



# Discipleship Talk

## St. Kenneth Parish

### Roman Catholic Church

#### May, June, July 2009

## PASTORAL PERSPECTIVE

### MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES NEW WEEKEND SCHEDULE BEGINS MAY 3, 2009

Beginning with the first Sunday of May, we will permanently eliminate the 12:30 Sunday Mass from our weekend schedule. This decision will impact the smallest number of people who worship at Saint Kenneth on a regular basis. The loss of the faithful weekend ministry assistance of Father Paul Berg has necessitated this change. Everything else will remain the same.

Starting the weekend of May 2-3, 2009 our schedule throughout the year will be:

- 4:30 PM Saturday afternoon
- 7:30 AM Sunday morning
- 9:00 AM Sunday morning
- 11:00 AM Sunday morning

Change is always difficult and I am certain that the elimination of the 12:30 liturgy will create hardship to a small segment of our parish community. With the exception of the 11:00 Sunday Mass, the other liturgies can easily accommodate additional people.

### MASS OF ANOINTING TUESDAY, JUNE 2 AT 7:00 PM

We plan to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, June 2. There are several things to remember about this sacrament: 1) This sacrament (like all sacraments) is a community celebration; 2) Sickness involves more than bodily illness; and 3) Anointing heals us through faith. We try to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick twice a year. It is important to bring together sick and healthy parishioners to pray for God's healing for those who need it. Those to be anointed willingly give themselves and their suffering to God who accepts them and takes them into His care.

No longer should this sacrament be considered as Extreme Unction (the Last Anointing). It is a sacrament for sick people and should not be delayed until a person's last moments. Why would anyone want to put off the pastoral care of the Church and the sacramental presence of Christ until it is too late for a person to benefit from it? Gone should be the days that summoning a priest to a sick person's bedside meant imminent death. The onset of illness or the recurrence of serious symptoms should prompt people to call upon the healing power of Christ in the Sacrament of the Sick.

Please plan to join us at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, June 2. I hope that family members will make an effort to bring to church those who are not able to come regularly. There will not be large crowds and our church building is accessible for those who have difficulty walking. There are several parking spots for people with approved handicapped permits. We are easily able to accommodate people who use walkers and wheelchairs, as well as those who need oxygen tanks.

Please call our parish office at 734-420-0288 and inform the receptionist of your intention to attend this service. Very light refreshments will be served in the Gathering Space following the Mass for all who participate.

### WELCOME SUMMER

The month of May is a time of graduations, weddings and as the summer progresses it will mean vacations, family reunions, and other get-togethers. The bright, sunny days of summer and the stories of vacation plans or the reports of travel completed help us to focus on what a beautiful season we are about to begin. Use the coming "lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer" to see and experience the beauty of God's creation.

Summer is the time to enjoy simple pleasures: read a good book, plant and watch a garden grow, take a walk with someone you love, travel across the state or across the country, or run like a child through a garden sprinkler. During the summer months we can cook outdoors, sit by a lake or stream, enjoy fresh fruit, spit watermelon seeds, cut fresh flowers for the table, enjoy a breathtaking sunset, swim or bicycle for exercise, attend a baseball game, and worship at different churches when we are traveling. This summer, make sure that you savor an ice cream sundae, sip iced tea or beer on a hot afternoon, relax in a hammock, go to a beach and make a sandcastle, remember a funny story, sing a song, whistle, relax and simply enjoy life!

Summer is a great time for families to enjoy each other and have a chance to plan activities together. Summer is when we should make time to reconnect with loved ones and extended family members. It is a good time for husbands and wives to appreciate one another. Summer is also a great time for parents and children to get to know each other a little better and catch up on changes and

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personal growth. We should not forget that we are part of a larger family – the family of God. The following might be a good prayer to clip and use each day in the months ahead:

*O Lord, Jesus, God of love, you are the center of all families: our blood family, extended family and our faith family – and we thank you and praise you for coming to live among us. We ask you, Lord, to watch over us and keep us in your loving care. Let the peace of God dwell in our hearts. Help us to understand and accept your will in our lives. Guide us in our family life and direct us in our decision making. Give us wisdom in our financial needs and worries, and protect us in our play, our travel and in our periods of relaxation. Strengthen our faith and guide us with your loving care. We ask this through Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen!*

Let us enjoy the summer and revel in its warmth and beauty!

### CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

The 2009 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) has as its theme, “*One Sows, Another Reaps.*” In many ways the Archdiocese of Detroit faces difficult times. We have lived through times of economic challenges and uncertainties in the ever-changing Michigan economy, the shifting population from city to suburbs and beyond, and the impact of the vocation shortage of ordained ministers and religious sisters.

Our Catholic faith is strong and vital thanks to the generations of generous, committed believers who have supported and participated in the many ministries of our local Detroit church. Gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal benefit every generation in the Archdiocese of Detroit by funding the work of the Central Services departments of Communications, Education and Parish Life and Services, as well as the Vocations Office, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, the Metropolitan Tribunal and the *Michigan Catholic* Newspaper. By generously supporting the CSA, we join with fellow Catholics who gather with us around the Eucharistic table of the Lord to do the work that no one parish can do.

The Catholic Services Appeal is the most important financial way that the Church of the Archdiocese of Detroit is meeting the needs of its people on the widest scale: ministry to prisoners, refugees, the homeless, women looking for alternatives to abortion, hospitalized Catholics, deaf Catholics, young adults at college campuses, supporting Catholic Schools, religious education formation, helping divorced Catholics seek help with prior marriages, training of men and women for ministry in the church, and much more.

I don't know how to stress this strongly enough. The CSA makes a huge and positive difference in the lives of thousands of people in our metropolitan region. You and I can be proud that through our annual financial support of the Catholic Services Appeal we make such ministry and outreach possible. The CSA budget is pre-set and designated for specific ministries – no CSA money goes

toward supporting the loan to the John Paul II Cultural Center. No CSA money has gone toward paying for legal ramifications of the clergy abuse of minors. No CSA money goes into an open-ended use category. A yearly audit is done to ensure that monies collected for the CSA are used for the designated ministries.

### **Capital Savings Account – Saint Kenneth Parish Fund-raising Effort**

Two weeks ago, Lane Ritter spoke at all our Masses to encourage our participation and support of the annual CSA. I want to publicly thank him for once again taking on the responsibility of being “2009 CSA Chair” and for his willingness to encourage our financial support of this year's appeal. In his presentation he reminded everyone of our stewardship responsibility to give back to God some of the blessings we receive from God.

CSA 2009 has now begun, and I want to remind everyone that once we have reached our mandatory target, anything pledged and collected over and above that amount will be deposited into our parish savings account. **Under the direction of our Stewardship Commission, we now look upon the CSA as our once-a-year fund-raising effort to generate additional income for capital expenditures; in other words, for our Saint Kenneth Community the opportunity to support the CSA is really an opportunity to generate additional income for our Capital Savings Account.**

It has been said that “nothing succeeds like success” and that statement is true when it comes to our Saint Kenneth CSA. In 2005, the generous support of Saint Kenneth parishioners to the CSA enabled us to generate \$44,934 in additional income. In 2006, we were able to generate \$58,654 of additional income. Thanks to your generosity and support, in 2007 we were able to deposit \$71,069 into our parish savings account. The final CSA 2008 report from the Archdiocese is pending, but based on our Saint Kenneth past payment record, we should have generated more than \$50,000 in additional money last year. This money is currently on deposit and it will provide the necessary funding to completely renovate our kitchen and social hall. This long awaited project will begin in mid-May and will be completed prior to fall programming in September 2009.

While we are extremely grateful for your support over these last few years, in 2009, we hope to do even better! With your generous support we will begin to address special capital improvement projects, including:

- A new roof on the original church building (currently, our social hall).**
- Repair and patch parking lot (short term) with eventual replacement of entire parking area.**

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We know that the initials CSA stand for the Catholic Services Appeal, and in our Saint Kenneth Community they also mean Capital Savings Account. What you give is entirely up to you; as good stewards, we are asked to give back to God who is so gracious and generous to us.

These are trying and difficult times for most of us; yet, many of us are truly blessed. If your circumstances allow, I would like to propose that each household might consider a \$365.00 pledge (\$36.50 a month for ten months). **This gift would equal a \$1.00 per day!** Some parishioners can and will pledge more; others will give according to their means. But it is important that every parishioner give a pledge or gift (no matter how large or small) from each of our individual households and registered families!

We need your cooperation and support. Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of this request to generate the additional income needed to help us with our capital improvement projects to maintain, sustain, and improve our parish complex!

I want to stress four important points about participating in this annual appeal. No parish likes to be told how much money to give – however, the Catholic Services Appeal is a very worthy endeavor. **The CSA does support very important and necessary ministries throughout the Archdiocese.** The money raised through the -

1. Catholic Services Appeal is pre-designated and audited and so cannot be used by the diocese anyway it wants to. I believe that the Catholic Services Appeal is a truly equitable way for all the parishes to contribute to the essential aspects of being a Catholic Church in southeastern Michigan.
2. **Each dollar donated or pledged directly helps our Saint Kenneth Community.** Every parish is billed a mandatory target. Our CSA donation helps the parish cover its mandated target and once the target is reached the remaining funds are deposited in our parish savings account to use for capital expenditures (without losing the usual 6% tax as we do on all other parish income).
3. Our parish target has nothing to do with how well or how poorly we do in reaching our mandatory target. In the past four years we generated more than \$220,000 in additional income for our parish; yet our CSA target was not affected by our success because the CSA target is based on the total of parish income from the previous fiscal year. **Supporting the CSA is the BEST WAY to give significant donations to Saint Kenneth Parish – more beneficial than the Christmas collection.** Although the Christmas collection is not subject to the 6% diocesan tax, the parish income generated each Christmas does add to

our total parish income – which directly determines the CSA target in the following year.

4. **The CSA is not an effective way to protest something you do not like in the diocese. Not supporting the CSA simply penalizes Saint Kenneth Parish.** The diocese gets the money one way or the other. If you are upset or have something which is bothersome, do what I do – write a letter directly to Archbishop Vigneron informing him of your dissatisfaction. Make sure that you sign your letter and give him your return address. Will it make a difference? It is too early to know, however our new archbishop seems to want to listen to the concerns of the priests and people of our Archdiocese. And if he received hundreds of letters written independently by concerned Catholics of our archdiocese – it most likely would have an effect on Archbishop Vigneron's thinking.

Last year, 841 households or 41% of registered parishioners contributed to the CSA – giving an average gift of \$234.89. **We hope to do better this year, with a higher percentage of parishioners supporting our Saint Kenneth Capital Saving Account with a greater average gift.** The long awaited and much anticipated work on the kitchen and social hall will soon begin. We now have another opportunity for further achievement and growth – “One Sows. Another Reaps” is a fitting way to understand that the improvements to our facilities will benefit many who will come after us in future years. Stewardship means that you make a decision to give a percentage of your income back to God. You simply cannot do more for God than God has already done for you.

We need your support! My heartfelt appreciation to all who have already given a gift or pledge; and thanking the remainder of our parish community in advance for your kind consideration of this request to help our parish meet and exceed our mandatory target and to generate the additional income needed to maintain, sustain, and improve our parish facilities. Will you do your part to help Saint Kenneth reach and exceed our 2009 **CSA** target through your generous support of our Capital Savings Appeal?

Enjoy the summer!

*Fr. Tom Belczak*

Please visit us at our website  
[www.stkenneth.org](http://www.stkenneth.org)

## SVDP CLOTHING & FURNITURE COLLECTION - MAY 9

The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in the St. Kenneth parking lot for clothing donations the weekend of May 9 and 10. Any gently worn clothes and small household items you might no longer need or use are greatly appreciated by those in less fortunate circumstances. Please remember that the store has minimal warehouse space, and seasonal clothes that can be used immediately are best.

Additionally, our local SVDP chapter would like to conduct a furniture collection on Saturday, May 9, similar to last year. While all furniture is welcome, beds and mattresses are especially needed. This collection will be held by pre-arranged appointment only. We plan to rent a truck and have volunteers available to pick up the furniture from your house. If you will have something available for donation, please call Bob Bolhouse at 248-349-8330. We will need to plan for the size of truck and number of volunteers.

The generosity and support of the St. Kenneth Parish has been vital for our local SVDP chapter, and again we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.



### Baccalaureate

#### ALL 2009 HIGH SCHOOL and COLLEGE GRADUATES

Your parish family would like to recognize you at a special Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday May 16, 2009, at 11:00 AM. Please let us know if you plan to attend by filling out and returning the following by May 10 to the parish office along with your picture and a short biography for our display board.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_



## ST. KENNETH STEPHEN MINISTRY IS HERE TO HELP YOU

If your life is overwhelming you right now, don't go it alone. A Stephen Minister can be there to listen to your concerns, care about you, and help you through the bad time. Call Marcie Colling at 248 349-0396 for information or to request a Stephen Minister.

## INTERESTED IN PRISON MINISTRY?

Are you interested in serving men or women incarcerated in our prisons? The need is great and volunteers are needed. This program is part of the St. Kenneth Stephen Ministry. Training will be provided. Call Bud Boyce at 734-417-0447 for information or to volunteer to serve our prisoners.

## FOOD PANTRY

On the first Sunday of each month we collect food for either St. Christine's or St. Dominic's soup kitchen. Canned goods, non-perishable food products, and hygiene products (regular and sample/hotel sizes) are accepted. Brown paper grocery bags are also needed. Food is provided for about 250 families each week. Your generosity helps us continue to provide for these people. The up-coming food drives will be May 2/3, June 6/7, July 4/5 and 11/12.



**Blood Pressure Screening**  
**After 4:30 PM,**  
**7:30 AM and 9:00 AM masses**

**May 16/17**  
**June 20/21**  
**July 18/19**



## COFFEE AND DONUTS

We will gather after the 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 AM Masses in the Social Hall for the last time until fall on Sunday, May 3. You are encouraged to stop there for a few minutes and enjoy coffee, tea, donuts, bagels, muffins and the camaraderie of your fellow parishioners.

Thank you  
Webare  
Obrigado  
Merci  
Salamat  
Dhanyabad  
Terima kasih  
Shukria  
Kham Ap  
Thank You  
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Shangabad  
Salamat  
Gracias  
Terima kasih  
Shukria  
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Khop Xie  
Xie  
Spasiba

It is through the work of many hands that the children of our parish learn of their faith. Children begin to learn in the arms of their parents through story, example and love. Supplementing the work of the home are many parishioners. These dedicated and faith-filled ladies and gentlemen share the Good News with our parish children by giving of their time, talent and energy. Our rich faith tradition is shared in St. Kenneth's catechetical programs such as CFP, Family Religious Ed., Logos, Confirmation Prep, and Vacation Bible School. Our Story is celebrated through the Liturgy of the Word with children in our Rainbow Sunday program. In many ways, both large and small, Our Risen Lord is made real to the children of our parish through these ministries and the dedicated people who minister in them. May all be blessed!

### **Pentecost Prayer**

**Spirit of God,  
as we celebrate once again  
the great feast of Pentecost,  
encircle us with the fire of  
Christ's love,  
help us to listen to God's Word  
alive in and around us,  
breathe into our hearts new life,  
new courage, new hope,  
send us forth to proclaim the  
Good News by how we live,  
call us to open ourselves to the  
needs of others,  
work through us to change the  
face of the earth.**

**Amen. Alleluia.**

## You're invited



...to explore our parish lending library, housed in the St. Laurence Room in the Hall. There are many hundreds of books and videos for children and adults, including lives of the saints, good fiction, scripture, church teachings on morality and social justice, prayer, support for grieving, parenting skills and marriage. Now that the days are longer, get a head start!

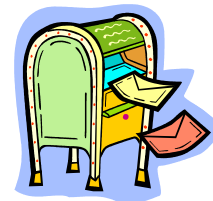
## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION 2009-2010

That's right! It's barely spring and we're planning for the fall!

Registration information for religious education choices for students grades 1 thru 7 were mailed late April to all families whose children have been previously enrolled in parish programs. The mailing includes information about Logos, Family Religious Education (FRE), and Christian Formation Program (CFP).

First-time (in Religious Education) families *with first graders* receive a separate mailing as well as Confirmation candidates.

If your family has not participated before in parish religious formation programs, you are not yet on the mailing list. Please call us (734-420-3031) to receive the mailing with information. If you have family or neighbors who worship at St. Kenneth but haven't registered as yet, please encourage them to do so to get into the information loop!



# Logos: A Year in Pictures





## SOLEMN EUCHARIST CELEBRATION

On Saturday, April 12, we celebrated the first communion of some 96 children who have joined us at the Lord's Table this year. We congratulate and welcome them! We applaud their parents who model faith-filled living, and who prepared them for this moment. We thank their catechists in All Saints Catholic School, our CFP and Family Religious Ed programs. They have given strong witness and shared faith with our little ones.

And we continue to ask the Lord's grace upon us all as a faith community, that our love of Eucharist be visible as we grow more and more into the Body of Christ.

# Logos Registration

Families previously registered in St. Kenneth religious education programs have recently received fall registration packets in the mail. For families registering for Logos, a religious education option for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students, please note that **we will only offer programming on Wednesday evenings**. We believe that by offering Logos on one night instead of two, we will create a more vibrant atmosphere, have greater opportunities for large group activities and have friendlier scheduling for our parent volunteers.

Call or email Mary Lippert, Coordinator of Logos and Youth Ministry, with any questions or concerns at 734-927-1253 or [mary@stkenneth.org](mailto:mary@stkenneth.org)

### *Moving? Change your phone number?*

Please notify Rosie Marsh at 734-927-1255 or e-mail ([rosie@stkenneth.org](mailto:rosie@stkenneth.org)) so we can keep your records current.

### **NEED A NOTARY????**

If you are in need of a notary, contact Rosie Marsh in the parish offices at 734-927-1255. She will schedule a convenient time for you to come in. Oh, and it's free!

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**Pastor**  
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**REGIONAL GRADE SCHOOL**  
**All Saints Catholic School**  
**Deborah Davidson, Principal**  
**734-459-2490**

**PARISH CREDIT UNION**  
**Catholic Parishes Federal Credit Union**  
**36111 Five Mile Rd., Livonia 48154**  
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*Witness & Worship* article deadline:  
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bulletin@stkenneth.org

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**LITURGY**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 AM  
Tuesday: 7:00 PM; No mass on Wednesday  
**Saturday: 4:30 PM**  
**Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM,**  
**Holy Days: 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM**

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday:  
9:00 AM-12:00 noon, 1:00-8:00 PM  
Thursday, Friday:  
9:00 AM-12:00 noon, 1:00-4:00 PM  
Saturday: 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon

**SACRAMENTS**

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 PM  
Baptism: Contact Office for Parents' Meeting.  
Marriage: Make arrangements six months in  
advance for pre-marriage conference.

**REGISTRATION**

Come to the office to introduce yourself  
during regular parish office hours.

**PARISH COUNCIL**

4th Monday of each month at 7:00 PM.  
All are welcome.  
President: Bill Mullally, 248-344-1102

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