



**President: Fr. Tony**

**Saturday, September 27, 2008 5:00pm**      **Sunday, September 28, 2008 9:00am**      **11:30am**

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Joe Deveaux	Kathy Culling	Tim Agosti
Jane Fellman	Shirley Johnsrud	Connie Gatling
Jim Fellman	Barbara O'Lena	Lucy Katzenberger
Charlotte Sponsel	James Query	Cindy Kircher
Bill Sadler	Sharon Shassetz	Jackie Swanson

**Lectors:**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> reading:</b> Carolyn Cannava	<b>1<sup>st</sup> reading:</b> Charley Miller	<b>1<sup>st</sup> reading:</b> Linda Houglum
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> reading:</b> David Nelson	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> reading:</b> Tamara Slone	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> reading:</b> Karl Kircher

**Altar Servers:**

Grey Hansen	Nathan O'Lena	Alex Agosti
	Remy Spring	Robert Johnson

**Mop & Bucket: 9/22 — 9/27, Gene Friendshuh family**  
**Collection Counters: 9/28, Joyce & Paul Fischer**

**COMING SOON:**

**Fourth Annual Halloween Carnival**  
**Place: Redemptorist Center**  
**Date: Friday October 24<sup>th</sup> 5-9pm, Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup>, 1-4pm**

**Octoberfest Activities:**  
**Place: O'Neill Hall**  
**Date: Friday October 24 6-9pm**  
**Bingo for quilts. Join us for BBQ pork sandwich, baked beans, coleslaw, assorted desserts, coffee and hot apple cider**

**Octoberfest Dinner**  
**Date: Saturday October 25 6pm**  
**Silent and Outcry auction 7:30pm**  
**Dinner Tickets available after all Masses...starting October 4**



**Baptismal Class** for parents is scheduled for October 21 at 7pm in the hall. Please call to register: 262-5542.

**Calendar September 22 — September 28, 2008**

**September 22, Monday: Noon Mass**  
 Morning prayer, 7:30am

**September 23, Tuesday: Noon Mass**  
 Morning prayer, 7:30am

**September 24, Wednesday: Noon Mass**  
 Morning prayer, 7:30am

**September 25, Thursday: Noon Mass**  
 Morning prayer, 7:30am  
 Reconciliation: 11—11:45am  
 Eucharistic Adoration starts after noon service

**September 26, Friday: Noon Mass**  
 Morning prayer, 7:30am  
 Eucharistic Adoration continuous from yesterday, ends before noon Mass

**September 27, Saturday: 5pm Mass**  
 Reconciliation, 4:00pm

**September 28, Sunday: 9:00am, 11:30am Masses**

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church**

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Pastoral Team:

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**Fr. Andy Sensenig, OMI**  
**Fr. Joe Dowling, OMI**  
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**Bro. Craig Bonham, OMI, Pastoral Associate**

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**Bulletin for September 21, 2008**

## Letting God Be God

We can waste so much of our lives fighting God. Somehow we think we actually know better than God. This thought comes out in many different ways, but the common way is through dissatisfaction with our lives. We look at our lives, and then we look at the lives of others who seem to have it better than ourselves. We wonder why we have to deal with so many problems, while it looks like other people are free of the worries that bother us so much. Why doesn't God change the way my life is going?

But often all we are looking at is the surface of life. We come to very hasty and shallow conclusions about things. We don't want to do the hard work of thinking more deeply about things. Reflection takes effort and can't be done in a hurry. But reflection and God-awareness leads to wisdom, rather than just to thoughtless judgments.

The simple fact of the matter is: we do not understand the mind and heart of God. *"my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord"*. Of course, the trick is to live with that reality instead of constantly fighting it. That is why the inner spiritual journey is one that we all need to be on. If we live only on the surface, we will always be fighting the apparent inequality of life, always wondering why our life is the way it is, constantly looking at other people's lives, wishing we could have their lives instead of the ones we find so difficult to live.

No doubt about it --- today's Gospel calls us to see things from an entirely different point of view. May God grant us the grace to know and believe in our hearts that God's way is always the best way.

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**Annual Stewardship Drive ...** "The Lord does us the honor of placing his confidence in us and calling us to the ministry, showing us his mercy. This call is not reserved for a few it is for everyone, each in his own state of life." ~*Pope John Paul II*~ Join us after Mass on Sat/Sun Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> and also on Sat/Sun Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. Please take this opportunity to share your time & talent with our Church family & win a prize in the drawings being held after the Stewardship Drive. Find out what ministries are in need of your talents. "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. ~1Peter 4:10~

**The First Teen Night** at St. Theresa's Camp was AWESOME, with more than 60 teens from Soldotna and Kenai attending. A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped plan and carry out this fun-filled and youth-energized event. Thanks to Steve and Mary Mussman for letting us take over your wonderful resort, to JD Uponen and the teen musicians who played and sang at the Youth Mass, to the servers and lectors, to everyone who drove and brought food and chaperoned. We couldn't have done it without everyone's help. The next Teen Night is scheduled for Oct. 5.- The Youth Ministries Planning Team.

**Marriage Information Night** will be offered here on Friday, October 3. The Archdiocese of Anchorage Family Life Ministries will present several opportunities for anyone interested in finding out more about what it means to be married in the Catholic church. Representatives from Engage Encounter, World Wide Marriage Encounter, Natural Family Planning and Retrouvaille, along with Fr. Thomas Brundage, the Archdiocesan Judicial Vicar will be among the presenters at this presentation. Please put this date on your calendar to attend. Further info: **Marlys 262-5542**

**Meetings:** Parent meeting for students in First Reconciliation on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 10am in the Hall.

Stewardship meeting, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 3:30pm in the Hall.

## THE BIBLE TIMELINE

The Great Advent  
A Journey Through the Bible

During this year-long course, we will examine the fourteen narrative books of the Bible in sequence. Discover which 14 books of the Bible tell the story and how the other 59 books fit in. The course entails individual study at home with group discussion together each week and a video lecture. The first session will be on October 5<sup>th</sup> after the 11:30 am Mass. This can be an exciting learning time together. We will have approximately six or seven sessions before the holidays...take some time off and then begin again after the New Year. If you purchase the materials for the TIMELINE, we will charge a fee of \$35.00; couples can certainly share one set of materials. The parish has purchased the video series for this presentation.

If you have any questions, contact JoAnn Biegel at 262-2444.

**A Gift for Your Loved Ones!** A presentation on Funeral Planning ...an opportunity and the tools to prepare that gift for your loved ones. Father Tony and Melany Derit from Hospice will present. This will take place on **Wednesday, September 24 at O'Neill hall at 6:30pm-8pm.** Please check the bulletin board for further details. Everyone is welcome; bring your friends and family.

**Generations of Faith:** Presentation of program at Masses on September 27 & 28; followed up with gathering in hall; registration for all parish families after Masses in the foyer/hall on September 27 & 28, and October 4 & 5. Voting for the best option for Generations of Faith time will be September 27 & 28.

**Star Training,** required by the Archdiocese for safe environment, will be presented on Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup>, O'Neill Hall at 1pm. All parents; those involved in faith formation programs other than a couple of times volunteering in a year; those involved with youth activities and other volunteering for activities with children and vulnerable adults are required to take the approximate 1 hour class which will also review the archdiocesan policy.