

Church of Saint Joseph Bulletin Supplement for Sunday, October 3, 2010

“You, the Christ”

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If you happened to attend one of the liturgies at which the choir sang this weekend or last, you heard them sing a choral piece with a very poignant social justice-oriented text. The text is one that perhaps cannot be totally appreciated in a single hearing. We present the text for your reflection. The text fits the theme of “Respect Life” which is part of our focus every October.

1. Stranger, standing at my door,
you disturb me in the night:
you have needs I can't ignore,
you have eyes that speak your plight.
Do I know you, nameless face,
battered woman, detainee,
hungry youth or sickness case,
jobless parent, refugee –
Do I know you, nameless face?
2. You are strange in speech and dress,
you have children at your side,
you are not like one of us –
you have begged away your pride.
If you passed across my screen
I might switch you out of sight,
worlds away you might have been,
yet you stand here in the night.
Do I know you, nameless face?
3. I am fearful of your claim,
yet I cannot turn away.
Stranger with the foreign name,
are you angel come to stay?
You are messenger and guest
you the Christ I can't ignore,
you my own compassion's test,
stranger, standing at my door.
You, the Christ I can't ignore.
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We will not be fit for heaven until we have learned to love one another as God loves us, as he radically demonstrated on the Cross. If we don't learn to love sacrificially, we may not only fail in reaching heaven—we will make life on earth hellish for ourselves and others.

—Respect Life Program (2010)

Why Catholic? groups are now beginning to meet for the last session of this four year program. If you would like to be a part of one of these small discussion groups, please call Dawn Carrillo in the Faith Formation Office at 363-7505, ext. 152. *New members are always welcome!*

Wednesday Morning Prayer

All are invited to join in prayer every **Wednesday morning at 9:00 am in the Aftercare Room in the Lab School.** This ongoing prayer group uses the style of prayer known as *lectio divina*. **Lectio divina** is Latin for “divine reading” or “holy reading,” representing a traditional Christian practice of prayer and scriptural reading. Through reading, meditation, prayer and contemplation on the Sunday Gospel reading, participants reflect on God's Word in light of our own lives. *All are welcome!*

Are you being called to the Diaconate?

If you are male, 31-55 years of age and are interested in serving the Church in a deeper capacity, the Diocese of Saint Cloud and the Deacon Community is sponsoring a Deacon Information Night to be held at the Pastoral Center in St. Cloud. The gathering will take place on Monday, November 8 beginning at 7:00 pm. The evening will consist of an overview of the Diaconate Formation process and Q and A with the Director of the Diaconate.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Deacon Mark J. Barder at 320-203-0554 or email mbarder@gw.stcdio.org.

Family Table Talk... Questions for your family discussion this week (Sunday Gospel: Luke 17:5-10): *What is having faith like? How much faith does a follower of Jesus need? When have you wanted more faith? When have you relied on faith? How is faith like a mustard seed? What are some ways you are growing?*