Life Chain 2010 is scheduled for Sunday October 3rd from 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM. The Memphis chain runs along 33 miles of sidewalks from the Mississippi River to Fayette County line. The chain includes Poplar Ave with our designated location at the corner of Germantown Parkway and Poplar Ave. Signs will be available in the bank parking lot at that intersection starting at 1:30 PM. You and your family are invited to help build the chain for this historic event. Stand up to protect unborn children and promote a culture of life! Contact Tom Griesmer at tgriesmer@aol.com or 413-1271 with questions.

Ravioli Roll – Once again, the Altar Guild is seeking dedicated parishioners to help with the Meat Ravioli Roll on Sat. Sept 18 at 2:30 and Sunday Sept 19 at 9:00 am. We need as many people on site to help us roll dough, stuff the pasta and seal it properly. Teens and young adults are especially welcome to join us.



Monthly Spanish Dinner: Our next Spanish dinner will be this Sunday, September 5, immediately following the 5:00 p.m. Liturgy. All are welcome to join us. Fluency in Spanish is not required. A love of fellowship over good food is required!!!!!!

Labor Day Holiday: The Parish Office and Parish School will be closed on Monday, September 6, to celebrate the Labor Day holiday. We will re-open at the regularly scheduled times on Tuesday.



Bible Study 2010 – OLS will offer a study of the Book of Genesis in 2010-2011. This is a 28-week course. The fee is \$50.00 and must be paid before materials are ordered. Study groups will meet on Thursday mornings (Fr. Timby), 9:30 -11:30, and on Sunday evenings (Deacon Henry), 6:30-8:30, beginning in late September or early October. Stop by the parish office to order your materials. (If you cannot afford the full cost of the study materials, see Fr. Timby privately.)

CHANGE OF HEART

Today's Gospel reading is difficult for some people to understand. We can accept that we must carry the cross and follow Jesus, but why does he say that we must hate our parents, spouses, children, and even life itself to be his disciple? Hate is such a powerful word with many emotional overtones. Perhaps the author of the Gospel used another word and "hate" is just a mistranslation? But no: the word in the original



Greek is *miseo* and it does mean hate. Most scripture scholars believe that Jesus was deliberately exaggerating to make his point hit home. Human beings often cling to relationships and possessions, and these come to occupy the primary place in their hearts—the place where God is meant to be. Where God is displaced in the believer's heart, true discipleship is almost impossible. Think of these examples: the woman who focuses all her attention on her children and ignores her husband; the man who spends every evening and weekend drinking; the young couple who are so in love that they notice no one except each other; the person who hoards things to compensate for the loss or lack of relationships. All these are temporary displacements, but if they harden into habit they can keep people from a life with God. Attending Mass regularly, saying frequent prayers, and keeping all the commandments are excellent

habits, but they do not bring us closer to God unless our hearts are changed and God takes first place there. Such a change is true conversion, allowing us to become Jesus' disciples. As disciples, we carry a cross—sometimes a dramatic process but more often a deliberate day-to-day effort to reorder our priorities and the way we live. **Jesus first, others next, yourself last** is a life that spells J-O-Y.

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Did You Miss the Sacrament of Confirmation along the Way?: Through no fault of their own, many young Catholics miss the sacrament of Confirmation in their youth. Did your parents move while you were a teenager? Did you miss participation in a religious education program? If you missed receiving the sacrament of Confirmation (or, Eucharist) in your youth, please let us know. We are eager to assist you in becoming fully initiated into the life of the Church. Please call the Parish Office (353-1530) so someone can contact you about rectifying your situation.

St. Peter Village will be hosting a carnival at Memphis Catholic High School on October 2, from 2-5. There will be lots of games and fun for the kids, food, and a silent auction, all benefitting the restoration of the St. Peter Manor Chapel, which is used by the residents of St. Peter Manor and Target House and students of Memphis Catholic High School. St. Peter Manor is a low-income HUD housing facility for the permanently disabled or those 62 and over; the residents have contributed almost 20% of the repair costs out of pocket, but we are still in need of your help! Please come out and support the restoration and enjoy the carnival! If you are unable to attend and still interested in donating to the restoration, please call Aimee Vesitis at St. Peter Manor at 901.259.9868.

Soccer Ole': Fall Instructional Recreation Soccer Program at CBHS for boys and girls ages 3-10. Sign up now! Please visit www.soccerole.org or call 901- 261 4966.

School News: We have received the results of the 2009 Iowa Scholastic Aptitude Tests (ITBS) and Our Lady of Sorrows got good news. While the scores of our lower grades was just a little below average due to the high percentage of Spanish-speaking children, our average eight grade student scored at the 10.6 grade level in language arts (reading, spelling and reading comprehension) and performing in science and mathematics at a 9.9 grade level. Since these tests are administered is September each year, we have every right to assume that by the time of graduation in May our eight grade students are capable of doing the work required in 11th grade language arts and 10th grade science and mathematics. News like this validates the sacrifices we make for our parish school. Well done teachers, parents and students!

Pro-Life Novena For Unborn Babies: Persons from various nations have answered the call to participate in the September 29th - October 7th. During this nine-day pro-life event, Masses will be offered and Rosaries will be prayed for the following intention: **For the protection of unborn human persons.** Will you join us?

EagleFest Raffle Tickets: Every family registered in the parish has been sent 25 EagleFest Raffle tickets by mail. They were mailed on Thursday. Parish families with children enrolled in our parish school received their tickets through their children (15 tickets per student) on Thursday. Remember to **SELL** the tickets because every time you ask someone to buy a ticket you are giving EagleFest free publicity. Please return your stubs with the proper amount of money in the brown envelope provided with your tickets. You may put them in any collection basket at church or mail them to us; however, **please do not mail cash.** We have extra tickets available in the parish office for those who feel they can sell more than 25. Also, since we have distrusted nearly all of our original order of 10,000 tickets to parishioners and students, we have ordered additional tickets to insure than we have an adequate supply to sell on the day of EagleFest. Please return your unsold tickets to the Parish Office before Wednesday, October 6 so we can correct our records and try to sell them at the festival.

Parish Feast Day: The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows (September 15) falls on a Wednesday this year. We will celebrate with our usual Wednesday evening Mass at 6:30 and a potluck dinner in the gymnasium immediately following Mass. Everyone is asked to bring a dish sufficient to serve your own family and three additional people.

Relic of the True Cross: A relic of the true cross of Jesus will be available for veneration in the church through the daylight hours of the Solemnity of the Exaltation of the Cross on Tuesday, September 14. The relic is an extremely small sliver of the beam discovered by St. Helen in the early part of the 4th century during her pilgrimage to Jerusalem. It was during her time in Jerusalem and her visits to Calvary that the beams of the cross were found under several inches of dirt. One of the beams still had a large remnant of the placard attached that announced "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews" in Hebrew, Latin and Greek. That relic of the placard and part of the beam to which it was attached can be viewed and revered at the Church of the Holy Ground of Jerusalem in Rome, which was built by St. Helen adjacent to her palace near the Lateran Hill. St. Helen was the mother of the Emperor Constantine who legitimized Christianity in 323 A.D. and dedicated the first public place of Christian worship which is now known as the Basilica of St. John Lateran.



2010 Father/Son Program: Boys aged 12-15 and their fathers are invited to learn about growing up and God's gifts of human sexuality and fertility and the virtue of chastity will be on Sunday, October 24, 4:00 - 7:00 pm at Saint Francis Hospital. Discount fee is \$25 per family if received by Oct. 20. The reservation form can be printed at www.cdom.org.

Youth Dinner and Meeting: Fr. Timby invites all the youth from 6th grade through 12th grade to meet over fried chicken this Thursday evening. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Don't be late or you might miss dinner!!! Bring your own favorite soft drink. We will spend some time talking about what we can do together as a group in the coming year before breaking for the football field and social time. Please call the office (901-353-1530) to let Mrs. Roberts know if you are coming so there will be enough chicken.