

A Few Words from Deacon Oscar:

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 20, 2008

Some of us remember "Baltimore Catechism". If you do, we won't try to guess your age. But seriously, whether we have fond, or not so fond, memories of our experiences concerning leaning about our Catholic faith, "Baltimore Catechism" served many of us well-thank you!

But in recent years, we have experienced a new "Catechism of the Catholic Church" (CCC). Most of us truly enjoy and appreciate the approach envisioned by Pope John Paul II as a "sure and authentic reference text for teaching Catholic doctrine and particularly for preparing local catechisms". The goal of the CCC is to "help facilitate the lifelong conversion of the whole person to the Father's call to holiness and eternal life".

And now, even very recently, a new "Definitive Text" is published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). It emphasizes the Trinity, Jesus Christ, the Sacraments, moral principles, and the heritage of the Doctors and saints of the Church.

And most recently, a new gathering of adults (all of us beyond High School) takes place on Sunday mornings after the 9:30 Mass in the Center from 10:45 to 11:45 am. We are using the new "Definitive Text", on chapter each Sunday gathering, except for special occasions for guest speakers. We are calling this gathering "Continuing Adult Education-A New Beginning".

This is our time together-no lecturing-just plenty time for wholesome discussions, prayer and opinions. We all have a busy life and "priorities". Hopefully, you will seriously consider rearranging your priorities to help yourself and others in our community satisfy that persistent thirst for meaning and hope. Books are available. Please join us!

PSR BLOOD DRIVE

The 11th/12th grade Parish School or Religion Class is hosting a Blood Drive and Pancake Breakfast to be conducted by LifeShare Blood Centers.

Date: 2/10/08

Time: 8:30am to 12pm

Keep the spirit of giving alive! Give the Gift of Life!

"SOUP"ER BOWL SUNDAY

Mark your calendars, Feb. 3, 2008 we will celebrate Super Bowl Sunday in Lincoln Parish by donating soup or money for soup to CCA. If each member of the church brought ONE can of soup to donate to CCA that Sunday, it would help greatly as soup is something single adults, families with children, and older adults enjoy on a cold winter day. These and other items may be delivered to our office from 9am-12pm Mon. through Fri. Please call us at 251-3282 to make arrangements to drop off a donation after hours.

ITEMS NEEDED

SVDP is in need of two dressers, kitchen table and chairs, and living room set. These items can be dropped off at 1201 Larson St. in Ruston or you can call 255-8090 or 251-2689. Thanks for all your support.

OFFICE NEWS

The church office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, January 21st in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Applications are now being accepted for the position of Office Assistant in the church office. Tech Students are preferred, but employment is open to anyone. Skills needed: knowledge of Word, Excel, and Publisher. Accounting/bookkeeping experience is desired, but not necessary. Hours are flexible, pay is commensurate with experience. Stop by the office for an application and detailed job description. Deadline: 1/30/2008

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Thank you for the wonderful Christmas Cards they will be used in craft projects at Methodist Children's Home. Please continue to collect egg cartons and sewing supplies such as buttons, lace, and miscellaneous scraps. Thanks again Sandi Adams. If you have any questions please call 255-6686.