

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Catholic Community

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 26, 2009

Served by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

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SUNDAY LITURGY: Saturday 5pm, Sunday 9am and 11:30am, Sunday 5pm, until August 31

WEEKDAY LITURGY: Monday through Friday, 12:05pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday 11:00 – 11:45am
Saturday 4:00 – 4:45pm

Sacrament of Anointing of Sick: Available during the Sunday masses, or as needed.

Sacrament of Baptism: for children – Parents Prep class required. Call Marlys for reservations.
Best done prior to birth.
for adults – Contact the office about RCIA

Sacrament of Marriage: 6 month process (several classes and FOCUS Test and/or Engaged Encounter, or Couple to Couple...contact a priest.

Pastoral Council: meets the 3rd Thursday of each month (usually)

Prayer Chain: pjham@att.net, Pat Hamilton 262-5250

Sexual Abuse Victim Assistance Coordinator: Marlys Verba

Please Note: Submissions/articles for the weekly bulletin via email must be in by Thursdays at noon to Marlys: marlys.verba@gmail.com and you may send a copy to: csponsel@acsalaska.net

Facts about Hunger

More than 840 million people in the world are malnourished – 799 million of them live in the developing world.

More than 153 million of the world's malnourished people are children under the age of 5.

Six million children under the age of 5 die every year as a result of hunger.

Malnutrition can severely affect a child's intellectual development. Malnourished children often have stunted growth and score significantly lower on math and language achievement tests than do well-nourished children.

Lack of dietary diversity and essential minerals and vitamins also contributes to increased child and adult mortality. Vitamin A deficiency impairs the immune system, increasing the annual death toll from measles and other diseases by an estimated 1.3 million-2.5 million children.

While every country in the world has the potential of growing enough food to feed itself, 54 nations currently do not produce enough food to feed their populations, nor can they afford to import the necessary commodities to make up the gap. Most of these countries are in sub-Saharan Africa.

Most of the widespread hunger in a world of plenty results from grinding, deeply rooted poverty. In any given year, however, between 5 and 10 percent of the total can be traced to specific events: droughts or floods, armed conflict, political, social and economic disruptions.

(<http://www.care.org/campaigns/world-hunger/facts.asp>)

Things We Can Do

Click to give (www.thehungersite.com)

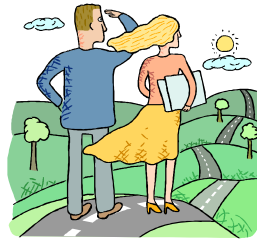
Another internet site (<http://www.freerice.com/index.php>)

Support the work of a reputable charitable organization such as Catholic Relief Services

Ask our legislators to support the Roadmap to End Global Hunger and Promote Food

Security Act of 2009 (H.R. 2817)

Support our local food bank



A LOOK AHEAD:

Vocalists are needed for 5pm evening Sunday Mass; please come at 4pm for practice before Mass or call Mark or Marnya Conway—262-2200 for more info. Thank you.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT Aug. 14-17, pre retreat hike Aug. 11-14: The Community of St. John is coming to Alaska to put on a retreat for young adults (18-40). The retreat entitled “EAGLE EYE ALASKA” strives to bring each of its participants to experience the cry of thirst of Christ as intensely as possible by helping them delve as deeply as possible into the mystery of a Christian Charity lived out as a “sincere gift of themselves” (cf. Lumen Gentium 22) in prayer, study, fraternal charity and apostolic service. The pre-retreat hike will be Crow Creek Pass to Girdwood. **For more information, email Rachel Finley raesure83@yahoo.com**

Junior/Senior High Teen Service Project at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Teens are invited to help us establish a Stations of the Cross path through the parish property north and west of the Church. Meet at OLPH Church on Saturday, August 1st, for the work project from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Bring gloves and insect repellent. You may be called later to bring a specific tool. Lunch and fun activities will follow the service project. Please bring \$5 to offset the cost of lunch. For more information contact either Remy Spring 262-8478 or Kevin Woodvine 262-3522.

SCRIP NEWS.....Great news for those who would like to send something as a gift but don't know what. How about a VISA REWARDS CARD. This card comes in \$25, \$50, and \$100 denominations and can be used anywhere that accepts VISA. Great way to give a gift or send money so they can buy what they need or want. These and other cards are available at the SCRIP table after every mass.

*****Are you driving around the state this summer or have visitors here exploring?
 *****If so then SCRIP has the gas cards for you. A great way to support the church and our building fund and pay for your gas all at the same time. Tesoro, Holiday, Safeway, Fred Meyer all have cards to use at gas pumps around the state available at the SCRIP table after mass. Stop by and look what else would work for you.

Calendar for July 27, 2009 – August 2, 2009, with Daily Readings

July 27, Monday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	July 28, Tuesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	July 29, Wednesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	July 30, Thursday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration starts after noon service Men's Group Breakfast 6:30am	July 31, Friday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration ends before noon service	August 1, Saturday: 5pm Mass Reconciliation 4:00pm	August 2, Sunday: 9:00am, 11:30am and 5:00pm Masses
Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34 Psalm 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 Matthew 13:31- 35	Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 Psalm 103:6-7, 8- 9, 10-11, 12-13 Matthew 13:36- 43	Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99:5, 6, 7, 9 John 11:19-27	Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38 Psalm 84:3, 4, 5- 6a & 8a, 11 Matthew 13:47- 53	Leviticus 23:1, 4- 11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 Psalm 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab Matthew 13:54- 58	Leviticus 25:1, 8- 17 Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 Matthew 14:1-12	Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 (113B) Psalm 78:3-4, 23- 24, 25, 54 Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 John 6:24-35

Saturday August 1, 2009, 5:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Bonk, John Bonk, Margaret Johnson, Bill Sadler, Barbara Dilley

Lectors: 1st Reading; Dave Nelson; **2nd Reading:** Jackie Swanson

Altar Server: Grey Hansen

Sunday, August 2, 2009, 9:00am

Eucharistic Ministers: Meg Zerbinos, Alex Zerbinos, Sonja Foutty, Shirley Johnsrud, Ruthann Truesdell

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Pat Cowan; **2nd reading:** Barb O'Lena

Altar Server: Nathan O'Lena

Sunday, August 2, 2009, 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Walker, Karen Evans, Marguerite McIntosh, Anna Laroche, Tim Agosti

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Charles Miller; **2nd reading:** Kathy Walker

Altar Server: Edward Johnson

Mop & Bucket 7/27 — 8/1: David Nelson Family **Collection Counters: 8/2:** Pat & Myrna Cowan

Is Medjugorje calling you?

Medjugorje (“between the hills”) has become well known in Bosnia-Herzegovina, and the world, because of six young people who claim to have seen visions of the Madonna. Beginning on June 24, 1981, the Blessed Mother appeared to, and later told the visionaries God set her to our world to help us convert our hearts and lives back to Him. Our Lady’s call is one of Peace, Love, Faith, Conversion, Prayer, and Fasting. We are each challenged to answer Our Lady’s call to change our lives, and hearts back to God.

The visionaries in Medjugorje tell us that no one goes to Medjugorje by accident. We are called individually by Our Lady. What an awesome thought! If you feel called to go to Medjugorje then answer Our Lady’s invitation! Traveling to Medjugorje is truly a life changing experience!

For information on joining our pilgrimage to Medjugorje, please call or email for more information. Ed Harper, Phone 567-4487, email: erhjn@alaska.net

Date of pilgrimage: November 5 to November 13, 2009. Confirmation needs to be done soon, space is limited!

As we continue to support the Year of the Priest, we would like to encourage all to pray for their chosen priest or priests by joining in a monthly intention. This month we suggest the virtue of humility. Pope Benedict chose the Cure of Ars as the model for priest and spoke of this saint's great virtue of humility. Please join us in this month's intention to pray for the virtue of humility in our priests and Archbishop. **Questions please call Joann Biegel at 262-2444.**

