

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS:*November 17-18, 2018*

Donation Envelopes to our **HVAC (heating and cooling) System Replacement Project** can be found at all entrances to our Co-Cathedral church. Please use the envelopes for your donations or the envelopes that was mailed to you. At the end of every month till mid-December, please check the **Stewardship Section** (Weekly Collection Report) in this Bulletin to see how we are doing with donations for this project. Thank you for your support! Phase VI of our Project is now in progress! The remaining compressor, condenser and duct work from the OLD System have been shut-down, dismantled and gone. The new first set of coolers/condensers that were installed at the back of the church outside and the new blowers are now cooling the north-side of the church, including for the first time, the new vent on the wing-side near St. Joseph's Altar. Though only half is complete and functioning, we are now using a brand new HVAC System! This past week and succeeding weeks they will complete working on the south-side of the church installing new duct works, blowers and the remaining condensers outside the church.

Many thanks to all who joined us at the Commemorating the Faithful Departed Mass last November 2nd and the inauguration of our **Memorial Wreath** that will be on display for the whole month of November in the sanctuary. You are most welcome to add the names of your deceased relatives and friends to our wreath, blank white ribbons and markers are available near the wreath.

Many thanks to all who have responded to our **"One Ministry (+) at the Co-Cathedral"** appeal. I will continue making this appeal for this whole month. If you could only do one ministry at a time (more if you are blessed with more skills, talents and time), keeping in mind that some ministries can be done in your own time, pace and availability – then we would have enough people helping us celebrate, build and keep our faith community alive! Please consider doing "One Ministry (plus)"! Sign-Up Forms can be found at all entrances to our church.

Our *Strategic Plan Implementation Team* (SPIT) had our first cluster meeting with our sister church parishes

of St. Charles Borromeo and St. Thomas Aquinas this past Saturday. We have two more cluster meetings to go before we will be ready to implement the strategic plan of our diocese. Facilitated by a representative from the Christian Leadership Institute who have been assisting us with the diocesan strategic plan, the cluster meetings hopes to assist all implementation teams in organizing the data and information we have collected, study the materials we have received and creating a plan of implementation. The last year and a half, your priests and implementation team have been sharing information with all of you about the strategic plan, conducted the evaluation and survey, and facilitated the Town Hall Meeting. Now the time has come to put everything in order. By the end of this year, your SPIT would hopefully have a plan of implementation for you! Please pray for them.

"But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." These foreboding words of Jesus in the gospel of Mark, Jesus is using an apocalyptic, symbolic language that points to something "drastic" that will happen at an unknown time. Though many have opined that these words refer to the "end of time" or the "rapture," and to some "judgement day," Jesus' focus was more on His (the "Son of Man") return in glory than just the feared destruction of the days to come. Jesus while recognizing the harsh realities of life, always point to the "positive" (i.e. the cross) as the means for our salvation. For Jesus, every bad news always brings something good.

Through the centuries and every period in time, bad news had been there. Yet, we learned to receive them like grains of salt, though we become disturbed, we rely on the Lord's kindness to help us see beyond the sadness to joy, from pain to hope, from destruction to a new life. Jesus had already said, *"unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it will not bear much fruit!"* (John 12:24). In every process and experience that we go through that brings us sadness, we learn to live and love again – just think positive, i.e. the Jesus and the cross!

Father Vic+

Wedding Banns

Bailey Landry & Brady Domingue (3)
Angel Joy Duncan & Tyler Porche (2)
Melisa Dencousse & Colt Landry (2)

November 3rd / 4th, 2018 Weekly Offering

Weekly Collection	\$ 10,940.82
Weekly Loose	2,008.88
ACH Weekly	335.00
	\$ 13,284.70

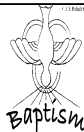


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The following were Baptized into the family of Christ recently:



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| Finn John
child of Eric & Angie | Cecilia Rose
child of Blake & Astrid |
| Presley Sue
child of Bryan & Tiffany | Laurel Ruth
child of Christopher & Anne |
| Olivia Rose
child of Joshua & Naomi | |

Thank you !!

Robert Gorman, CCHT Executive Director and David Champagne, Matthew 25 Volunteer from St. Charles Church, travelled to Panama City, Florida on October 30 and delivered a 16 foot trailer full of disaster clean up supplies from the people of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux for the victims of Hurricane Michael. Catholic Charities of NW Florida is running the disaster relief operation at St. Dominic Catholic Church, which was devastated by the hurricane and has a mammoth clean up task ahead before it can re-open, or even receive power. In the meantime it is serving as a disaster relief site serving 2,000 storm victims daily with over 100 volunteers each day.

Thank you to the donors throughout the diocese who brought donations to one of the depot churches. Thank you also to those who have contributed to the relief effort through your monetary donations. Thanks to all of the volunteers who participated in this drive - especially at our depots at St. Bernadette Church in Houma, Sacred Heart Church in Morgan City and the Good Samaritan Thibodaux Food Bank.

"If there's one thing that we know well in our diocese, it's what's needed for disaster clean-up," says Robert Gorman. "The Catholic Charities volunteers in Panama City were very excited when we pulled in with only the items they needed - from diapers to crowbars and hammers, to mops, brooms and buckets, to disinfectant, detergent and everything in between. They are also grateful for the money we brought and the donations that we are sending as we receive them."

HOUSEHOLD SUPPLY DRIVE
Return to Church this weekend or to the
Good Samaritan Food Bank
100 Birch Street
Thank you to those who have participated.

CCHD

Please be generous in the week's second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in seven people lives in poverty. With the collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins.

More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.



Wednesday, November 21st:

6:30 AM: Mass

5:30 PM: Mass-Blessing of Food, Candles & Salt used for your Thanksgiving Meal.

Thursday, November 22nd: Office Closed

6:30 AM: Mass

5:30 PM: NO Mass

Friday, November 23rd: Office Closed

6:30 AM: Mass

5:30 PM: Mass

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 18, 2018

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

— *Mark 13:31*

BAPTISMAL SEMINAR
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH
7:00 PM
Call the Life Center to Register.