



Today, Bishop Trautman comes to Sacred Heart for the celebration of Confirmation. It is an honor to have our Bishop among us today. And, we join together with Msgr. Richard Sullivan

and the young people of St. Andrew Church for the celebration. Congratulations to Anthony Banister, Rachel DeSanti, Derek Elder, Ryan Grode, Eric Hemmis, James Horomanski, Emily Hudson, Stefanie Mogel, Joseph Mucci, Kristen Nichols, Jarrett Rizzonelli, Alex Swonder, Kristin Tregaskis, and Laura VanVolkenburg! Our young people have spent much of the last year preparing for this day. They understand what is now expected of them: that Confirmation IS NOT the end of the practice of the faith. It really is just the beginning!! For many young people, as soon as they are confirmed, they stop going to Church. *That is exactly what they are NOT supposed to do*, for that just nullifies their sacrament! When our young people are confirmed, they are expected to leave the celebration, and go back into their lives to begin the life of an Apostle, as they did on the first Pentecost: they are to go out into the world as living, breathing, walking, talking witnesses and examples of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. All who are confirmed are expected to BE disciples in the fullest extent of that term. If someone is confirmed, and then tells their parents, *“Now, I don’t have to go to Church anymore...”*, they have just made their confirmation a waste of time . . . a joke . . . nothing more than a party afterwards, and a few bucks in a card from relatives. Let us pray for our young people today, and all who are confirmed, that they truly accept what Jesus expects of them from this day forward: to BE a disciple, a person who truly lives the faith of Jesus.

We are now under the “month mark” until Parish Day! We want to thank John & Kathy Miller, who have joined Rose Colonna as “Chairpeople” this year! They are going to be a big help to us in organizing everything for Sunday, October 5th. There are still about 4 weeks to sell or buy your tickets on the Mustang Roush Blackjack. And, don’t forget that the gang from the Big Give-Away are raffling off a SONY 50-inch Flat Screen HDTV. Tickets for that are \$2/each . . . 3 for \$5 . . . 7 for \$10. And, the Beef Dinner is never to be missed! It’s the best one in town, and it always has been!

Next Sunday is the annual Collection for Catholic Education. It is one of the most important collections of the year. 50% of the monies collected stay here at Sacred Heart. And, these monies will help us to fund our Religious Education program, and assist us in the monies paid to help support all of our Catholic Schools, as well as the endowment that gives financial assistance for tuition. Please be generous next weekend, for there are lots of families who are depending on our generosity.

We have Msgr. Bob Malene back living with us for a few weeks. Monsignor, who retired as navy chaplain, with the rank of Captain, has been helping the Bishop by serving as temporary Administrator to St. Michael’s in Emlenton. Now that they have a new full-time Pastor, he is awaiting assignment to his own parish, which should happen within a few weeks. I told him that he was like a “boomerang” that just keeps coming back! But, it is a joy to have him with us for these weeks. Fr. Simmons has affectionately dubbed him, “The Veteran” . . . such as in, *“Hey, I just woke up ‘The Veteran’ for dinner . . .”*

Have a great week! Please join us for Confirmation!
Fr. D.

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT:

	Aug. 31, 2008	Sept. 2, 2007
Repairs & Improvements	\$60.00	\$741.01
National Needs	\$6.00	\$40.00
Sacrificial Giving	\$5,749.75	\$8,929.62
Amount Needed	\$7,250.00	
Over/(Short)	(\$1,500.25)	

(*includes loose money). Last week, out of 703 families of the parish, 314 envelopes (45%) were used, with an **average** Sacrificial Giving donation of **\$18.32**. Your parish depends on you for your weekly donation. Thanks for your sacrifice.

Mark your Calendars! The second half of Book Four of “Why Catholic?” will begin the week of October 5, 2008! Grow stronger in your faith practices by being part of a *Why Catholic?* group, 90 minutes a week, for six weeks. Book Four is: **Christian Prayer: Deepening My Experience of God.** These fall sessions will look at different forms of prayer and some difficulties we experience in prayer. The last several sessions offer a deeper look at the prayer that Jesus taught us, the Lord’s Prayer.



Sign up will be at all the Masses the weekend of September 20th and 21st. Even if you did not participate during Lent this past spring, or in previous years - do not let that stop you! All the sessions stand independently. If you have any questions, please call Rebecca Flynn at the rectory, at 456-6256, ext. 110.

PARISH BEREAVEMENT GROUP - Sacred Heart Parish is offering another *Bereavement Ministry Support Group* “Towards Loving Comfort” beginning on Wednesday, **September 17th**, from 7-8pm in the Sacristy of the Church. The group will meet every other week (approximately) for a total of seven sessions.

We invite you to consider being a part of this group if you have lost a loved one, and would appreciate the support of others from your parish family who have experienced a similar situation.

If you would like further information, please call Rebecca Flynn at the rectory at 456-6256 or 866-6410 or Ivajean Coverdale at 866-6625.

The Sacred Heart Food Pantry Needs You! The Food Pantry Committee is asking for food donations. The shelves are bare and in need of restocking. Items that would help us greatly include canned goods, pasta noodles, sauce, powdered milk, honey, cheese, cereal, coffee, flour and sugar. As always, money donations can be put in an envelope marked “Food Pantry” and dropped in the collection basket or through the Rectory mail slot. *Thank you for remembering the Food Pantry.*



The next WEST SIDE SQUIRE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING will be held on Tuesday, September 16th at Sacred Heart Church Audi at 6:45PM until 8:00PM. The guest speaker for the meeting will be District Justice Dominick DiPaolo. For more information, please call Barbara at 456-7381.



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Masses For The Week



**THE WEEK
AHEAD**

Monday, September 8th - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 - Robert Runser - Family

Tuesday, September 9th - St. Peter Claver

8:30 - Elizabeth Verdecchia - Mrs. Thomas DeDad

Wednesday, September 10th

8:30 - Jennie Bowes - The Big Giveaway Committee

Thursday, September 11th

8:30 - Betty Owens - Friends

Friday, September 12th - Holy Name of Mary

8:30 - Joni Jones - Family

Saturday, September 13th - St. John Chrysostom

4:30 - Joseph Leone - Family

Sunday, September 14th - Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:30 - For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church

11:30 - Olga Lucente - MM Blair Crosby

Priest Schedule for September 13th & 14th

Saturday, 4:30PM - Fr. Detisch

Sunday, 9:30AM and 11:30AM - Fr. Detisch

The Sanctuary Candle is burning in memory of the †**Deceased Members of the Spada and Italia Families** by Eleanor and Family.

Scripture Readings for Next Week

Numbers 21: 4b-9 Philippians 2: 6-11 John 3: 13-17

Once again, this year, as we have in the past three years, *The Big Giveaway Program* has an extra fundraiser to support Parish Day. This year's special prize is a **SONY 50 inch Flat Screen H. D. T. V.** *The tickets are \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.00, and 7 for \$10.00.*

Anyone interested in selling tickets or buying tickets, please call one of the following people: Norm at 835-5096, Jim at 864-9838, Ken at 864-9149 or stop at the Rectory Office Monday thru Friday from 9:00 till Noon or 1:00 till 5:00.

As always, your help is very much appreciated.



YOUTH GROUP NEWS - Love your enemies, for even the sinners love those who love them. As school continues on for us, Christ challenges us to love our enemies. Most of us have someone at school who we can't stand even for a moment but if we listen to

Christ, we must pray for them. Many people who are mean and nasty are that way for a reason. I challenge you to seek out the truth and find out why they are treating others so nasty. Then you can be an example of Christ and maybe allow Jesus to pierce the heart of that individual with His love and mercy. If you are seeking Christ more deeply in your life, you are welcome to join the Sacred Heart Youth Group Thursday nights from 7-8:30pm in the audi. Please check us out on the web at mycatholicconnection.com.

Peace. Jesse

Sunday - Coffee & Donuts will **not** be served after Mass today because of Confirmation this afternoon. It will be served next Sunday, September 14th.

Confirmation will be celebrated at 2:00PM in Church.

Monday - Boy Scout Meeting at 6:00PM in the audi.

Knights of Columbus Meeting at 7:30PM in the audi.

Tuesday - The **Rosary** will be prayed at 2:00PM in church.

Pastoral Council Meeting at 7:00PM in the Sacristy.

Wednesday - Altar Society Meeting at 7:00PM in the audi.

The Board will meet at 6:00PM.

Thursday - The **Golden Hearts** will meet at Hoss's at Noon.

Choir Rehearsal from 7:30PM until 9:00PM.

Friday - Church Cleaning **Team #2** (Marilyn Sharp's team) is scheduled for Friday, September 12th.

Sunday - Coffee & Donuts will be served in the audi following the morning Masses.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Classes begin on **Sunday, September 21st** at 10:45AM, following the 9:30 Mass, until 1:15PM. There will be registration and a meeting for the parents. The children will also meet with their teachers.



A **Parent Meeting** will be held on **Thursday, September 25th** at 6:00PM in the Sacristy. This meeting is for **ALL** parents whose children will be receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion next year.

PARENTS - If your children are attending other Catholic schools, they will receive their instruction at the school they are attending; but will receive the sacrament at Sacred Heart Church.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

There will be a **Parent Meeting** on **Thursday, September 18th** at 6:00PM in the Sacristy for high school students who **will be confirmed next year.**

ATTENTION LADIES OF THE ALTAR SOCIETY



The new year begins on Wednesday, September 10th at 7:00PM in the audi. (The Board will meet at 6:00PM.)

After recitation of the rosary, the "board" will host the meeting with theme "Oldie but Goodie". Come take a walk down memory lane, (through the magic of rare and unique video) and reminisce about the delightful card parties from days long gone by featuring bridal styles dating back as far as 1920.

Perhaps you will recognize some of the lovely models...your mother, sister, daughter, neighbor, friend; perhaps that beautiful model is YOU!

As always, there will be a light snack and coffee. It sounds like it will be a fantastic evening, one you won't want to miss. Come join us for an evening of fun.

Call Kathy at 459-3685 for more information.

PARISH DAY NEWS - With **Parish Days** approaching on **October 5th**, we are looking for contributions of **Theme Baskets**. Anyone who is interested in donating a basket, please Rose Colonna at 866-5356.