

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

April 11, 2010



Dear Parish Family,

What a wonderful way of coming together as a Eucharistic Community to *remember*, to *commemorate* and to *make present* again the great events that brought us Salvation through the Life, Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord. I would like to express my gratitude and please unite with me in thanking all those involved during Lent and during the Triduum that helped make our liturgies the most uplifting and prayful moments for praising God as a parish community. Thanks to everyone involved in setting up and cleaning up before and after each liturgy; to the small groups/communities from Disciples in

Mission for their initiative and generosity on facilitating the Stations of the Cross and soup nights, under the coordination and guidance of Ree Kearns, thank you. A very warm thank you to the choir under the direction of Mary Smith for awesome music and voices for all the celebrations. Thanks to faithful *Smitty* for always being there; thank you to all the ministers of the Word, of the Eucharist, ushers, altar servers, information and welcoming for providing your very much appreciated service; to *the volunteer spring cleaning crew*, for preparing ahead of time the church building to be clean, shiny and presentable. Thank you for all your prayers for the priests and especially to Ann Hayes for coordinating the 40 Hours of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament for the Year of the Priests. Last but not least, THANK YOU DEACON JOHN, for taking care of the most minimum details, so our celebrations would flow smoothly and beautifully. I hope I have not left someone or some group out, in any case thank you all, you can see that Fr. Gary, Fr. Lane, Fr. Mike and myself cannot do it by ourselves, we thank you for your initiative.

I really want to commend all of you for taking advantage of the different *Opportunities* we had for Lent to pray, to give alms and to reconcile with God and with one another. By the way, if you have not brought back the *Rice Bowl* or the *Baby Bottle* you are still on time to do so. Again THANK YOU for your generous heart in reaching out to those who are in need of our caring attention.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the '*Newbies*', those now in our Eucharistic Community, who just joined us through Baptism or Communion and Confirmation. We pray that God will continue to show you the path to follow him and to witness Him to others wherever you go. We are very happy to WELCOME you as brothers and sisters in the Risen Christ.

Even though I am away from the parish celebrating a wedding in Mexico of a former classmate of mine from seminary, and the baptisms of my first nephew and some cousins, I do plan to come back, hopefully together with my mom and dad who will come for a visit.

In the mean time I would like to draw your attention to a very important event that is going to be taking place at City Level. Over a month ago, all the pastors and religious leaders from many congregations in Yakima and the priests of the different parishes in Yakima gathered to support and commit to the "*Yakima Valley City Fest*" featuring the Evangelist Luis Palau on **July 17th & 18th**. This is an ecumenical effort to *love*, to *serve* and to *celebrate* our doing the small part we are called to build up the Kingdom of God here and now. Fr. Gary, Fr. Lane, Fr. Mike and I support this ecumenical effort and would like to invite you all to commit yourselves to pray, to volunteer, to be a counselor or help in any way possible so our parish gets represented at this event.

We can become involved through the "*Season of Service*" during the months of May and June. It will involve us in helping fix up, brighten up and assist our community. We have a committee at Holy Family that has been working on putting this together for us. **Linda Iasella (966-8644)** is our representative to the City Fest team. She, together with Steve Martinez and Lori Emard will come before us this weekend to present to us the whole idea for the "*Yakima Valley City Fest*." **Please return** the 'count on me' card you will find in the bulletin, you can drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the office. Please pray for the success of this city wide event and discern in which way we could be involved as a Eucharistic Community.

Easter Greetings and Blessings
Rev. Cesar Vega M.
Pastor

FLOWER REMEMBRANCE

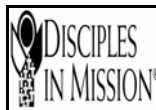


John & Teresa Eglin: In loving memory of Teresa's sister, **Mary Elizabeth Russett** on the anniversary of her death, April 12, 2009.

Greg Sherman & family: In loving memory of **Therese Sherman** on the anniversary of her death.

Ed & Vera Baumiller: In loving memory of her parents, **Helen and John Markel**, on the anniversary of their deaths, April 15th & April 30th.

Disciples in Mission



Evangelization is taking the Good News of the Easter story that we have heard and accepted, and sharing it with others. Embedded in the very nature of our Christian faith is a call to evangelize. Jesus challenged people to choose this Way and this Life, and the challenge is no less urgent today. As one of today's disciples, how can you witness to others this week of your faith and trust in the Lord?

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Eucharistic Adoration Mondays and Tuesdays from 9 am to 6 pm.
Benediction on Tuesday at 5:45.**



Chaplet of Divine Mercy is sung on the first Tuesday of each of month at 3:00 pm.

On the first Monday of each month, those in Adoration in addition to their personal Adoration time may pray for:

1. An end to violence in Yakima and the country
2. Pray for our elected leaders, especially city leaders
3. Pray for City Fest (explanation in this weeks letter from Fr. Cesar.)

There are handouts with scripture verses to meditate on in the chapel foyer. This is a year long prayer effort that is city wide and ecumenical.

We are desperately in need of people to substitutes for Adoration. Please call Ann at 965-4449.

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Imitation for Adults)



Are you, or is there someone you know who is interested in looking into the Catholic faith and participating in the process of the RCIA? If so please call Ree Kearns at 966-5344. There will be an **Informational Meeting** about the process for becoming Catholic on Tuesday, April 20th at 7:00 p.m. in Room 12 of the Parish Activity Center.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

Were you or someone you know raised a Catholic but do not come, or seldom come to Church anymore? Would you like to feel at home in the Catholic Church again? **Catholics Returning Home** (CRH) is a six-week program assisting Catholics to return to the active practice of faith. No matter how long a person has been away and no matter the reason, we invite you or a family member or a friend to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church. If you would like to attend or would like more information on this ministry outreach please call Cece Welsh at 697-6571, Mary Hamelin at 966-4206, or Ree Kearns at 966-5344. The session for **CRH** begins this Monday, **April 12, at 7:00 p.m.** in Room 12 in the Parish Activity Center.

SEMINARIANS!

Bishop Sevilla has encouraged us to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. **Eleazar Diaz from Tecalitla, Jalisco, Mexico. He is studying at Bishop White Seminary at Gonzaga University.** Please keep him in your prayers.

PRAYER HOTLINE

**For any prayer requests call:
Barb McKinney at
575-1806**

**or you can email your requests to:
rbmckinney84@gmail.com**



"If you have been abused or victimized by a member of the Catholic clergy, please believe in the possibility for hope and help and healing. We encourage you to come forward and speak out. The Yakima Diocese has a sexual abuse hotline for those who wish to report some incident concerning that issue as regards a bishop, priest, deacon or diocesan employee or volunteer. Please call (888) 276-4490."



Children's Ministries
PRESCHOOL THRU GRADE 6
and
Middle School Ministries
GRADES 7 & 8 - Middle School

Classes are available for 3 year old, 4 year old;
Kindergarten and grades 1 thru 6.
Classes also available for grades 7 & 8 (Middle School).

For more information call Rose at 966-0788

In the gospel today the risen Lord appears to the apostles. We can only imagine the excitement and joy of the moment. The disciples are afraid and behind locked doors when Jesus greets them with "peace."

Then the risen Christ tells the disciples to continue his own saving work: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." The confused and frightened disciples listen to Jesus and they are no longer afraid. Jesus then gives his followers the gift of the Holy Spirit. The followers of Christ then go out to tell others the exciting news about the risen Lord.

Thomas was not present when the risen Christ first appeared to the disciples. He finds it hard to believe what he does not see. Only after he sees the risen Christ for himself and touches his wounds does Thomas believe. Jesus responds with a blessing for all those who have not seen but have believed.

Questions of the Week:

- What are some things that you believe in without seeing?
- Why is the resurrection of Jesus exciting news?
- How can you show others that you believe in the risen Lord?
- How can you be a good follower of Jesus, at home, in school and with your friends?

Parent Reminder: *There will be a Banner Making Party in the Activity Room # 10 on Sunday April 18th for any Sacramental Prep families who need help with their banner for the First Communion Mass. If you have any questions please call Rose @ 966-0788.*



YOUTH MINISTRY Column

If you have any questions, give us a call at 965-3471 or email at: loriemard@holyfamilyyakima.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

Sun. April 11th: Youth Council Meeting at 4:30 pm in the Youth Room.

Wed. April 14th: Confirmation groups meet at 7 pm in the Church for Confirmation rehearsal. (Freshman, Juniors & Seniors meet in small groups.)

Sun. April 18th: Rite of Confirmation at 11:15 Mass with Bishop Sevilla.

Wed. April 21st: *Everyone meets in Gathering Hall at 7 pm for Eucharistic presentation by Steve Martinez. Not to be missed!*

Sat-Sun April 24th-25th: 8-9th grade retreat at Camp Koinonia. A 30 hour experience to get away and learn about our AWESOME faith! Registration forms have been mailed and can be found in the Parish Office, Rel. Ed and Youth Ministry Offices and Church Foyer. Call Lori at 965-3471 for more information.

Parents & Sponsors and anyone else:

We will gather on the following Wednesday, April 28th in the Activity Room from 7:15-8:30 pm for our final talk on:

Mary and the Saints

Confirmation parents and sponsors are highly encouraged to attend; anyone is welcome.



THEOLOGY ON TAP (TOT) @

Bert's Pub-watch the bulletin for dates. A night for **ALL Young Adults (18-39)** who want to learn more about the **Catholic Faith!!**

APRIL

Monday's, April 12th, 19th, 26th: Praise & Worship at the Haven.

Thursday, April 15th: Theology on Tap-Bert's Pub 7:00 pm—8:30 pm.

For more information, call Steve Martinez at 509-930-2519.



It's time to think about and sign up to be on the **Holy Family Holo Holo Relay For Life** team. What does Holo Holo mean? It's Hawaiian for "Walk for Fun". Chris Schaub was the founding member of this team when he learned of his brain tumor.

If you would like to be part of this amazing team, please contact Tom Schaub at 509-945-4258 or email at:

tjs567@charter.net or Lori Emard at email: lori.emard@holyfamilyyakima.org or call 965-3471.

Baptism Preparation Classes

Infant Baptisms take place on the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd Sunday during Mass; and on the 4th Sunday in the chapel at 12:30 p.m. Parents requesting baptism are expected to attend two preparation sessions prior to your child(ren)'s baptism. Godparents are also encouraged to attend. **The next sessions are scheduled for Thursdays, April 29th & May 6th**, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 10, Parish Activity Center. For more information call Ree Kearns at 966-5344.



SENIOR LIFE

The just shall flourish like the palm tree, shall grow like a cedar of Lebanon. Planted in the house of the Lord, they shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall bear fruit even in old age, always vigorous and sturdy, as they proclaim: "The Lord is just; our rock, in whom there is no wrong."
(Ps 92:13—16) Alleluia! May this Easter Season be a time of happiness and joy! For further discussion and information about Senior Life, call Deacon Jim Kramper @ 945-5432 or Email: holyseniors@gmail.com



"JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU" THE DIVINE MERCY-This Sunday

**Our Lady of Lourdes, 1112 W. Freemont,
Selah, WA**
Sunday, April 11, 2010 from 2:30 to 4:00 pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Personal Meditation
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Mercy Stations
St. Faustina's Prayers
**Call Our Lady of Lourdes for more details at
697-4633**

Prayer Walk against Abortion

On **Tuesday afternoons** from 2:00-3:00, we are in front of Planned Parenthood on Tieton Dr. We also pray in front of the Cedar River Abortion Clinic on "E" St. If you will get in touch with me I will put you on our "call" list and let you know the days and times that we will be out there. Usually we ask that you join us for one hour, but whatever time you can be there is appreciated. We must be a voice for those who have none. **Please call the office and leave your name and phone number. Thank you. Rosie**



MOMS — Mothers Offering Mothers Support

MOMS is designed by Catholic moms to help other mothers of young children in their Ministry of motherhood.

- ◇ ***Come meet and socialize every 1st and 3rd Wednesday with other Catholic Moms.***
- ◇ ***Free childcare and coffee are always provided.***
- ◇ ***We gather to support, laugh, share and brainstorm.***
- ◇ ***Come when you can between 9:30 am & 11:30 am—doors are always open.***
- ◇ ***Newcomers welcome—so are friends.***
- ◇ ***We meet in the Youth Room #14 at the Activity Center on 56th and Chestnut.***

If you have any questions please call Michelle Martin, she is the contact person @ 307-0244 or Rose Meyer the Director of Religious Education @ 966-0788.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! EUCCHARISTIC PRESENTATION BY STEVE MARTINEZ

When: Wednesday, April 21st
Where: Fr. Murtagh Gathering Hall
Time: 7:15 to 8:15 PM

Steve Martinez, Holy Family's Young Adult Minister has put together an inspiring, fun and simple to understand presentation on the Catholic teaching of the TRUE presence of Holy Communion. This evening is open to our whole parish and everyone is welcome and invited!

Also, during the evening Steve will give a short 10 minute story on his conversion back to the Catholic Faith, which he likes to call "How a Mormon Girl Turned Me Catholic." This evening will be packed with energy and will help us all to better understand the Greatest gift within our life "The Eucharist". Blessings to everyone and if you have any question please feel free to call Steve at anytime at 509-930-2519.

BIBLE STUDY

Thursday Morning Bible Study will resume this week on

April 15th at 9:30—11:00 am. Contact Ree at 966-5344 to register.

This series is for anyone who would like to reflect on the Christian Scripture Study Series on


**The Universal Letters:
John, James, Peter and Jude.**



PRO LIFE

The human goal is not well-being but God himself, and . . . human life must be defended at every stage. Indeed, no one is master of his own life. Rather we are all called to treasure life and to respect it from the moment of conception to its natural end . . . I express my appreciation of those who work more directly at the service of children, the sick and the elderly.

~Pope Benedict XVI, remarks after Angelus message (Feb. 7, 2010)



Sharing the Light Gift Shop

First Communion items are going fast. Come in and see what we have for this special Sacrament.


(Hours are Saturday 5-7:00 pm and Sundays from 8-12:30 pm.)

WE NEED YOU!

Have you mastered the art of playing the violin, viola, cello, or oboe? For the sake of Moses, the musical, we are putting together an orchestra for the performances of April 28th, 29th, and 30th at Holy Family Church, presented by musicians and singers of Holy Family Parish. This is a unique opportunity to build community, live Scripture and have a blast.

Call Mary Smith at 966-0830 or 965-8682 for further details.

CHURCH MOUSE



Roger Rabbit came to visit last Sunday and deposited different colored eggs all over the place. Little kiddies ran around bushes filling their Easter baskets while Roger waved his arms, pointing and shouting, "Over there, look over there." One little girl just stood and stared up into his face for a long time before she remarked: "My mother told me eggs came from chickens; but Mister, you sure have long ears for a chicken."


Mouse



"Holy Grounds" after Mass Fellowship

Coffee hours will follow the 7:00, 9:00 & 11:15 am Mass. Come and visit and have a latte, coffee or Italian soda.

Coffee and donuts every weekend except the 3rd Sunday of the month-KC breakfast on this Sunday.



Senior Luncheon/Mass on

Thursday, February 15th. Healing Mass at 11:00 am in the Chapel followed by lunch in the Fr. Murtagh Gathering Hall at noon.

Menu: Meat Loaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, bread and dessert.

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE FOR RESERVATIONS by Wednesday, April 14th, SO THERE IS ENOUGH FOR ALL!


Thank You!

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Thank you for the collection on Good Friday. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community in the Holy Land and to protect Christianity's holiest places.


\$1126.00 was collected.

| Monthly Collection— 1700 Households | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Average Needed Weekly—\$16,000.0 | |
| <u>March Collections 2010</u> | |
| OPERATING Funds | RESERVE Fund |
| 1. \$19,422.00 | \$325.00 |
| 2. \$15,392.00 | \$740.00 |
| 3. \$15,578.85 | \$404.00 |
| 4. \$12,546.62 | \$325.00 |
| Totals | |
| \$62,939.47 | \$1,794.00 |
| <u>April Collection 2010</u> | |
| 1. \$25,610.00 | \$1,090.27 |



KC Breakfast

Breakfast on Sunday, April 18th (3rd Sunday). Come and enjoy a hot breakfast of biscuits and gravy, sausage, eggs, pancakes and french toast. A \$6 donation is appreciated.



St. Joseph's Mission on the Ahtanum Sunday Mass.

Sunday Mass at St. Joseph's Mission is on the **1st Sunday of the Month.** Mass on May 2nd at **9:30 am.**

Please call: (509) 966-0865 for information .

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, April 12, 2010

- ◇ Mass 6:30 AND 8:30 am
- ◇ Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 am to 6:00 pm in chapel
- ◇ Religious Ed classes at 4:00 pm

TUESDAY, April 13, 2010

- ◇ Mass 6:30 AND 8:30 am
- ◇ Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 am to 5:45 pm followed by Benediction
- ◇ Sewing group at 9:00 in Brides Room
- ◇ Prayer Walk against Abortion—9:00 to 10:00 or 2:00 to 3:00.
- ◇ RCIA at 7:00 pm in Rm 12

WEDNESDAY, April 14, 2010

- ◇ Mass 6:30 AND 8:30 am
- ◇ Family Singers rehearsal at 7 pm in chapel
- ◇ Servants of Mary—1:00 pm

THURSDAY, April 15, 2010

- ◇ Mass 6:30 AND 8:30 am
- ◇ **BIBLE STUDY-9:30 am in Activity Center Room 10**
- ◇ Resurrection Choir practice at 9:00 am and Hosanna choir evening at 7:00 pm
- ◇ **Mass/Senior Luncheon-Mass at 11:00, lunch to follow**

FRIDAY, April 16, 2010

- ◇ Mass 6:30 AND 8:30 am

A Catholic Life Ministries Conference for Men
with

Fr. Stan Bosch, ST

April 16th (Fri 6:30 pm)—April 17th (Sat 5:00 pm)
Missionary, Priest Minister to Gangs, Gifted Preacher
and popular Teacher on Male Spirituality.

Conference site: Camp Koinonia, near Cle Elum, WA

Cost-Overnight is \$95

Commuter is \$75

Registration forms available in Holy Family Office with more information.

Holy Family Scholarships for graduating seniors are now available. You can find them online, in the Parish Office and Youth Ministry Office. This scholarship is available to all Holy Family youth regardless of youth group participation. **All applications must be postmarked no later than April 16th to be considered.**

LOVE INC

Abby's Legendary Pizza will donate a portion of the price to Love INC. Proceeds will go for next school year's school supplies to neighborhood churches to give out to children who cannot afford to purchase them.

Join us for PIZZA! **April 15th (Thursday) 4:00-9:00 pm**

Contact Love INC for more info at 453-2942 or email
loveincyakima@hotmail.com