

A NOTE FROM THE DESK OF SR. RICARDA:

Encountering Jesus

In today's Gospel Peter and his companions, tossed by waves and wind, saw Jesus as a ghost walking on the water and were terrified. Jesus said to them: "Get hold of yourselves! It is I! Do not be afraid!" Peter heard the call to cross the raging waters and stepped out of the boat. But daunted by the strength of the wind and his own frailty, he began to sink.

We might say the apostles didn't get it—they just witnessed the miracle of the loaves and fish but they still did not recognize Jesus. Easy for us to say...What would you have done if you had been in that boat? Would you have recognized Jesus?

As a Catholic, have you ever experienced the power of an encounter with Christ? Such encounters can happen through various faith experiences such as Cursillo, retreats, liturgy, and parish missions to name a few. Sacred Heart Church takes seriously its responsibility to make these encounters with Christ available to all parishioners. If you desire to encounter God it is up to you to take advantage of the opportunities to grow spiritually. To step out of the boat so to speak.

Nothing in our human experience leads us to expect that we will ever walk on water! But that is not the goal of faith. Encounter with God's abiding and saving presence is the goal.

Youth Blurb

I am sure many of you have heard about the death of Lauren Thompson who passed away last Saturday night from injuries received in a car accident. Lauren was 17 years old and part of our Saint Andrew youth group community. She was a beautiful person with a heart of gold. She impacted so many people and was best friends with many of our youth. Lauren was scheduled to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next month; she had chosen the name Brigid. Life was a beautiful symphony for Lauren; she saw every color, every smell and every moment with an open heart and a smile. She will be terribly missed by all who knew her. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.

Peace. Jesse

"Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow. May looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow." ~Author Unknown

A Family Perspective

The demands of family can be so overwhelming we feel walking on water would be easier. When Jesus was pressured, He dismissed everyone, so he could be "by himself and pray." When overwhelmed and stressed, go to a quiet place and surrender your pressured feelings to the Lord using Peter's prayer in today's gospel: "Lord, save me."

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT:

	July 31, 2011	Aug. 1, 2010
Repairs & Improvements	\$126.00	\$649.00
Food Pantry	\$5.00	\$5.00
Sacrificial Giving	\$5,631.15	\$6,924.67
National Needs	\$7.50	\$22.00
Assumption	\$15.00	
Priestly Education & Care	\$15.00	\$37.00
Votive Candles	\$6.00	
TOTAL COLLECTED	\$5,838.15	

(*includes loose money). Last week, out of 698 families of the parish, 275 envelopes (40%) were used, with an **average** Sacrificial Giving donation of **\$20.43**. Your parish depends on you for your weekly donation. Thanks for your sacrifice.

2011 GREAT MASS/PARISH PICNIC

Sacred Heart's annual Great Mass & Parish Picnic is **Sunday, August 14th, 11:00AM** at Waldameer's West Lakeview Pavilion.

Picnic dinner follows the Great Mass. Please provide Your own table covering and dinner service. Also, please bring a dish to share that serves 10-12 people, Preferably in a disposable container.

Families with last names beginning with

A-H; HOT DISH

I-R; DESSERTS

S-Z; COLD DISH

(relish/veggie/fruit tray; pasta/macaroni/potato/tossed salads, etc.)

Hot dogs, soda, water and coffee will be provided
Waldameer's Ride-A-Rama/Water World tickets are \$17.75 and

will be available after the Great Mass.

If you would like to volunteer to help with setting up/grilling/serving/cleaning up, please call Phil or Mary Temple at 838-1761.





Masses For The Week

- Monday, August 8th *St Dominic***
8:30 - Carl Banducci - Wife, Children, Grandchildren
- Tuesday, August 9th *St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross***
8:30 - NO MASS
- Wednesday, August 10th *St Lawrence***
8:30 - Communion Service
- Thursday, August 11th *St Clare***
8:30 - In honor of Russell Verga - Sue & Jerry Verga
- Friday, August 12th *St Jane Frances de Chantal***
8:30 - Dave Althof - Wife
- Saturday, August 13th *St Pontian and St Hippolytus***
4:30 - Bob & Ann Ohmer - Family
- Sunday, August 14th *Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time***
9:30 - No Mass
11:00 - For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish

Priest Schedule for

Saturday, 4:30PM - Fr. Detisch
Sunday, 9:30AM and 11:30AM - Fr. Detisch

The Sanctuary Candle is burning in memory of †**Carmella & Luigi Ferrante from Paul Bizzarro & Family.**

Bread and Wine is offered in memory of † **Eugene Runser from M/M Robert Calabrese.**

Please remember in your prayers our departed and their families: **Aiden Joseph Nicoll.**

Scripture Readings for Next Week

Isaiah 56:1,6-7 Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 Matthew 15:21-28
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Diocesan High School Youth Rally

Please save the date for the Diocesan high School youth Rally, Nov. 19, 2011, 4010PM at Villa Maria Academy in Erie. The anticipated mass being celebrated for the Feast of Christ the King. Rally theme: "Take courage, I have conquered the world." (John 16:33) Information on speakers will be available soon. All students welcome!

NOVA...

Is coming to St. Catherine's in DuBois on Saturday, September 24th, 2011.

NOVA is a unique program designed specifically for couples seeking remarriage or convalidation in the Catholic Church. Topics addressed include Blending Families, Expectations, Legal issues and others. Contact the Family Life Office at 814.824.1265 or by email at: familylife@erieRCD.org to register.

PLEASE...if you are moving or changing your phone number or email address.....please let the Parish office know.....either by mail, phone, email or drop a note in the collection basket on Sunday. We need your help to keep us up-to-date!

This Week in our Parish

- Monday** - Boy Scouts in audi at 6PM
Knights of Columbus in audi at 7:30PM
- Tuesday** - Food Party in audi at 9AM
- Wednesday** - Altar Society Picnic at Waldameer at 3PM
- Thursday** - Youth Ministry at 7PM
- Friday** - Church Cleaning Team #7 (Charlene Michael) in audi on August 12th in the AM.
- Sunday** - GREAT MASS AT WALDAMEER at 11AM

MARK YOUR CALENDARS.....

PARISH MISSION 2011
"BEING A DISCIPLE TODAY"
OCTOBER 9-10-11
SUNDAY -TUESDAY EVENINGS
AT 7PM
MISSION DIRECTOR:
FR. FRANK DE SIANO, CSP

MORE INFORMATION TO COME

LADIES OF THE ALTAR SOCIETY:

Our summer picnic is **Thursday, August 11th**; gather at **3PM** at the Pavilion (2.7mi. From entrance to Presque Isle, on the right) and eat at 5PM. Chinese Auction, craft and bingo. Menu includes chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers and all the fixings. Tickets are **\$7.00** and can be purchased after mass on *July 30th and 31st and August 6th and 7th.* If unable to sign up in person, call Jean Malthaner at 838-3760 or Elaine Lamm at 833-4982. Come rain or shine and all you need to bring is your appetite!

The Church in Latin America

Today's Collection funds pastoral projects in the Church in Latin America. In 2009, the Collection was able to distribute \$7.2 million across 480 projects. Your donations make a difference in the faith life in Latin America. Keep faith. Please be generous in the Collection for the Church in Latin America.

Natural Family Planning Seminar—Erie

"Going Green" for the body— Natural Family Planning: No chemicals, no side-effects, small investment, marriage preserving - lifetime benefits. Natural Family Planning - give it a try. For more information, call Linda (814)898-1476 for classes starting Tuesday, August 23rd from 7-0PM in Erie at St. Mark Catholic Center.

Pray For Peace