

**TODAY**



**FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH** are in loving memory of Betty E. Albenesius (Birthday Anniv., Feb. 3) with love from her husband Ted and children.

**FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE ALSO** to honor and congratulate Dorothy Bendt on her 81st birthday (February 4th) with love from Larry & Kathy, David & Sallie, her five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

**FLOWERS IN THE CHAPEL** are in remembrance of the 47th wedding anniversary (January 26) of John Coulter (deceased) and Annie Coulter with love from Karen and family.



**SECOND COLLECTION** today is for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Over the past several months, the number of calls to the Help Line has increased. Your contributions enable SVDP to provide emergency assistance for those in need from our community. Please make checks payable to St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you.

**THIS WEEK**



**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) PROGRAM:** The next RCIA class will be held Wed., February 3, 2010. The topic for this class is "Healing Sacraments: Anointing of the Sick & Reconciliation." For more info. about our RCIA program, please call Sr. Colie at 556-0801.

There will be a **CURSILLO ULTREYA** on Tuesday, February 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the Christ Our King Life Center. Bring a friend if you can. Please pray that a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit will renew interest in the Cursillo movement. All are welcome to attend. For more information, call Lola Reilly at 884-8311.

**Catholic Schools Week**  
**January 31 - February 5, 2010**

**THIS WEEK'S PARISH EVENTS**

- SUNDAY: January 31**  
**10:00 AM** Coffee and donuts - Parish Hall  
 Religious Education - School  
 Bible Group - MR  
**12-2:00 PM** Open House - BSS  
**7:15 PM** Outreach - Parish Hall
- MONDAY: February 1**  
**7:30 PM** Novena and Benediction
- TUESDAY: February 2**  
**9-11:00 AM** Open House - BSS  
**7:00 PM** Knights of Columbus - Parish Hall
- WEDNESDAY: February 3**  
**6:45 PM** Choir Practice  
**7:00 PM** RCIA - Parish Hall  
 Spanish RCIA - MR
- THURSDAY: February 4**  
**8:45 AM** School Mass  
**7:00 PM** 1st Communion Parent Mtg. - Hall  
 Bible Study - MR
- SATURDAY: February 6**  
**7:00 PM** Athletic Fundraiser - Parish Hall

**PARISH NEWS**

**BSS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION ANNUAL "FUNRAISER"** will be held on February 6, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall. Tickets are \$40/single and \$75/couple. You can purchase tickets from any basketball coach or by calling 763-6179 or 670-0400. Sponsorships are available (\$100). New this year is the opportunity to be a sponsor and receive a couple's ticket for \$125.

Parishioner, who is a widow with two adult children, is looking for a 3 bedroom **APARTMENT OR HOUSE TO RENT**. If you have anything available, please call the parish office at 556-0801. Leave your name and telephone number.

**"I BELIEVE..."** We recite the creed at each Mass, but can we do more than recite it? During Lent, Mr. Carl Sims (Adjunct Professor, The Citadel) will present the creed and provide guidance for better understanding of what we recite. There are four weekly sessions of "I Believe...", beginning on Monday, February 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Light refreshments will be provided. Pre-registration (encouraged but not required) will be available. Please call the parish office (556-0801).

**YOUTH CORNER**

**NEXT WEEKEND!**

What: **Souper Bowl of Caring**

When: **Sat., February 6 and Sun., February 7**

Where: **At every Mass**

As part of a national movement to help the less fortunate, young people from our parish will be standing outside the doors with soup pots after every Mass to collect your \$1 donation which will go to the Haiti relief fund. Also, we are asking parishioners to bring at least one canned good to the Mass you attend. All canned goods will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for your help, and we will see you next weekend.

**CROSSOVER** - For 6th-8th Graders

**THIS WEEK**

**Saturday, Jan. 30:** Kindergarten Bldg. - 7:15-8:45 pm

**NEXT MEETING**

**Saturday, Feb. 6:** NO MEETING - Souper Bowl

**Sunday, Feb. 7:** Super Bowl Party  
Parish Hall - 6-10 p.m.

**OUTREACH** - For 9th-12th Graders

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, Jan. 31:** Parish Hall - 7:15-8:45 pm

**Wednesday:** Mass

Blessed Sacrament Church - 6:30-7:00 a.m.  
Start your day right with Mass.

**Wednesday:** Bible Study

Joe's Office - 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Bring: A Bible

**NEXT MEETING**

**Sunday, Feb. 7:** Super Bowl Party  
Parish Hall - 6-10 p.m.

For any questions or comments about youth ministry, contact Joe Burgess. **766-3633**.

**RESPECT LIFE**

Being a person of life while living amid a culture of death requires the lessons of today's first reading and gospel regarding what a prophet faces. We are all prophets by our baptism, and therefore share both in the blessings and burdens of that particular vocation. We are blessed in that we have and know with certainty the Word and will of God regarding the sanctity of life. The burden we have is that we must speak that word - in fact, proclaim it - amidst people who may not necessarily want to hear it. The lesson of these readings is that (a) we should expect opposition, not be surprised at it, and (b) we should not measure the success of the prophetic mission by how well we are accepted, but rather by how faithful and loving we are in carrying out the mission entrusted to us. ([www.priestsforlife.org](http://www.priestsforlife.org))

**SCHOOL NEWS**

Registration of new students will begin on January 31st which is also the first day of **Catholic Schools Week**. This year, for new families, we will have two Open Houses with tours of the school. The first will be today (January 31st) from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. The second will be on Tuesday, February 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, there will be daily activities for students; including a talk by Mayor Joe Riley (middle school), the second annual scavenger hunt (middle school) and "Guess How Many" (lower school), ice cream sundaes (lower school), hotdog cook-out (middle school), art contest (all students), school spirit TAG day (all students), door decorating contest (room mothers/students), faculty/school volleyball game, etc.!

Other activities include Grandparents Day on February 1st when grandparents may have lunch with their grandchildren (lower school). The Science Fair display (middle school) will be on Thursday, February 4th. The Open House for parents of current students will be on Friday, February 5th.

Catholic Schools are "A+: Experience the Extraordinary."

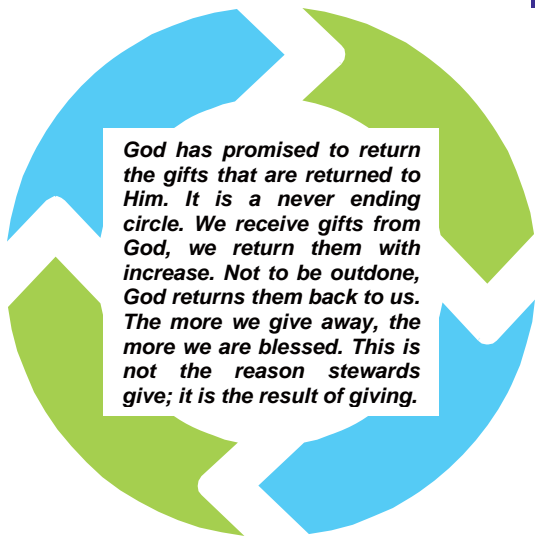
**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1 - FEBRUARY 7, 2010**

Monday	02/01	2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13	Mark 5:1-20
Tuesday	02/02	Malachi 3:1-4	Luke 2:22-40 Presentation of the Lord
Wednesday	02/03	2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17	Mark 6:1-6
Thursday	02/04	1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12	Mark 6:7-13
Friday	02/05	Sirach 47:2-11	Mark 6:14-29 St. Agatha
Saturday	02/06	1 Kings 3:4-13	Mark 6:30-34 St. Paul Miki
Sunday	02/07	Isaiah 6:1-8	Luke 5:1-11 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# BLESSED SACRAMENT A STEWARDSHIP PARISH



*The Mission of Blessed Sacrament Church is to form and sustain a Catholic community in which all are welcomed and provided with the opportunities and means to know Christ better, to grow in faith and love, and to give witness jointly to the Kingdom of God by their lives.*



## THE PARADOX OF STEWARDSHIP GRATITUDE ... COMMITMENT ... TRUST ... GENEROSITY

*A missionary in Africa had taught his people to tithe. He had explained that "tithe" meant "one-tenth," and that this should be their goal. He also had emphasized the difference between giving what is left over and giving off the top. Early one morning a man came to the door with a fine fish, explaining that this was his "tithe". "You must have done well," said the missionary, "if you already caught 10 fish." "No," said the man, "This is the one I've caught so far. I'm going back now to catch the other nine."*

**ADMIRABLE, HARDLY PRACTICAL ...** Reaction to the above parable typically begins with a general discussion of the concept of tithing and its application in our modern society that usually leads to a debate about the reality of "one-tenth" in our personal world. From there,

the discussion often moves to marvel at the simple trust of the fisherman that usually ends with agreement that while it's admirable, it's hardly practical.

**NEVER ENDING CIRCLE ...** Stewardship starts with God and the belief in His abundance. God has promised to return the gifts that are returned to Him. It is a never ending circle. We receive gifts from God, we return them with increase. Not to be outdone, God returns them back to us. This is not the reason stewards give; it is the result of giving. That is the paradox of Stewardship.

All too often, however, we have a scarcity mentality. All we can see is what we lack. We hold on to possessions like a toddler who has just learned the word "mine." We believe that the more we hold on to what we have, the better off we will be. The truth is that the tighter we hold on to what we have, the less we can receive. The recognition of the extent to which we are blessed by God materially, mentally and spiritually should lead first to gratitude and then to generosity.

Christian stewards recognize that nothing is truly ours, we're only caretakers. When we accept this, the burden of holding on to our possessions is lifted. We have to let go. Only when we are willing to surrender what we have ... to share our gifts ... will God bestow even more blessings on us. The more we give away, the more we are blessed. It is a never ending circle ... **GRATITUDE ... COMMITMENT ... TRUST ... GENEROSITY.**

**ANNUAL COMMITMENT ...** The question sometimes arises, "Why is it important to renew our Stewardship Commitment on an annual basis in Blessed Sacrament Parish?" It is important for a number of reasons. Commitment and the Renewal of our Commitment is an integral step in the never ending circle.

- The life of stewardship like other messages in Scripture and teachings of the Church needs to be presented on a regular basis. Without those regular reminders and encouragements regarding Bible messages and Church teachings, we have a tendency to revert to old ways.
- Like other areas in our spiritual life, we can always grow in our stewardship life. Renewing our commitment to stewardship gives us the opportunity to take the next step in increasing our gifts of time in prayer; of time and talent in ministry and service; and time, talent and treasure in grateful giving.
- Annual Renewal of our Stewardship commitment allows those in our parish who have not participated previously to begin to live the life of stewardship.
- New parishioners will have the chance to commit to a life of stewardship, many for the first time.

*Blessed are those who give without remembering and receive without forgetting.*

Notes from OUR SCHOOL .....



As a Roman Catholic school, we are a community of parents, educators and students who value solid educational principles, opportunities for enrichment and the development of each child's unique God-given gifts.

We are the primary educational ministry of Blessed Sacrament and St. Joseph parishes, serving children in grades K4-8. We welcome students and their families of all faiths and cultural backgrounds who seek a nurturing, faith-based education in an environment of security and mutual respect.

In the spirit of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, who have guided our school since its founding in 1948, we prepare children academically, spiritually, morally and socially for an effective future as citizens and servants of God.

Ratified January 9, 2006

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

# Your Personal Invitation

## Catholic Schools Week January 31 - February 5, 2010

### Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>

- Room Mothers' Door Decorating Contest
- 12:00-2:00pm - Open House / Tours  
(New Student Registration Begins)

### Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>

- School Art Contest Display – All Grades
- Grandparents Day – Lunch & Photos  
Lunch times - K4-5<sup>th</sup> Grades (Parish Hall)
- Hot Dog Cook Out – 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades

### Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>

- 9:00am-11:00am – New Families Open House
- 1:30pm- 2:15pm – Ice Cream Social – K4-4<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 1:30pm- 2:15pm – Scavenger Hunt – 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades

### Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>

- 9:00am-10:00am – Mayor Joseph P. Riley  
Grades 6-8  
Catholic School Education (Parish Hall)
- 10:00am – Guess How Many - K4-8<sup>th</sup> Grades
- 11:20am-12:00pm- Picnic – 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades

### Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

- 8:45am - School Mass – All Grades
- Morning – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Fair Display
- 1:50pm – BEHS representatives talk with  
5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Grade Students (Parish Hall)
- 2:40pm – BEHS representatives talk with  
5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents (Parish Hall)
- K4-4<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades – Popcorn & Movie

### Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>

- SPIRIT TAG DAY – All Students & Faculty  
Wear Favorite Team Jerseys / Colors
- 9:00am-11:00am – Current Families Open House
- 1:00pm – PRIZES AWARDED  
Door Decorations / Scavenger Hunt  
Guess How Many / Art Contest / Science Fair
- 1:30pm-2:30pm- Faculty-Student Volleyball Game

*From January 31<sup>st</sup> to February 5<sup>th</sup>, Blessed Sacrament School is celebrating Catholic Schools Week. The theme of the week for Catholic schools in South Carolina is "Experience the Extraordinary." There are two opportunities to visit the school. We are having an Open House on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, from 12:00 - 2:00, and again on Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 - 11:00.*

*Please come to the school and look around. Our Beta Club students will take you on a tour and answer any questions you may have. After the tour, join us for coffee and pastries. Come and "Experience the Extraordinary" for yourself.*

*Roseann Tracy  
Principal*

## PARISH NEWS

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

*Father Theodore Cilwick*, retired priest of the Diocese of Charleston

*Jewel Danaher*, mother of Bill Danaher of Blessed Sacrament Parish

*Sister M. Jude Sutak, SS.C.M.*

### MASS INTENTIONS

Betty Albenesius, Stephen Albenesius, M/M J. Hampton M. Beckmann, Henry "Bunt" Beckmann, Robert Bissey, Mary Agnes Cannon, M/M Thomas R. Cotten, Joseph Walter Cotten, Thomas R. Cotton, Jr., John Coulter, Camellia (Mamie) Figliorelli, Thomas Figliorelli, Louis Frizelle, Barbara Gregorie, Eugene L. Halsey, A. Patrick Hiott, Donald Hiott, William Kenneth Johnson, Arthur P. Jones, Rebecca L. Jones, Karen Ann Joseph, Daniel F. Kennerty, Sr., Lawrence J. Kennerty, Sr., Norma Lighthart, Victor Lighthart, Sr., Victor Lighthart, Jr., Mary Schachte Linder, Bernard Maginn, Neola Beckmann McAndrews, Caroline D. McDermott, Charles W. McDermott, Nellie A. McManus (Birthday Anniv., Jan. 30), Richard Pringle, Robert Register, Anne Scandalios, Nicholas Scandalios, Joseph Soffera, Mary Soffera, Lee & Ella Nora Welcker, and Ron L. Welcker.

**PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Eva Marie Baird, Dorothy Bendt, Patrick Birt, Marguerite Bishop, Charles Blanchard, Les Blyth, Gary Broughton, Vera Buckland, Susan Burnet, Al Cannon, Stacy Casserly, Rosemary Cook, Nick Cuomo, Myrtice Couturier, Harper Drolet, Mary Duc, Kit Dunlap, Jane Finnerty, Joan Finnerty, Sally Fosberry, Gaetano Francese, Vincenza Francese, Kerry Jacques, Paula Johnson, Richard L. Jones, Michael Justin, Cathy Kemmerer, Mildred "Tunkey" Kennerty, Frank Kerr, Lori Khouri, Sally LaTorre, Albert Lutrario, Jero Lutrario, Emmalee Lyman, Sharon McCabe, Kim McConnell, Lydia McConnell, Donald McEwan, Charles Meitzler, Charlie Meyer, Edson Moya, Christina Nolen, Delmar Raymer, Jeaneane B. Raymond, Barbara Robinson, Betsy Robinson, Margaret Shieder, Gary Sullivan, Mildred Taro, Mark Taylor, Frank White, Bryan Wilson, Fran Worsham, and all members of our parish who are sick or homebound.



**PLEASE PRAY** for parishioners and their family members who are in the missionary, military, or support services and stationed in hazardous locations overseas. Sr. Mary Bernard (Vietnam), Brian Cummings (son of M/M Ronald E. Smith), Abby Ford (granddaughter of Gertrude Heuer), Dodger Jeffcott, Brian Noel Kellahan, Jordon Kirk, Krystal Mason, Stanley Morgan (son of John Morgan), and Anthony Schmit (Afghanistan, nephew of Bob & Barb Nicolai).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**K of C/DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL GOLF TOURNAMENT** - The First Annual Knights of Columbus/Daughters of St. Paul Charity Golf Outing will be held on

Wednesday, February 24, 2010, Wild Dunes Harbor Course, shotgun start at noon. Fabulous Lowcountry Buffet and Silent Auction will be a part of the event. Carts are included in the fee. For information regarding tickets, contact Joe Harkins ([scnetracer@bellsouth.net](mailto:scnetracer@bellsouth.net)) or Jack Urbanic ([ozzieu@att.net](mailto:ozzieu@att.net)). Register before February 12 and pay \$75 per person and \$300 per team. Registration after February 12 will be \$99 per individual and \$396 for a team. Lady golfers are most welcome! Sponsorships are also available.

**ARE YOU CELEBRATING A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY?** If you are, your special day can be acknowledged by Blessed Sacrament Church. Your name and anniversary date may be included in the church bulletin; you may receive a special blessing during Mass or apart from Mass; and/or you may sponsor the flowers in the church or chapel. Please contact Erika Young (843-509-9820) for further information.

Signo Press is pleased to announce the publication of the book, **BECOMING FATHER BOB**, written by Father Jeffrey Kirby, a priest of our diocese. This is a children's book showing that God calls his followers to special vocations within the Church. All are invited to a book signing and presentation on Monday, February 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Brickyard Plantation Clubhouse, Mt. Pleasant, S.C. Books will be available for purchase at the signing for \$19.95.

The **LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS** are endeavoring to charity, friendship and unity through our shared Catholic faith and Irish Heritage. If you, too, would like to work toward a better future through charity, make new friends and learn more about your Irish heritage, please join us at Mass to celebrate our patron Saint Brigid, February 7, 2010, 1:30 p.m., Stella Maris Catholic Church, Sullivan's Island. Open House and luncheon to follow in Fr. Roth Parish Hall. Ladies and Junior Members applications will be available. For more information, call Cheryl Daniels at 843-709-5839.



**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** can help you strengthen your marriage. The next weekend is planned for February 5-7, 2010 in Columbia. For more information, visit our website at <http://sc.wwme.org>. Or you can contact Steve & Nydia Burdick at 803-798-8296.



**Grateful Sacrificial Giving  
Offertory  
Week 04 <> Jan. 24, 2010**

**1st OFFERTORY**

**BUDGET:**

Operating	\$17,000
<u>ECDC Mortgage</u>	<u>\$ 3,300</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,300</b>

**ACTUAL                      \$16,288**

**OUTREACH:**

Latin America	\$ 156
Other	\$ 75
Haiti Quake Relief	\$ 7,978

**TOTAL OFFERTORY:    \$ 24,497**

**STEWARDSHIP'S NEVER ENDING CIRCLE**

Gratitude  
Commitment  
Trust  
Generosity

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**1st Offertory <> Total Year-to-Year**

Jan 25, 2009	\$ 78,216
Jan 24, 2010	<u>\$ 73,240</u>
	<b>-\$ ( 4,976)</b>

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**For more information or questions, contact our parish Finance Council:**

<b>Henry Wilson</b>	<b>266-5400</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>Rosie Cochran</b>	<b>766-1661</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
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<b>John Grisillo</b>	<b>270-3692</b>	