

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH

SERVICE TO HIS PEOPLE

Member of 5 Saints West Pastoral Planning Group

June 27, 2010

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

GLORY BE TO GOD.

"No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Luke 9: 51-62

Today's Gospel challenges us to be persistent, unwavering and dedicated. None of us is as resolute as Jesus. Often frustration, fatigue, disappointment and rejection can stop us dead in our tracks. Even so Jesus is very patient with our weak resolve and when we least suspect in the gift of his spirit, he gives us the strength we need. This strength often comes through love and support of family and friends, through gradually learning of letting go of less important things, by experiencing the good that can come from our self giving.

We all know, as people of faith, that commitment grows through faithful dedication.

Let me share this story with you.

During World War II, Nazi forces occupied Denmark - but while they occupied the country, in no way did they control it.

When the Nazis ordered Jews in Denmark to wear a yellow star, King Christian, according to one account, said that if Danish Jews would have to wear a yellow star, then he would wear one, as well, and would consider it a badge of honor. The yellow star was never introduced in Denmark.

The Nazis then directed the Danish government to establish a ghetto for the Jews. Again King Christian refused; if there were to be such a ghetto, then he and his family would move from his palace to be with the Jews.

The Nazis banned the flying of the Danish flag - but the king continued to fly the colors at the palace. The Nazis said that if the flag was raised, a German soldier would take it down. King Christian replied that a Danish soldier would raise it again. But the Nazis threatened to shoot that soldier. The King stared them down: "I will be that Danish soldier."

The Nazis then devised a secret plan to arrest all Danish Jews on October 1, 1943 (the Jewish New Year). Four cargo ships were waiting to take the Jews to concentration camps in one mass deportation. But King Christian's government discovered the plan and alerted the Danish citi-

zenry. All over Denmark, resistance groups sprang into action, helping Jewish families get to seaside villages where they could be smuggled across the two-mile channel to safety in Sweden. Churches organized to rescue Jews and preserve Torahs and other synagogue treasures. When money was needed to help a Jewish family escape, all a Danish citizen needed to do was go to any bank and ask the teller for 5,000 or 10,000 kroner, quietly state the reason for the money, and the money would be promptly handed over, no questions asked (there is no record of any Danish citizen taking advantage of the money for personal gain). Every strata of Danish society - clergy, doctors, shop owners, farmers, fishermen, teachers and civil servants - all worked to protect Denmark's Jewish community.

Through such nonviolent efforts, seven thousand Danish Jews were saved - just about the nation's entire Jewish population. When the Jews returned to Denmark at the end of the war, they discovered that their homes, pets, gardens and personal belongings had been cared for by neighbors.

Adolf Eichmann, the architect of the Nazi's "final solution," admitted that "the action against the Jews of Denmark had been a failure."

[From **Their Brothers' Keepers** by Philip Friedman and "International Aggression and Nonmilitary Defense" by Ron Sider and Richard K. Taylor, **The Christian Century**, July 6-13, 1983.]

As we see in this example, Jesus' Gospel is not a collection of pious words we commit to memory; it is a spirit-centered attitude and perspective to which we commit our lives. Our Catholic tradition is filled many occasions when men and woman took the words of Jesus literally and found the Faith and their faith to bring God's justice in the situations they found themselves. Today we are once again reminded that we cannot be disciples by being mere spectators of God's presence; authentic discipleship calls us to become involved in the hard work of making the reign of God a reality.

Finally Summer has arrived. It's that time of the year when I usually take the next two months to get ready for early September when Glory Be To God will once again continue. It's also an opportunity for other members of my staff to draw upon their writing skills. However there will be times when the energy of that day will capture my imagination and I'll probably reflect in this column a number of times in the summer.

God Bless.

<u>Mass</u>		<u>June 26</u>	<u>to July 4</u>
		<u>For</u>	<u>By:</u>
Sat	4:30 PM	Helen Townsend	Robert & Eileen Townsend
Sun.	9:00 AM	Don Paine	John & Beverly Neder
	11:00AM	Bob Philson	Dick & Karen Philson
Mon.	9:00 AM	Steve McManus	Mom and Dad
Tues.	9:00 AM	For the people	of St. Christophers
Wed.	9:00 AM	Sam Russo	Millie Ragonese
Thur	9:00 AM	Communion	and prayer service
Fri.	9:00 AM	Ronald Vandewater	Richard Strassman & children
Sat.	4:30 PM	Ken McCorry	family
Sun.	9:00 AM	Margaret Steele	The Morningstar family
	11:00AM	Marie & Bill Hockley	Anne Pryor

NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, June 27,

- 11:00 AM - Baptism Elizabeth Rian Schauber
- 12:00 PM - (Any open Clsm) Youth/Young Adult Choir

Tuesday, June 29

- 4:30 PM - (Hall) Building and Grounds Committee
- 5:00 PM - (FYI) Ultimate Frisbee- All outside area to be used

Wednesday, June 30

- 7:00 PM - (Church) Folk Group

Save the Date - Hot Dog Sunday!

The Family Life Committee will be hosting a Hot Dog Sunday (No, not a Hot Dog Sundae!) on Sunday, July 11th following the 11:00am mass. Just a simple picnic with hot dogs, chips, beverages, etc. More details will follow, but please plan to join us.

Food Collection—next weekend



Remember that we collect food on the first weekend of every month to go to area food cupboards.

Items that are Non-Perishable Canned Fruits, Juices , Vegetables, Soup, Jelly, Peanut Butter, Tuna Fish Personal Products Tooth Paste, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Napkins, Kleenex. Detergent, Dish Soap. Hand Soap Just some idea's.

Youth Updates...

Leadership and Youth Group

Website...Our youth group website has been updated again! Go to the parish website (www.stchristophersnchili.org) and click on the youth group tab!

There IS Leadership 12:15-1 AND youth group 1-3 on Sunday June 27th!

Summer Softball

It is officially TIME for our Summer Softball FUN! If you forgot to sign up, I can still add you to the team, but I need to know by Monday June 28th! Please e-mail me at stchristophersyouthgroup@hotmail.com with your full name, current grade in middle/high school, phone number, and parent e-mail address. So far we have 19 people on the team and we can't WAIT to get started! Here is the softball schedule...specific game times and places are TBA soon! :)

- Wednesday 6/30 Paperwork/t-shirts/practice (6-8:30pm)
- Wednesday 7/7 Game #1
- Wednesday 7/14 Game #2
- Wednesday 7/21 Game #3
- Wednesday 7/28 Game #4
- Wednesday 8/4 Game #5 (Home game and Party with St. Pius)
- Wednesday 8/11 Game #6 (FINAL GAME!!!)

Other Upcoming Events

Here are some other upcoming events to get onto your calendar!!!

August 7th-8th --- Diocesan Youth Convention --- This is the Rochester convention that will blow you away! The amount of spirit, love, fun, and awe is impossible to put into words...you just have to experience it for yourself! This will be offered for all youth just finishing grades 8-12. JESSE MANIBUSAN will be the keynote speaker and musician!

Friday August 27th - Sunday August 29th --- Youth Retreat --- This event is for anything going INTO 7th grade through 12th grade! This will be at Kamp Koinonia (a beautiful camp in Italy Valley, NY where we will be staying in cabins!!!) More details to come, but mark the calendars for an amazing weekend full of fun, spirit, and activities that you will never forget! :)



White Water Rafting Trip For Young Adults

Saturday, **July 31st**, on the Black River near Watertown, NY! Grab a friend and SIGN UP soon, this is one ADVENTURE you wont want to miss!!!! Cost is \$60 - covers rafting, lunch & snacks on the river as well as a BBQ dinner after the trip! RSVP & 50% deposit needed by **June 20th** please contact Maranda for info! Depending on group interest, one night of camping after rafting is a possibility! 643-5555 or marandaskolen@hotmail.com

SAVE THE DATE:

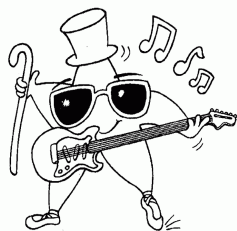
**St. Christopher's Women's Retreat Annual
Retreat weekend Is Sept. 10-12, 2010 @
Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua, NY**

Our Lord is calling us once again to attend our annual retreat. He asks us to give up just two days (out of 365) to renew and review our relationship with Him. "Come to me all you who are heavily burdened and I will give you rest."

This year's theme is "Spirituality: Talkin the Talk and Walkin the Walk", a message we all need to hear. Our lives are filled with places to be, things to get done, schedules to keep and deadlines to meet. Could you use a little more peace in your life?

The forty hours of our retreat weekend will be filled with good liturgies...inspiring discussions...personal time for prayer and reflection...and available opportunities for conferences with a priest or nun. Come share your faith with us.

Call Marlene Paine (Your retreat leader) at 889-2809



FAMILY TALENT SHOW

Don't forget to sign up for the Family Talent Show, July 26th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Forms are located at all entrances. Please return all forms to the Faith Formation Office no later than July 15, 2010.

Don't Forget Father Bob Fun Day

Make sure that you pick up your registration forms for the July 25th Fun Day with Fr. Bob. Activities begin at 1:30 and go until 4:30. There will be games, food, music and a lot of fun. Fr. Bob has some surprises up his sleeve so don't miss out. Forms are located on the tables and both entrances of the church. Please return your forms no later than July 18, 2010 to the Faith Formation Office. If you have any questions, call Judy or Karen at 594-1441.

Family Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars for July 26, 27, & 28 for great family fun. Our second week of Vacation Bible School is a FAMILY WEEK, and is open to the ENTIRE PARISH COMMUNITY. On Monday evening we will be hosting a talent show. Tuesday will be family fun night, with games and an ice cream social. Wednesday evening the Wild Life Educational program will be here with some great animals from Africa to show us. Remember if your children are joining us for Vacation Bible School the week of July 19th - 28th we need your registration forms. If you need the registration forms, you can find them on our web-site.

Paper Towel Rolls Needed!

During VBS we will be doing a craft that requires paper towel rolls. To make this craft more fun for the kids I am looking for 150 rolls, so help is really needed. Please leave donations outside the Faith Formation Office.

Thank you , Karen

The Joy of Stewardship

Parish Financial Stewardship Summary

	LAST WEEK	YEAR TO DATE
June 20, 2010	\$ 5,249.05	\$ 344,661.20

The following questions will assist you in contemplating your own talents and considering how you might best share them through Stewardship.

What are your skills and talents?

- For what do people compliment you?
- When you feel happy and whole, what are you doing?
- What skills and talents would you like to develop further? How?
- How can you contribute your talent to the parish? The neighborhood? Your family?

Stewardship ... Live It!

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SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS:

<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	Saturday	4:30 PM
	Sunday	9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
<i>Weekday Eucharist</i>	9:00 AM Mass or Communion Svc	