

The Church of St. Leo the Great

ST. LEO PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"St. Leo the Great Catholic Church is a welcoming parish which is strengthened by the Eucharist, and which keeps Jesus Christ at its center. We are a community of faith characterized by prayerful worship, community involvement, evangelical discipleship, and vibrant stewardship. We are an ever-growing resource for spiritual renewal and Catholic teaching in the Hilton-Parma area. Our parish strives to be financially stable. Our parish collaborates with the Diocese of Rochester and other faith communities to develop dynamic programs that address the needs of the parish and the greater community."

A Stewardship Parish which gathers at 167 Lake Avenue, Hilton, New York 14468

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A Cursillo Ultreya Center
of the Rochester Diocese

Ultreya meets last
Saturday of each month

May 22, 2011

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

The Pastoral Council is made up of members of St. Leo Congregation who present ideas and are a resource for our Pastor for the vibrancy of our Parish. Members must be registered parishioners for at least one year and be supporting members of the parish, participating in parish life and have a commitment to the Church. The deadline for nominations is **today**, Sunday, May 22. Selection will be made on Pentecost Sunday, June 12.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED

The following young people received the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation last Wednesday at Sacred Heart Cathedral:

David Guest, Ben Lissow, Alex Montes, Carlos Rivera, Dominic Salamida, III, Maria Salamida, Richard Scacchetti, Nicole Steltz, Brandon Trouskie, Frank VerWulst.

Congratulations to all. May you always continue your faith journey with the Holy Spirit alive in your heart.

PLAY BALL!!

CYO BASEBALL STARTS

Practice for CYO Baseball teams is starting in June. All youth in Junior or Senior High are invited to play ball this summer. Junior High will play on Thursdays with practices on June 16, 23 and 30. Senior High will have practices on Wednesdays, June 15, 22 and 29. Call Mrs. Pechie at 392-2710 if you have any questions or just plan on attending practices in June.

SCRIP—LOTS OF REASONS TO BUY NOW!

Graduations! Weddings! Bridal/baby showers!
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SECOND TIME TREASURES HAS A GREAT WEEK!

Second Time Treasures had a great week last week as part of the Parma Town-Community Garage Sale. They were open an extra day, Friday, and the sales for the week totaled about \$3,000. The Youth Group had the sale on the lawn and netted approximately \$400. Thanks to all the regulars and "extra stewards" who were such a big help!

Great job, Anna, Marilyn, and all!

FATHER'S DAY SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS

Honor your Father, Grandfather, Husband, Son or friend by remembering them on Father's Day with a Spiritual Bouquet. Envelopes and cards are at all entrances to the Church. If your loved one is living, there is a card to present to them, if deceased complete just the envelope and return via the Collection basket by Sunday, June 12. All requests will be placed on the Altar on Father's Day and all will share in the Spiritual Benefits offered at each Mass. The suggested donation is \$10.

THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO

Daily Masses: Mon.-5:30 PM, Tues.-Thurs.- 8:30 AM
Fri.- Communion Service 8:30 AM, Divine Mercy Chapel
Divine Mercy Chaplet - Monday - Friday - 3:00 PM

MONDAY - May 23

6:15 PM Group Reunion, Room 3

7:15 PM Group Reunion, Room 2

TUESDAY - May 24

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Second Time Treasures

6:30 PM Den 6, Room 3

7:00 PM Knights of Columbus # 9461 Meeting, Room 5

7:30 PM Stewardship, Room 2

WEDNESDAY - May 25

9:00 AM - 8:30 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6:30 PM Girl Scouts #481, Room 3

7:15 PM Festive Choir, Room 1

THURSDAY - May 26

2:00 PM - 8:00 PM St. Leo Resale Shop

6:30 PM Brownies, Room 2

6:30 PM Girl Scouts, #193, Room 2

FRIDAY - May 27

SATURDAY - May 28

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM St. Leo Resale Shop

3:30 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Mass

6:15 PM Ultreya, Room 5

SUNDAY - May 29

8:00 AM Mass

10:30 AM Mass and Children's Liturgy

6:00 PM LifeTeen Mass

7:00 PM Full of Grace, Room 2

7:15 PM Scripture Study, Room 5

MONDAY - May 30 Memorial Day

Office Closed

8:30 AM Veteran's Memorial Service,

Parma Union Cemetery

10:00 AM Memorial Day Parade



From our Youth Minister, Michele Pechie:

Youth Calendar

May 22 Life Teen Mass

TONIGHT! Last Youth Group Gathering

Baseball starts soon!

All Junior and Senior Youth Welcome

Be a Friend! Make a Friend! Bring a Friend to Jesus!



STEWARDSHIP APPRECIATION DINNER

It's that time of the year again when we like to acknowledge and thank all who have helped make our Parish a vibrant community. Without the help of our St. Leo Stewards, our Parish could not exist. Save the date of Saturday, June 11, for the Stewardship Appreciation Party. The party will begin after the 5 PM Mass. Join us for a grazing party and wine tasting. Any adult who has donated their time or talent to St. Leo's is invited. Add your name to the sign-up poster in the Ambulatory. It is always a great evening!

GRADUATING SENIOR DINNER

All graduating Seniors are welcome to join your St. Leo Family for a dinner and Mass in your honor on Sunday, June 5. Dinner will be served at 4:00 PM followed by our Life Teen Mass at 6:00 PM. RSVP to Michele Pechie at 392-2710x6.

ROSARY RESUMES AT MARY'S SHRINE

Recitation of the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet at our Marian Shrine will begin on Tuesday, May 31, at 7:00 PM. Weather permitting, bring a lawn chair and join us on Tuesdays during the summer until October.

ADDITIONAL MOTHER'S DAY SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS

Additional Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquets have been received from Ashley Miller to honor Renee, Miller, Dawne Osborne, Mariah Sietmann, Jamilyn Miller, Pat Jackson, Irene Osborne.

HILTON EAST DRIVER THIS WEEK

Maureen Kuchta is the driver for Sunday, May 29.

Our Sanctuary Candle in Church burns in prayer this week in thanksgiving for the success of our weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Divine Mercy Chapel.

Our Sanctuary Candle in the Divine Mercy Chapel burns in prayer this week that our college graduates find jobs and success in their futures.

From: Your St. Leo Family



IN NEED OF OUR PRAYER

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| Mary Berry | William R. Lenhart |
| Kyle Bishop | Rosemary Maeder |
| Floyd Blodgett | Allison McGrath |
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| Peter Capone | Nicholas |
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| Cynthia Crooks | Marlene Page |
| Mary Ellis | Donna Pfarrer |
| Susan Ewsuck | Gail Phillips |
| Sandra Farrell | Ellen Reitter |
| Bob Flannery | Ellie Reyner |
| Lia and Peter Giangrasso | Marie Roncone |
| Clare Gillis | Betty Ryan |
| Shirley Grant | Josephine Scacchetti |
| Craig Harnischfeger | Debbie Stahl |
| Miriam Harnischfeger | Joanne Steiger |
| Sarah Jones | Maureen Sullivan |
| Walter Horylev | Kay Tilebein |

and all others in need of our prayers.

Stewardship: Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and decay destroy, and thieves break in and steal. But store up treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor decay destroys, nor thieves break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be. (Matthew 12:19-21)

Talent: A special thank you to Anna Summa, her family and all the many stewards including the youth who came forward to help with the Community Garage sale last Friday and Saturday. It was a huge success.

Thanks go also to Patty Gorman, Mary Ann Hubbell, Irene Brimm, Joe and Mary VerWulst who participated in the Confirmation Liturgy at the Cathedral last Wednesday evening. Thanks for sharing your time and talents!

Stewardship...Live It!

Treasure for May 14, and 15, 2011

Parishioner households using envelopes contributed: \$5,802.29
 Visitors & Others contributed: \$273.50
 10 Children using envelopes contributed: \$16.00
 2 Children's good deeds were given to God
 Miscellaneous Additional Funds: \$2,159.37
 2nd Collection for Diocesan Missions: \$1,583.00
 Weekend Attendance: 676

Our Parish Stewardship With Others Outside the Parish

5% of last Sunday's first collection: \$303.78 went to Fr. Beiting and the Appalachian Project.

ST. LEO PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to our St. Leo Parishioners for their accomplishments:

National Honor Society: Monika Reifenstein and Erica Wydra have been elected to the National Honor Society.

Locks of Love: Annie Scheuerlein donated 10 or more inches of her hair to help others suffering from hair loss.

GVASCD Curriculum Award: Dr. Barbara Surash, Director Of Secondary Education & Staff Development received the Genesee Valley Chapter of the Assn. for Supervision and Curriculum Development Award for her work in the Hilton Central School.

DESK AND CHAIR NEEDED

BirthRight, a crisis pregnancy help center which focuses on mothers and babies, has opened an office on Buffalo Road in Gates, and is in need of a desk and chair. If you have a medium sized, professional looking wooden desk in good condition that would be suitable for a reception area that you would be willing to donate, please call Anna at 392-8377. Thank you for your support of this pro-life endeavor!

 "A nation that kills its own children is a nation without hope."
 -Bl. Pope John Paul II
 "The greatest destroyer of peace in the world is abortion."
 -Mother Teresa
 "It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish."
 -Mother Teresa
 "The most important function of government is to protect the lives of its citizens."
 -Thomas Jefferson



Let us remember in prayer all those who have died recently, including
 Sr. Raymond Mary Davis, SSJ, Virginia Nichols,
 David McJury, David Stewart, Robert Webster,
 Rev. John Barrett
 and all our departed relatives and friends.

SUMMER INTENSIVE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Last week we gave some background on the new Summer Intensive Religious Education Program for families. Continuing this week we want to share why this is being offered at St. Leo's and why you may want to participate.

The Summer Intensive Model of Religious Education is one that takes place over one week during the summer for approximately six hours a day. The dates for this year are **August 1-5** and the theme is, "**All in God's Family!**" Why is St. Leo Parish offering this model now? Well, here are some of the reasons:

- Consistent coverage of grade level material with little interruption.
- Avoids the many school-year functions and events that conflict with religious education schedule. Attendance is virtually 100%! This also helps families participate who find it difficult to do during the school year.
- Children attend with more excitement and more focus as they are "looking for something to do" during the summer hours.
- Daily format is longer and affords for more flexibility, thus lending itself to a "VBS feel." Kids LOVE it!
- Concentrated and extended time span provides the possibility of more significant community building and student/teacher relationship.
- Frees up more time during the school year for ADULT education (truly the most critical need in the church today).
- Monthly Family Faith Formation gatherings build up parents and grandparents in their leadership of family faith.

Please call Dominic Salamida at 392-2710 if you have any questions or would like to register. A **Parent Orientation** is scheduled for **Sunday, June 12th from 12:00 to 1:00 PM**. Refreshments will be provided.

CATHOLIC FAMILY CENTER GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Catholic Family Center's 24th Annual Gaffney Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on August 22, at the Locust Hill Country Club with a 12:30 PM shotgun start. The day includes lunch, dinner, cocktails, and a silent auction.

The winning team gets tickets to the 2012 Masters at Augusta National! Cost is \$250.00 for individual golfers; sponsorship packages available. Call 262-7172 for more information or e-mail: cmarshall@cfcrochester.org. Proceeds will benefit Catholic Family Center programs.

JAPAN RELIEF EFFORTS

Through the gifts of thousands of Catholics in our faith communities, we were able to contribute more than \$175,000 as a diocese to help the victims of the recent earthquake and tsunami in Japan. Nationwide, according to latest figures from Catholic Relief Services, nearly \$9.9 million has been raised.

May God bless you always for your generous spirit and your willingness to help others in need.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Monday - Easter Weekday

5:30 PM William Young (wife, Sandy and Family)

Tuesday - Easter Weekday

8:30 AM Fr. Joseph D'Aurizio (Bequest)

Wednesday - St. Bede, the Venerable, priest and doctor of the Church;
St Gregory VII, pope; St Magdalene de'Pazzi, virgin

8:30 AM John Dawes (Family)

Thursday - St. Philip Neri, priest

8:30 AM - David Yurchuk (Deacon Bill Lenhart)

Friday - St. Augustine of Canterbury, bishop

8:30 AM Communion Service

Saturday - Easter Weekday

5:00 PM Fr. Joseph D'Aurizio (Bequest)

Sunday - Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Patricia Eisart (Dick and Marge Ryan)

10:30 AM Sesto Colillo and Isabella Silveri (The Family)

6:00 PM Amber Liese (Betty and Bob Wilhelm)

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Friday : 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Please contact the Parish Office, 392-2710, concerning the needs of the sick, hospitalized or shut-ins. Those unable to attend Mass regularly will have Holy Communion brought to their homes.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: Those who choose to worship regularly with us are invited and welcome to formally join our parish community offering your time, talent and financial support. Please call the Parish Office, 392-2710 to register.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION - On-going education for Pre-School through adults.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

(R.C.I.A.) Our faith community invites anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic or wishes to complete their initiation into the Catholic Church by receiving Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Please contact Deacon Bill Lenhart at 392-2710x3 then 7.

SACRAMENT OF MINISTERIAL PRIESTHOOD (HOLY ORDERS) Interested in serving the People of God? To proclaim the Gospel, preside at Liturgies, see Fr. Joe. If interested in becoming a Deacon, see Fr. Joe or Deacon Bill.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Contact the Parish Office, 392-2710, as soon as you become engaged.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Contact Deacon Bill six months before the anticipated birth date. Parent class required.

WILLS: Please remember St. Leo Church in your will to ensure the future of our Catholic tradition.

SCRIPTURE CORNER

Do you want to spend time in prayer each day? A good way to begin is to read or reread the daily Scripture readings. Prepare for Mass by taking a few moments to read the Scripture readings

Readings for the week of May 22, 2011

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/
Jn 14:15-21



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'One of the greatest gifts that the Holy Spirit can bestow upon us is peace in time of struggle, calm in the midst of trouble, so that in time of desolation we are armed with a strong courage.
St. Caude de La Colombiere

'Our prayer must be humble, fervent, resigned, persevering, and deeply reverent, for we must reflect that we are in the presence of a God and speaking with a Lord before whom the angels tremble out of respect and fear."
St. Mary Magdalene DePazzi

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Thurs. 2 PM-8 PM
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**COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATES**

Please let us know what is happening in your life. We are proud to call you "family" and want to congratulate and wish you continued success. The listing will appear in the

bulletin of July 3.

SALUTE OUR PARISH GRADUATES

PARENTS: Proud of your graduate? We are too and would like to acknowledge their accomplishment (and yours) in the parish bulletin. Please complete the form below and return to the Parish Office via the collection basket or mail. We will publish the names of our high school and college graduates and their accomplishments.

Please print

Student's Name: _____

School Name: _____

Accomplishments/Awards: _____

Future Plans: _____

Use additional paper if needed.

BECKETT HALL GRADUATION

Congratulations to the men who graduate this weekend from Beckett Hall: **Justin Miller, St. Leo Church, Hilton;** Frank Vivacqua, Mother of Sorrows, Greece; Carlos Mario Bencatur, Columbia; Carlos Alberto Builes Gill, Columbia and Dominic Marini, Church of the Assumption, Fairport.

Men living at Becket Hall experience a form of community living, as they complete the necessary requirements for major seminary. During their stay, they engage in supervised apostolic work, participate in the community life of Becket Hall, and may also be enrolled in college courses and/or employed.

The Becket Hall program addresses initial priestly formation in the areas of spiritual, human, academic and pastoral life. The typical length of stay at Becket Hall is one year. During that period, a candidate builds relationship with the Diocese of Rochester while formally discerning God's call for him.

Best wishes as you continue your journey to the Priesthood!



NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Novena begins on the day after the Solemnity of the Ascension, Friday, June 3, and ends on Saturday, June 11, the Vigil of Pentecost.

The Novena in honor of the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the direction of Our Lord Himself when He sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is still the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. Addressed to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, it is a powerful plea for the light and strength and love so sorely needed by every Christian.

Each day the Novena consists of:

Our Father & Hail Mary ONCE, Glory be to the Father, SEVEN Times, Act of Consecration, Prayer for the Seven Gifts

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

To be recited daily during the Novena

On my knees before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses I offer myself, soul and body to You, Eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of Your purity, the unerring keenness of Your justice, and the might of Your love. You are the Strength and Light of my soul. In You I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve You by unfaithfulness to grace and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against You. Mercifully guard my every thought and grant that I may always watch for Your light, and listen to Your voice, and follow Your gracious inspirations. I cling to You and give myself to You and ask You, by Your compassion, to watch over me in my weakness. Holding the pierced Feet of Jesus and looking at His Five Wounds, and trusting in His Precious Blood and adoring His opened Side and stricken Heart, I implore You, Adorable Spirit, Helper of my infirmity, to keep me in Your grace that I may never sin against You. Give me grace O Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and the Son to say to You always and everywhere, "Speak Lord for Your servant heareth." Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

To be recited daily during the Novena

O Lord Jesus Christ Who, before ascending into heaven did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul, the work of Your grace and Your love. Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal, the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth, the Spirit of Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven, the Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation, the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints, the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable, and the Spirit of Fear that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him. Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of Your true disciples and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen.

Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Charity	Joy	Mildness	Patience	Benignity
Goodness	Faith	Peace	Temperance	



Why A Vocations Chalice?

By Fr. Mark Noonan - a Priest at St. Mary's, Holley, NY

Many may wonder why we have a Vocations Chalice.

It is first important to understand that the Church, which is the Mystical Body of Christ, is, by nature, totally and completely united. We share one Lord, one Faith, and one Baptism, as St. Paul tells us. We recognize that every member of the Church is called to build up the whole body of the Church by faithfully living our vocation (to marriage, priesthood, religious life, etc.), and through fervent reception of the Sacraments, daily prayer, and growth in holiness – all done in faith, hope, and charity.

As Catholics, we realize that Christ himself was a priest, who offered the sacrifice of himself for the sake of his body, the Church. He gave to his Church the continual gift of his priestly life by calling certain men to share in his priesthood. Thus, from the very beginning of the Church, certain men have been called to lay down their lives for the sake of the Body of Christ, the Church, by providing for the faithful the Sacraments and guiding the faithful in their relationship with God, i.e. their spiritual life.

In every age the Lord has called men to serve his people in this way. However, at certain times in the Church's history there have not been enough priests. Now we live in one of those times, when the harvest is great, but the laborers are few. The consequences of this have already begun to be felt in our diocese, but the full reality of what lies ahead if we continue to have such few men entering the priesthood is more drastic than most imagine.

The truth is that every priest comes from a family. His life is the fruit of the relationship of a man and a woman, a husband and wife, and he is first formed by their care and goodness. From the goodness of families springs men and women who are willing to give their entire lives to Christ as priests or as religious brothers and sisters.

Amazingly, a key part of the mission of every priest is to care for families. He prepares the young couple for marriage, baptizes their children, co-operates with the parents in instructing the children in the faith, nurtures the faith of the family by giving them Holy Communion, hearing their confessions, teaching them in his homilies, praying for and with them, counseling them when difficulties arise, anointing them when they are ill, and simply being present in their life. The priest thus belongs to each family in his parish. He, following the example of Christ, gives his life to the Father for their sake. His role is to build up family life, one family at a time. And families are called to support and sustain him as well – and if God's will be so, to provide from their own home a priest. The priest is bound to the family, and the family is bound to the priest!

This is the primary way in which the faith has spread over the centuries. So what will we do now, when there is a slow erosion of faith in our society, an indifference to marriage and family life, and a great shortage of priests looming?

We will pray!

The Traveling Vocation Chalice brings the family and the priesthood face to face with one another again, so that they may recognize their mutual dependence. The Chalice gives the host family a chance to pray together again, engendering in the family the practice of daily family prayer, which the children so greatly need. The Chalice gives parents an opportunity to teach their children about the reality that God has a plan for their lives – a calling – and they want to be attentive to it because, above all other possibilities, God's will is the road to authentic happiness. And lastly, the Chalice in the home brings us to our knees, to ask God to give us holy priests who will give us the Sacraments, guide us in the true faith, and help us along to the joys of Heaven.

MAY THE LORD GIVE US HOLY FAMILIES AND HOLY PRIESTS!

The Traveling Chalice Program, to pray for vocations, **has begun here at St. Leo**. Each Saturday/Sunday at Mass, volunteer parishioners will accept the responsibility of praying for vocations at home with their family. Families are asked to take the chalice home and display it in a place of honor, where it can be noticed by all during the week. At a special time each day, perhaps after dinner or before bed, the family will come together to pray for and concentrate on vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life and at the same time, explain and prompt young children and teenagers to consider how God is calling them into a deeper relationship with Him.

Prayers for vocations will accompany the chalice. Add your name to the Traveling Chalice Sign-up Sheet in the Ambulatory or call Sharon at the Parish Office, 392-2710, to schedule a week.

CAT CHAT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

As you heard last week, **CAT CHAT** is back for Vacation Bible School! This year the theme is "A Wilderness Adventure Through the Sacraments: Jesus in My Heart." This special wilderness adventure will explore each of the sacraments at fun wilderness stations. What is a Sacrament? A sacrament is an outward sign (instituted by Christ) that brings a special grace to our souls. What are the sacraments? Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, Reconciliation (Confession), Marriage, Holy Orders and the Anointing of the Sick.

VBS will explore each of these sacraments in a fun-filled way with music, games, crafts, snacks and more. Throughout your

faith life, you will learn that the sacraments are awesome! They are the heart of the life of the Catholic Church and knowledge of the sacraments will help you experience Jesus in your heart.

VBS will be held the week of August 8-12 and is open to all children age 4 through Grade 6. You must be 4 years old by April 1, 2011. Registration forms are available in the Ambulatory or visit dsalamida@dor.org. Registration deadline is Sunday, July 24. If you have questions call Dominic at 392-2710 or e-mail him at the above address.

