



Today is Catechetical Sunday, a time for us to reflect on all of our roles as catechists. A catechist is one who echoes the truth that is our faith in Jesus Christ. People sometimes think that a catechist is just a person who teaches children religion. A catechist is much more than that. As one who echoes the truth, a catechist is a person who witnesses to the truth not just by what they say, but by what they do.

It may be helpful to look a little more closely at the word “echo” in our understanding of what it means to be a catechist. I am sure we all have had the experience of hearing our voice echo in an empty room, a long hallway, or maybe on a mountain. We all know that in the echo, we hear exactly what we have just said or shouted. An echo cannot be any different than the words that came out of our mouth. So it is, as we strive to echo the teachings of Jesus and the Church to those around us. As true catechists, we must convey to others, the exact same teachings of Jesus and the Church. We cannot make up our own words or teach our own opinion to others, especially our children.

No true catechist will teach his or her own opinion, or what he or she “thinks” Jesus meant, or the Church means to teach. A catechist teaches and witnesses to the full truth of Catholic doctrine without watering it down or dismissing it as being out of touch with the modern world. It is very important that our children learn the fullness of the truth **in** our Catholic Faith, because it is the truth that really makes us free. Freedom is that which allows us to be all that God created us to be in His image and likeness. Freedom really has very little to do with doing what we please. Being free means that we are free to love God first and foremost, and our neighbor as ourselves.

As we celebrate Catechetical Sunday this year, we are preparing to embark on a new and different way of teaching and sharing our Catholic Faith, not only to our children, but to each other as well. I speak of our Generations of Faith program. By now you have all received a mailing which explains what this new program is all about and many of you have already registered to be a part of this very exciting adventure into deepening our faith among all the generations of our parish family.

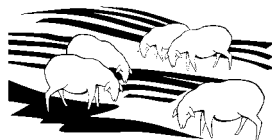
Generations of Faith has a great potential to help all of us learn more about our faith and put that faith into practice for all the generations of our parish. It can help all our families to really bring their faith home more and more so that it can really become rooted in all that we say and do. Generations of Faith can help us realize that we are all called to be catechists who echo the true faith to each other.

I hope that everyone will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity that Generations of Faith is offering to all of us. As we learn and share our faith, let us pray for the grace and strength we need to be the followers of Jesus Christ that God calls us all to be. Let us become more and more a people and a community that really puts God first in our lives and in the lives of our loved ones. As we deepen our knowledge of our faith let us strive to make God more and more important in our lives, more important than anything else that the world has to offer.

I hope that everyone will participate in Generations of Faith for our good and the good of our children.

Don't forget our fall parish mission, **LIGHTEN UP, which will take place on Monday and Tuesday October 4th, and 5th**. This is a mission for the whole family and will teach us much about our faith and how we live out our faith in the events of our daily lives. Doug Brummel will conduct the mission using his many talents to ENLIGHTEN us about our faith in a light hearted and humorous way. This will be a great way for us to begin our Generations Of Faith intergenerational catechesis program, which is also geared to the whole family as we continue to learn more about our faith and teach that faith to each other, especially our children.

THE GIFT WE FOCUS ON TODAY IS FAITH. God gives faith freely through the Church. Every baptized member shares responsibility for cherishing and tending this precious jewel. We live it faithfully, sharing it with young and old, and return it to God with abundance in praise and worship. Never doubt the power of faith. By living the faith, we offer a powerful witness to all those we meet in our parish, in our homes, in our workplaces, and schools, at the mall, at the grocery store, or on the athletic field, among other places.



Feed my sheep

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD has begun! In order to continue, we will need help. Please call Phil Scozzaro, 335-3158.



PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION will begin with a *parent* meeting on Monday, September 20, at 7 p.m. in McMahon Hall. Students are not to attend, however, babysitting will be provided. Call the Religious Education Office, 330-335-0029, if you have any questions.



I DAVE OGURCHAK, Sacred Heart
&
KRIS GREEN, Sacred Heart

Saturday, September 18, Vigil: 25th Ordinary Sunday
5:00 p.m. Tony Carretta [A Friend]

Sunday, September 19, Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Mary Pavlovich [M/M R. Nichols]
9:30 a.m. Tony Police [Lou & Joan Perry]
11:30 a.m. For Our Parish

Monday, September 20, St. Andrew Kim, Paul Chong,
.....and Companions
8:00 a.m. John Hollinger [Ethel Geisinger]

Tuesday, September 21, St. Matthew
8:00 a.m. Ralph Carrino [Carrino Families]

Wednesday, September 22
8:00 a.m. Communion Service
5:30 p.m. Carmella Puglisi [Family]

Thursday, September 23
8:00 a.m. Communion Service
9:30 a.m. Gertrude Nellis [Laura Scheuermann]

Friday, September 24
8:00 a.m. John Mullarkey [Mark Kurland Family]

Saturday, September 25, Vigil: 26th Ordinary Sunday
8:00 a.m. Communion Service
5:00 p.m. Laverne Sobie [Len Sobie]

Sunday, September 26, Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. For Our Parish
9:30 a.m. Carl Laule [Family]
11:30 a.m. Allan Robert Fisher [Helen Fisher]

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT--SEPTEMBER 12
[5% of our collection was given to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation].

Offertory.....	\$15,093.00
Support Our School	\$223.00
Debt Reduction.....	\$847.00
Communication Campaign	\$10.00
Number of envelopes used:.....	399

MANY THANKS for your generous offerings.

Next week's please drop in your envelope for the CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

JULIE CARRICK IN CONCERT

Join us for a delightful, family night of entertainment and musical inspiration!



Saturday, October 16

7:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart Parish

FREE complimentary tickets available!

THE NATIONAL YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE will be in Cleveland this year! Men and women in their 20's and 30's, single and married, are invited to the 2004 conference October 15-17, at John Carroll University. Keynote speaker is the dynamic J-Glenn Murray. There will be 24 different workshops, covering Catholic beliefs, stress management, forming young adult Catholic community, early parenting, and much more. For details, check out www.ohioyoungadultministry.com

THE TRAVELING ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE will be at St. Vincent's, Akron, on October 3, at 2:30 p.m. Please call 330-535-3135 for more information.

QUESTION OF THE DAY

Q: Why did the chicken cross the road?

R: Because the "LIGHTEN UP! Celebration of Faith & Family" was on the other side!

THE CHASTITY PROGRAM for 9th graders will begin on Sunday, October 2, from 10:30—11:30 a.m. in the Conry Room. Please direct any question to Diane Bruce, 330-335-0029.

ADULT CONFIRMATION-Bishop Martin Amos will be at our parish to celebrate Confirmation on Saturday, October 23, 2004, at the 5:00 p.m. liturgy. If you are an adult who has been baptized and received your First Holy Communion, and have not been, but would like to be confirmed, please call Deacon Roger, 336-3049. There will be a class preparation for the reception of the sacrament on Tuesday, September 28, at 7:00 p.m., in the Conry Room. **Please note:** *The Sacrament of Confirmation will not be available here at Sacred Heart again until 2006, so please pray carefully on this!*





MASS SERVERS SCHEDULE

Week of September 20

- 8:00 a.m. - **Monday - Wednesday**
 - Michael Harbaugh, Vince Pelini
 - Dylan Simon, Allie Beery
- 5:30 p.m. - **Wednesday ONLY**
 - Anthony Lorubbio
 - Samuel Yetzer, Sean Leahy
- 8:00 a.m. - **Thursday - Saturday**
 - Sam Goddard, Timothy Reed
 - John Schmel, Ginny Gegick

Saturday, September 25

- 5:00 p.m. - Alysse Illig, Rochelle Rodrigo
 - Alysse Johnson, Joseph Dean

Sunday, September 26

- 8:00 a.m. - Megan Stafford, Alex Pero
 - Jeffrey Gahan, Miranda Boland
- 9:30 a.m. - Alex Serfass, Steven Sponsler
 - Jacob Porter, Sarah Price
- 11:30 a.m. - Alyssa Semrau, Corey Semrau
 - Emilee Krunich, Nick Petersen

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 25

- 5:00 p.m. - Gerry & Ann Wright, Sr. Therese Marie
 - Phil & Chris Scozzaro

Sunday, September 26

- 8:00 a.m. - Ruth Smisko, John Mulhollan
 - Bill & Cece Bees, Dennis Busson
- 9:30 a.m. - Donna Sponsler, Tom Eaton, Matt Haller
 - Josh Watson, Dominick Sorrent
- 11:30 a.m. - Alice Henry, Lou & Joan Perry
 - Beth Sobnosky, Mark Walters
- Cup Ministers* - Don Drouhard, Matt & Jan Finneran
 - Ann Kellish, Molly Michney, Betty Ruppel

Altercare - Kauffmans

Liberty Residence - Beery/Weber

Magnolia - Uhls/Hammerlys

Sterling Oaks - McNeills

LECTOR SCHEDULE

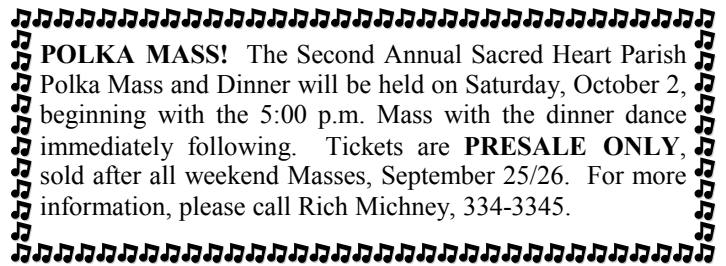
Saturday, September 25

- 5:00 p.m. - Sue Bielawski, Kathy Budinscak

Sunday, September 26

- 8:00 a.m. - Fritz Kungl, Dave Hammerly
 9:30 a.m. - Matt Seifert, Nancy Houck
 11:30 a.m. - Rich Michney, Frank Bertuzzi

HAND CARVED OLIVE WOOD FROM THE HOLY LAND of Bethlehem will be on display here the weekend of October 9 & 10. Nativity Scenes, Crucifixes, Rosaries, Christmas Ornaments, and more. Income will go to support the 150 Christian wood carvers in Bethlehem. You can view these beautiful items on line at www.Bethlehem-Art.com.



POLKA MASS! The Second Annual Sacred Heart Parish Polka Mass and Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 2, beginning with the 5:00 p.m. Mass with the dinner dance immediately following. Tickets are **PRESALE ONLY**, sold after all weekend Masses, September 25/26. For more information, please call Rich Michney, 334-3345.

THE ALTAR & ROSARY RUMMAGE SALE IS COMING! October 8 & 9, in the school gym. Time to clean your garage, basement, and closet! All items except exercise equipment and encyclopedias will be accepted beginning Monday, October 4, in the school gym.

FINGER PRINTING-All volunteer scouts, coaches, and catechists may have their fingerprints taken on Monday, October 11, at 5:30 p.m., in McMahon Hall. If you have already attended the Virtus Training, you are welcome to come just for the fingerprinting.

Does your household need to "LIGHTEN UP"?
Come to this year's family-centered Parish Mission
"IT'S A CELEBRATION OF FAITH AND FAMILY!"
October 4 & 5

- Laugh, be inspired, and learn a few things, too!
- Celebrate the gift of faith and family!
- Attend both nights...each is different!
- Gather with the whole parish family...all ages and stages!
- Expect the unexpected from Catholic Entertainer, Doug Brummel, & his cast of characters!
- Give it a shot...it's GUARANTEED to tickle your faith and nourish your soul!
- Come at 6:47 p.m., on October 4 & 5!
- Check out: www.dougbrummel.com

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP IN AN ELECTION YEAR-In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, participation in the political process is a moral obligation. All believers are called to faithful citizenship, to become informed, active, and responsible participants in the political process.

USCCB Administrative Committee, —USCCB Administrative Committee, *Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility*, p. 8
 For additional resources contact the Catholic Commission @330-535-2787 or www.catholic-action.org

HIGH CHAIRS NEEDED! To facilitate our Generations of Faith parish initiative, we need several high chairs and booster seats. If you have one in good condition that you can donate, please bring it to the Andes Room in the lower level of the church. Thanks!



ST. VINCENT-ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL has scheduled these remaining scholarship/placement tests this fall:

- Saturday, October 9
- Saturday, November 6

Pre-registration is required. Please call STVM, 330-253-9113.

ATTENTION: EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS to Nursing Homes and private homes—On September 30, beginning at 6:00 p.m., we will come together to pray and share our special ministry. Refreshments will be provided. RSVP to Annette Palecek, 334-1916.



MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS [MOPS] is a nondenominational support group founded on Christian principles for mothers with children ages 0-6. The Wadsworth Chapter of MOPS meets twice a month, at Northside Christian Church. Please join them for encouragement, fun, information, discussions, creative activities, fellowship, and refreshments. They are currently registering for the fall semester. Please call Dorianne for more information, 330-865-4767, or on the web: www.northsideweb.org/mops



CRITICAL CHAPEL HOUR NEEDED! - Are you willing to spend one hour with our Lord in the Chapel? A 3 a.m. hour on Thursday morning is vacant. Please call the parish office if you are able to meet this critical need.

LOST & FOUND FROM PARISH PICNIC—A glass bowl, a children's navy hooded GAP sweatshirt, and a ladies Liz Claiborne denim jacket were left behind at the Parish Picnic. Call Marian Kauffman, 336-4653, to claim. Thanks again to all who helped make the Parish Picnic a success!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE ANNUAL NIGHT AT THE RACES on November 12, 2004, in McMahon Hall!



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- GOF Registration after all Masses, McMahon Hall
- Youth Group Lock-in until 10:00 a.m., lower level church 5:00 p.m. - Boy Scout Court of Honor, McMahon Hall

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- 3:15 p.m. - Jr. Prasedium, Andes Room
- 7:00 p.m. - Parent 1st Reconciliation Mtg., McMahon Hall

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 6:30 p.m. - Church Search, church
- 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts, McMahon Hall
- 7:00 p.m. - J. Carrick Mtg., Andes Room



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study Group, Andes Room
- 3:00 p.m. - Brownies, Andes Room
- 6:30 p.m. - Young Adult Choir, church
- 7:00 p.m. - RCIA, McMahon Hall

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 6:30 p.m. - Church Search, church
- 7:30 p.m. - Adult Choir, church

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 12:00 p.m. - Brown Bag Bible Study, Andes Room

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 9:00 a.m. - 1st Reconciliation Class, school
- 10:00 a.m. - Confirmation Retreat, McMahon Hall
- 11:00 a.m. - Confessions until Noon, church
- 3:30 p.m. - Confessions until 4:30 p.m., church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- GOF Registration after all Masses, McMahon Hall
- 10:30 a.m. - Chastity Program, Conry Room

Generations of Faith frequently asked questions: [Continued from last week]

1. **I don't get all of these new words in Generations of Faith. What's an event? What's a faith festival? A session? A workshop? Can you clarify?** Good question! The goal of Generations of Faith is to prepare us to live a rich and full Christian life. Events [within the life of the Church] like Easter, Christmas, Pentecost, etc, celebrate that fullness. Easter is an *event*. The monthly *faith festivals* prepare us to celebrate that event. We offer three *sessions* in each month so that busy people can choose what works best for them. Within each session, we offer age-appropriate and interest-oriented *workshops* to meet the needs of all parishioners.
2. **This looks like a rich banquet of faith formation. Can I invite people from other parishes to be a part?** "Generations of Faith" is for everybody. You don't have to be a parishioner to buy a season ticket. You don't even have to be Catholic! Invite your friends. Invite a non-practicing Catholic. Bring a neighbor. We are open to all.
3. **How do we provide a meal for everyone twenty-one times a year without busting the budget?** Generations of Faith is a parish-wide endeavor. Each of the organizations within the parish can take a part in creating and providing one of the meals. If we spread the work widely, nobody gets overwhelmed. There will be no charge for your meal, but donations to the serving organization will be greatly appreciated. For example, if the youth group creates a Saturday evening meal, all donations collected at that meal would go back to the youth group.
4. **Why do we have to pay for faith formation? Shouldn't it be free?** In an ideal world, yes, all would be free. In the concrete and messy world to which Jesus came in the manger, we do have expenses. The goal for "The Carpenter Shop" is to create as rich an experience as possible for the whole parish. That costs money.
5. **I really want to help, but I don't know what I could do.** Please give us a call—Karla Bellinger, 336-3049, Ext. 145, or Diane Bruce, 335-0029.