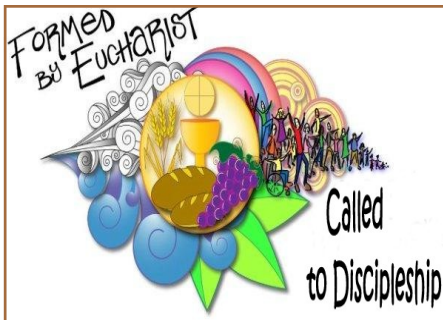




The Courtyard

The Community of the Blessed Sacrament September 2011 Parish Newsletter



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Our Parish Mission Statement

"We are a Spirit-led Catholic Community that welcomes all to celebrate the Eucharist, to pray, and to know, love, and serve Christ."

Our Parish Vision Statement

"To foster Stewardship as a way of life, by engaging our community in works of ministry founded on hospitality, prayer, formation and service."

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Look up Parish Website's

Parish Event Calendar

www.blessedsacramentscotts.org

Pastor's Message

This issue of our parish newsletter will give you a picture of our financial "health" as of the end of the financial year, June 30th. As you will see, for the most part we had a challenging but good year. We finished the year in the "black," meaning that we did not go into debt. This was accomplished because of your generosity and the good stewardship and a parish staff using your financial gifts wisely and with care. Thank you for your continued support.

But, that is just the financial health of the parish. The many ministries we have going have been really successful in reaching out to those in need. St. Vincent de Paul, for one, is very grateful for your support and has assisted the many hundreds who come to them in need.

Thanks to your support, the Knights of Columbus was able to give out scholarships to students of our parish to help take care of some of the financial obligations of their education.

Thank you for supporting the Scrip Program through the Woman's Club. Through this program, you purchase scrip which you use for your shopping needs, whether it is groceries, hardware, entertainment, etc. When you use the scrip, the parish receives a percentage of your purchase; the percentage varies with each store or venue. These funds help support various facility-improvement projects at the parish. The scrip program has paid for a new roof on the rectory, the remodeling of the social hall kitchen, parking lot repairs, and the automatic doors for the physically challenged. Again thank you for your support.

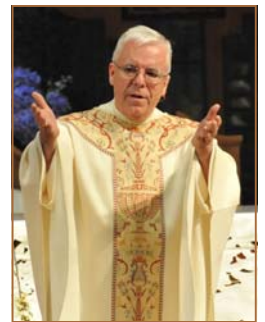
It is so easy to get involved. Scrip can be purchased after the morning Masses on Sunday and/or stopping by the parish office during the week. If each family would use just \$50 in scrip to do their grocery shopping each week, think what we could accomplish. If 2200 families were involved in this program, we could make great strides in supporting some of the major facility projects coming up, like improving the lighting, sound and air conditioning, as well as, new paint in the church and many other projects that need to be done.

Our Preschool/kindergarten is taking registrations for the coming year. It is a great school with an exceptionally great staff. Let your family, friends and neighbors know about us. We look forward to serving them.

I could go on and on listing the organizations that are thankful to you for your support this past year. Now we are into a new year with new challenges. Our Sunday giving has dropped off so far in July. I know there are financial challenges that each of us may be experiencing right now. If you can, we could use your help. I have added \$5 to my weekly giving. (Yes, I give every week also). Every little bit helps.

Enjoy this issue. If you have questions, concerns or ways you would like to see improved, let us know. This is your Parish Newsletter. God Bless!

Fr. Pat



Be Green

Help our school, come to parish's back parking lot's NW corner—drop newspaper, cardboard, magazines, aluminum and junk mail.



Friday October 14
Parish/Community
6:30pm in the Social Hall
Watch for
Bulletin Announcements
Call Parish Office
480-948-8370



Scottsdale Gives Thanks **9th Annual** **Interfaith Thanksgiving** **Celebration**

Join other in Scottsdale to celebrate Thanksgiving
November 22, 7:00pm
watch bulletin for location



Woman's Club

The Blessed Sacrament Women's Club continues to sell **Scrip Gift Cards** to grocery stores, restaurants, drug stores, clothing stores and big box stores. Stop by the Scrip table after the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses to purchase your Scrip and/or the **2012 Entertainment Book** which is now available. Both Scrip and the Entertainment Books are also available in the parish office and make great gifts for your college bound students. Proceeds from both of these fund raisers support parish projects such as the repaving of the parking lot, replacing the roof on the rectory, or whatever parish projects need our support.



Sept. 12th Meeting—You are Invited

All women of the parish are invited to our first meeting of the 2011-2012 year on Monday, September 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the West Social Hall. Come and meet new friends, renew old friendships and find out all the fun activities we have planned for the year. Beverages, a light dinner and dessert will be served.

Oct 10th—See the Great Pretenders

Our October 10th meeting will be open to the whole parish when the popular Scottsdale lip-sync group **The Great Pretenders** will perform for us. You won't want to miss this very entertaining evening.

Nov 4-6 - The Church Mouse Boutique

Each year we have a Silent Auction at our Church Mouse Boutique which is held the first weekend in November. If you have items you'd like to donate, please contact Barbra Arndt at the number below.

If you need further information about any of the Women's Club activities, please contact the Parish Office 480-948-8370 to leave a message for Barbara Arndt or Kathy Thieken.

JustFaith

Mother Teresa of Calcutta reminded us that *"we cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love."* When acts of social ministry are per-

formed, we are brought closer to Christ.

Do you want to *journey into the heart of the Gospel and learn how to follow Jesus more faithfully?* If so, participate in **JustFaith** as a part of your on-going spiritual journey. Come to gain an understanding of the Church's social mission from Scripture and Catholic social teaching; to encounter the poor and marginalized in our world and grow in compassion; to integrate personal spirituality and social ministry.

JustFaith typically holds weekly meetings, retreats in Fall and Spring; and several immersion experiences. Consider being a facilitator; training is provided. Minimal cost for books. Dates and time will be considered based on needs of the people signing up—Sept 2011 through May 2012. For more information, call Dr. Honora Norton at 480-948-8370, ext. 223.

Cursillo

Check out "**Cursillo Movement**" on our parish website to learn more about moving yourself closer to God; and, to move the world closer to God's kingdom. The **Cursillo** movement provides small lessons in piety, study and action beginning with a three-day period at the base of a mountain (**Mount Claret**). Lives are changed through the grace of the Holy Spirit. When those lives are followed 10, 20, and now 50+ years, the mystery, wonder and love of God is evident. The love of God is evident as bright and colorful patterns in people's lives, even in the darkest times.

For more information, contact our Pastor or contact our **Cursillo Movement** Parish representatives: call Parish Office 948-8370 to leave a message for Brian and/or Jen Kelly.

Parish Outreach Grants

Do you have a favorite established non-profit with IRS 501 3C status? Is it an organization in which donated funds would make a significant difference to the lives of children and/or families in need? A **Cause MSA Form** is located on the parish's website - on Forms webpage or contact Parish Manager, Dr. Honora Norton, at the parish office

Just-FAITH

to get an application.

The parish's Finance Council has set a policy, that each budget year, a certain percentage of plate/envelope giving is designated to support poor parishes and parishioner-submitted **Ministry for Social Action (MSA) Outreach Grants**. Approximately \$25,000 MSA grant money is available this year. Deadline to apply is September 30, 2011. If you have questions, contact Dr. Honora at the Parish Office 480-948-8370, X223.



Catechetical Ministries (CM)

The Office of CM exists to form adults, youth and children toward a loved knowledge of Jesus Christ as He is known in the Catholic faith. Refer to our parish website to find information and Fall 2011 event dates for Elementary Faith Formation Class K-5th, Middle School Edge Faith Formation, High School LifeTeen Youth Ministry, Solomon's Porch Young Adults, Adult Formation, Bible Studies, Christian Initiation Ministry, Returning Catholics and Adult Confirmation, Vacation Bible School and Emmaus Retreat for Adults with Developmental Disabilities.



Knights of Columbus

Come to meetings held 6:30pm 2nd Tuesday of each month to learn about the Knights of Columbus way.

Everyone is invited to **Social Dinners** on Sept. 17, Oct. 8, Nov. 12 and December 10.

Everyone is invited to **Pancake Breakfasts** on Aug 21, Sept 11, Oct 16, Nov. 13 and Dec 18.

Everyone is invited to give the gift of life at **Blood Drives** scheduled for Aug. 21, Oct. 16 and Dec 18.



Parish Staff Updates

Ms. Isabella Rice has been hired as the Facilitator of Elementary Catechesis. Isabella has over twenty years experience as the director of the diocesan office of Evangelization with Persons with Disabilities and Pastoral Care Ministries. She holds an advanced degree in Psychology from NAU, is a certified catechist in the Diocese of Phoenix and has completed the certificate program in theological studies and pastoral ministry from Kino Institute. *Please welcome Isabella to our parish.*

Deacon Fred Giesner joins our other parish-assigned deacons. Dcn. Fred was born in St. Paul Minnesota and attended Assumption Catholic School. After graduating from Mechanic Arts High School, he worked for the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. In 1951, he entered the US Marine Corps where he spent 8 years - two on active duty and six in the reserve. In 1957, he graduated from college and spent the next 40 years in business where he advanced to president of a Minneapolis Fortune 500 company. Dcn. Fred moved to Arizona in 1984, entered the diaconate in 1988 and was ordained in 1993. His assignments have included Blessed Sacrament, St. Bernard of Clairvaux, and St. Patrick's. He and his wife Mae have been married for 27 years and have 6 children, 8 grandchildren and 1 great grand child. *Please welcome Deacon Fred and Mae to our community!*



Deacon Bernie Rekiere and Pat's New Journey



From the hearts of Dcn Bernie and Pat Rekiere to the Community of the Blessed Sacrament, they wish to share their joy and sorrow. Their sorrow is that after 31 years, at the end of August, they will be leaving Scottsdale, Arizona. They will be carrying with them the memories of serving with and for the people of Blessed Sacrament. These include: washing

dishes after the fish fry; to baptizing children and serving with our Priests on the altar; Pat and Dcn Bernie working as partners with others in Baptism, RCIA and Marriage Prep; Dcn Bernie working with others in Bible Studies and Pro-Life; and Pat working with RCIC and *The Caring Place*. Their joy is that Grandpa Bernie and Grandma Patty will be going to Idaho for more hugs with their grandchildren. They thank everyone for all the blessings and memories they have received on their journey with our parish. .

Blessing to One Another Exhibit

October 26 -December 11, 2011 come to George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center, in downtown Phoenix, to experience a spectacular multimedia exhibit commemorating the contributions of Pope John Paul II to relations between the Catholic and Jewish faiths.



www.blessingprojectaz.org

Church Mouse Boutique
November 4, 5, 6, 2011

Sponsored by Parish Women's Club
Many crafters, Mrs. Santa, lunch, home-baked sweets, quilt raffle, great door prizes and silent auction items. Proceeds directed toward parish facility projects.

The Caring Place

Thursday, September 22, 2011

Mark Hart at St. Patrick's Parish

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Area of Aging Enrollment & Medicare D, at St. Joan of Arc Parish

Thursday November 17, 2011

Holiday Entertainment at Blessed Sacrament



Founded in February 2004, *The Caring Place* is a partnership of faith communities offering social, educational and spiritual support in a caring and healing environment to all seniors, adults with special needs and their families.

Everyone is welcome to attend these presentations.

"SeptemberFest"

Parish Family Picnic

Saturday,

September 24

5:30pm - 8:30pm

Giant Water Slide
 Rock Climbing Wall
 Kid's Sports Complex
 Water Tag

Cake Walk
 Kids Arcade
 Bean Bag Games

Live Band
 Cash Raffle
 Door Prizes

Septemberfest Beer
 Garden for Adults

Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share.



\$5 per person / \$10 per Family (Beer Garden Extra)

Blessed Sacrament by the Numbers for July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011

Activity	Count	Other Donations	\$	Parish Expense	\$
Registered Families	2,221	St. Vincent de Paul	\$36,084	Facility Operations/ Depreciation (24%)	\$459,317
Other Families Served	225	Peter's Pence	\$2,428	Outreach/Diocese (18%)	\$345,866
Kindergarten Students	10	Respect for Life	\$2,988	Parish Office (18%)	\$341,235
Pre-school Students	47	Mission Sunday	\$2,492	Parish School (12%)	\$240,716
Church Seating Capacity	650	Tornado Recovery	\$1,995	Spiritual Formation (11%)	\$218,293
Chapel Seating Capacity	250	Home Mission	\$3,067	Worship (12%)	\$221,778
Social Hall Seating Capacity	300	Partner Parishes in Need	\$9,000	Facility Utilities (4%)	\$70,882
Number of Communions	179,100	CCHD	\$6,369	Gift Shop (1%)	\$21,468
Communion to Homebound	3,952	Catholic Relief Services	\$5,573	Total Parish Expenses	\$1,919,555
Number Anointed	173	Communication	\$2,235	Parish Income	\$
Total Number of Marriages	9	Rice Bowl	\$482	Plate Income (73%)	\$1,455,179
Deaths in Parish	55	Holy Land	\$3,630	School Income (11%)	\$223,364
Funeral Masses	35	Religious Retirement	\$12,736	Other Gifts (11%) (*)	\$212,547
Memorial Masses	10	The Catholic University	\$1,885	Other Income (2%)	\$40,510
Baptisms under Age 1	58	Black & Native Americans	\$2,422	Gift Shop (1%)	\$29,371
Baptism over Age 1	28	Latin Americans	\$2,888	Spiritual Formation (1%)	\$30,608
Confirmation	93	CDA (goal \$272,000)	\$276,823	Votive Candles (1%)	\$14,277
1st Reconciliation	81	CTODP AZ Tuition Credit	165,966	Total Parish Income	\$2,005,856
1st Eucharist	89	Total Other Donations	\$539,063	Net Surplus (*)	\$86,301
Christian Initiation	20				
High School Catechesis	17				
Junior High Catechesis	46				
Elementary Catechesis	193				
Preschool Catechesis	57				
Catechists	71				
Homebound Ministers of Care	58				
Nursing Homes Served	15				
Full Time Parish Employees	16				
Part Time Parish Employees	19				
Parishioner Volunteers	670				

Parish Financial Update Notes

- Included in Parish Income is a \$200,000 bequest gift to our parish Without this bequest, there would have been \$113,699 deficit.
- The \$86,301 surplus has been allocated to 2011-12 budget as follows: \$8,500 will be directed to community outreach; \$2,000 to Family Support Fund; \$20,000 to current year operating expenses; and remaining \$55,801 will be directed towards Capital Improvement Reserve Account.
- Already, in July and August 2011, the school's A/C unit needed replacement (\$5,800+), the chapel and social hall roof needed repair after monsoon storms; the office A/C units needed repair; the social hall walk-in refrigerator/freezer needed repair and the former rectory A/C unit needs major repair.
- There are no parish debts—the parish rectory loan balance is zero.

Thank you for your gift of time, talent and resources.

Per Msgr. Thomas McGread, stewardship begins with a conversion of heart. The true steward makes a commitment to the Lord – not merely to one's parish. A true steward gives one's life to God because he/she wants to follow Him, and everything else – one's time, one's talent, and one's resources – follows suit. The secret to success is Jesus Christ. Love Him. Serve Him. And invite others to do the same. That will make all the difference!

