

THE FAR SIDE OF FR. DARYL

Have you joined a fantasy sports league? I was invited to join a fantasy football league a few years ago. When I first joined, I really didn't know much about them. Nor did I really know what I was getting into. Once you joined a league, you would then build your team with individual players from the NFL through a draft. Each week you are matched up against another team in the league and based on how your players do in the real games, you score points for your team. And the highest score wins the fantasy game.

Over the last decade, fantasy sports leagues have been more and more a part of mainstream society. So much so that there are now books and magazines available to guide you in building your team to help you win the league. I gave in this year and purchased the Sports Illustrated version. We will have to wait and see if it actually helps me. As with so many other things in our lives there are the casual participants and the very involved participants. I would consider my level of involvement somewhere in the middle of the road.

What I enjoy about the fantasy games is that it provides a different way to follow the games each week. I have my favorite teams that I follow, but I also follow the individual players on my fantasy team. I want them to score points so I can win my game. With all of this, it will always remain what the name implies, a fantasy. I will never be part of an actual NFL team and never win a Super Bowl myself. But these leagues do provide a sense of winning the league title. While it will never be the real thing, it does give the participant an opportunity to at least feel like they are a part of the real thing.

Our life in Christ must be real for each one of us as we seek to win the crown of everlasting life. We are all invited to participate in the ministry of spreading the Gospel to the ends of the earth. To be a follower of Christ means to actually get into the game. We do not merely stand on the sidelines and cheer for others, we are called to be the participants.

In our work toward salvation, we have the lives of the Saints to follow and to imitate. So why not build your team of Saints to guide you in your life of faith. We can begin by choosing saints who exemplified the virtues that we struggle with. Put together a lineup and seek their intercession each day. My team begins with St. John Vianney, patron saint of priests. Having such a team will lead one to a deeper relationship with Christ and a life of greater holiness. You can find a complete list of patron saints at www.catholic.org.

News & Notes

DO YOU ENJOY COOKING

Our SFA priests are in need of someone to cook a meal on Tuesday (dinner), and Thursday (lunch) (on a regular basis). Meals can be prepared and left for them to eat later in the day. If you are interested, please call the church office.

SIGN UP FOR SCOUTING

St. Francis of Assisi Cub Scout Pack 762 will be having a "Sign Up for Scouting" Night this *Tuesday, August 31* at 7:00 pm in SFA's Stewardship Hall. If you have a son who is in 1st thru 5th grade, who would enjoy activities such as games, camping, fishing, learning about your faith, going on field trips, racing pinewood derby cars, cooking pancakes, and generally just having a whole lot of fun, please mark your calendars and attend this informational meeting. Applications will be available at this meeting. For additional information please call Kathy or Bill at 729-0025.

PSR MANDATORY PARENTS MEETING

Mark your calendar for the PSR Mandatory Parents Meeting this *Wednesday, September 1* at 7:00 pm in Cana Hall. PSR classes will begin Wednesday, September 8.

ANNIVERSARY MASS

All couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries during the month of September are invited to the Anniversary Mass, next *Sunday, September 5* at 8:30 am. Please sit in the front section of the Church. Coffee and donuts will be served in St. Bonaventure Center following Mass.

LEGION OF MARY CELEBRATING THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY'S BIRTHDAY

Mary's Birthday will be celebrated on *Wednesday, September 8* after the 8:00 am Mass in St. Clare Hall. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

LIVING AS A BELOVED DAUGHTER OF GOD

Is the title of our Tuesday morning Bible Study. This devotional study of scripture and catechism references begins *Tuesday, September 21*. If you are interested, please call Jean Golway at 729-6559 to sign up or for more information. Deadline is Tuesday, September 7.

CALLING ALL PIANO PLAYERS

We are asking musical parishioners to come play during lunch in the school cafeteria. You may play for blocks of time from 30 minutes to 2 hours. Please call Mrs. Bird at 722-5171 if you are interested. Thank you.

Monday, August 30—Legion of Mary will meet in St. Bonaventure Center after the 8:00 am Mass.

Exercise class from 8:35-9:35 am in Assisi Hall.

Exercise class from 4:35-5:35 pm in Assisi Hall.

Tuesday, August 31—The Immaculate Heart of Mary Rosary Group prays the rosary each Tuesday at 7:30 pm in the Church. All are welcome. This week's petition is "St. Joseph, through your intercession, help fathers lead their families to heaven."

Wednesday, September 1—St. Francis 10:00 Choir will rehearse at 7:15 pm in Clare Hall Music Room. Everyone, high school age and up, is invited to sing with us.

St. Francis Men's Ensemble will rehearse at 8:30 pm in Clare Hall Music Room. All men of the parish are welcome.

Thursday, September 2—Exercise class from 8:35-9:35 am in Assisi Hall.

Men's Club will meet at 7:00 pm in St. Clare Hall. All men of the parish are invited.

Saturday, September 4—The Rosary will be prayed after the 8:00 am Mass in the church. All are invited.

Monday, September 6—Society of St. Vincent de Paul will meet at 7:00 pm in the St. Agnes of Assisi Ministry House basement.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Our bi-monthly meeting will be on *Saturday, September 11* at 9:00 am in St. Bonaventure Center. The meeting will include a training session for those who work on this ministry. If you are unable to attend please call either Vi Schuckman at 722-4559 or Marilyn Bundy at 722-5424. We look forward to seeing you there.

FOOD HANDLER'S CLASS

Will be offered at Pine Valley Christian Church, 5620 E. 21st on *Saturday, September 11* at 9:30 am.

DILLONS SALES SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 4

5:00 pm Lola Hopkins 7:00 pm S. & F. Gorges

Sunday, September 5

7:00 am Christine Eberle 8:30 am Kim Cotton
10:00 am T. & R. Wondra 11:30 am R. & R. Stuhlsatz
1:00 pm Sharon Cerre

Saturday, September 11

5:00 pm W. & S. Kenton 7:00 pm Marjorie Owen

Sunday, September 12

7:00 am Mary Escareno 8:30 am Janice Hayes
10:00 am A. & M. Zarchan 11:30 am Melanie Ternes
1:00 pm Jerrie Chavez

STEWARDSHIP: THE GRATEFUL RESPONSE OF A CHRISTIAN DISCIPLE

As followers of Jesus we strive to imitate His humility. Today's first reading from Sirach reminds us to be humble. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks to the Pharisees about the admonition from Sirach. His lesson of humbling oneself in order to be exalted is contrary to the message of self promotion exhibited in today's society and culture. The second reading helps us realize that we should not be afraid to approach the living God. With humble hearts we seek God and his kingdom. May we learn from Christ to call God our Father.

ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

Families and individuals whose last names begin with **C—E** are asked to pray the rosary this week at home, at church, or in the adoration chapel for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

LOOKING FOR OLD BCCHS T-SHIRTS

Old BCCHS t-shirts are wanted to make a quilt for Fun Night. A box is located on the ledge outside of the church office. All donations are greatly appreciated.

DILLON'S CERTIFICATES

If you are a Dillon's shopper, you are encouraged to buy certificates at the church after weekend Masses. Proceeds are divided between parish charities and Guadalupe Clinic.

Sales Last Week.....
Profit from Certificates for Charity

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

DTS (DEAD THEOLOGIAN SOCIETY)

DTS will meet this *Sunday, August 29* at 7:00 pm in Assisi Hall. All teens welcome.

CYO NEWS—CYO MEETS FROM 8:00-9:30 PM EVERY WEDNESDAY.

*Wednesday, September 1—St. Michael the Archangel prayer Service and Activity.

*Wednesday, September 8—Minute to Win It Contest and Prizes.

*Sunday, September 12—Region IV Rally at Blessed Sacrament, 11:00 am—5:00 pm. \$5 per person.

*Wednesday, September 15—Adoration, Confessions, and Benediction.

*Wednesday, September 22—Movie Night.

*Wednesday, September 29—Seminarian Care Packages.

CONFIRMATION HOURS AVAILABLE

1) Teens are needed for babysitting at the Church on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm for 8 weeks beginning September 9. Please call Sue at 721-0354 for more information.

2) The RCIA program is looking for high school students to help with the program on Wednesday evenings. If you are interested in signing up to help several Wednesdays please call Toni at 258-7557 to get on the schedule.

ATTENTION ALL 8TH GRADE PARENTS

Please mark your calendar for the Project Freedom Retreat. This year it will be held on Friday and Saturday, November 19 and 20. More information to come.

SFA SCHOOL WEEKLY PARENT ROSARY

All SFA parents are invited to join us in praying the rosary every Monday at 3:10 pm in the front walkway (between Church and School). Intentions are for all those associated with SFA School. Young children are welcome.

SFA SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St Francis of Assisi School is in need of volunteers to spend one or more days a month scraping trays and/or monitoring in the lunchroom. Lunch is provided. If you are able to help, please call Jessica at 722-5171. Your help would be appreciated!

SFA EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION PICTURES AND DVD'S ARE IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE. PLEASE PICK THEM UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**THANK YOU FROM GUADALUPE CLINIC**

The 2010 Guadalupe Clinic/Wingnut Baseball Benefit was a wonderful success. The Stewardship of your parish is helping Guadalupe Clinic provide access to medical care for those in need during these struggling times. On behalf of the patients we serve, thank you and God Bless You All.

The Staff & Board of Guadalupe Clinic, Inc.

SQUARE DANCE LESSONS

Beginning *Tuesday, September 28* from 7:00-9:00 pm in St. Clare Basement. First two lessons are free, \$40 per couple, \$20 for single after that. There will be a family rate. For more information please call Lou and Stella Saville 722-7834 or Bill and Rose Wasinger 722-2689.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH (GOF)

Calling all SFA Parishioners from 5-105, free family friendly fun and entertainment including a meal to enjoy. You are invited to attend GOF. The theme will be St. Joseph, the Mystery of the Head of the Holy Family. This is a multi-generational faith learning and sharing experience beginning with a meal and then an age appropriate teaching about the faith topic. Our next GOF will be *Sunday, October 3* from 5:00—7:30 pm. If you have come before, please encourage someone new to come with you. We will have registration after all masses the weekends of September 11 & 12 and 18 & 19.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

In a time of war there are those who are called to serve. Please pray for the safety of our parishioners who are in harm's way:

Sgt. Jonathon Blank, US Marines
 Sgt. Phillip Bush, US Army, Medic
 SFC Matthew J. Connelly, US Army
 Sgt. Dan Cruz, US Army
 SSGT Rudy Draper, KS Natl. Guard
 Richard Mayer, US Army
 Jimmy Mitchell, USMC
 Stephanie Niemeyer, US Army
 Sgt. Wesley Poell, Army Natl. Guard
 Spec. Salvador Renteria, US Army Natl. Guard
 Spec. Andrew Scott Roberts, US Army
 PFC Matthew S. Robertson, US Army
 Maj. Christopher Shaner, US Army
 CMSgt. Kurt Smith, USAF
 Spec. Jordan Sroufe, US Army
 Captain Brian J. Vogel, US Marines

Bless them and keep them Lord, as only you can give peace to a troubled world. If your family member's name is not listed here and they are still deployed in either Afghanistan or Iraq, please contact Sally Knolla at 721-1276.

TAKE MY HAND CANCER SUPPORT

Take My Hand Cancer Support Group is open to cancer patients, survivors, caregivers, family and the public. Our next meeting will be *Thursday, September 2* from 7:00-8:30 pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Library. Our speaker will be Dr. Hannah Razak, Pathologist from Heartland Research Center. For more information please call Joan Zerr at 722-7044 or Jackie Swift at 721-0963.

C.B.S. SACRED SCRIPTURE STUDIES

Catholic Biblical Studies (C.B.S.) will be offering an in depth Scripture study of the Psalms at SEAS and St. Francis, with an additional offering on Spiritual Warfare at St. Francis. Classes will start the second week of September (Monday, the 13th) until the beginning of Holy Week (18th of April), with time off at Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year.

Classes at SEAS on the Psalms: Study of the Psalms will be offered at SEAS, Bishop Gilmore classroom starting Monday, September 13. Classes will be offered with a morning session, 9:00-11:00 am, and a repeat session in the evening, 7:00-9:00 pm. No cost. Bible used will be the New American Bible (NAB).

Classes at St. Francis: Two studies will be held in St. Bonaventure Center on: Tuesday evening (7:00-9:00 pm), starting on September 14 for the in-depth study of the Psalms. Friday Brown Bag Scripture Study on Spiritual Warfare will begin Friday, September 17, from 11:45 am to 1:00 pm.

NOTE: Because of the economic situation there will be no fees, the cost will be absorbed by C.B.S. If anyone would like to make a love donation it will be graciously accepted. The following books will be provided for the students attending the classes: The Collegeville Bible Commentary books No. 22 and 23 by Richard J. Clifford, S. J. The St. Joseph Catholic Edition: The PSALMS John LaBriola's, ONWARD CATHOLIC SOLDIER, Spiritual Warfare According to Scripture, the Church and the Saints. It would be helpful if students taking the above studies pre-register for ordering the above books.

ADVERTISE ON THE BULLETIN

During the week of September 7th Jon Becker, our parish representative from Liturgical Publications, Inc, will be working on our bulletin, contacting advertisers for the back page. Please consider advertising in the bulletin since the revenue from the ads is what makes the bulletin possible at no cost to the parish. Advertisements can be purchased for a business, family, or a sponsor ad can be purchased supporting community service organizations like emergency pregnancy counseling or the battered women's shelter, etc. We need and appreciate your help! If you are interested, please call Jon Becker 800-950-9952 Ext. 2536. or email him anytime at jbecker@4LPi.com.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 30

- 8:00 am Judy Williams
- 5:30 pm Liv. & Dec. Members of Ted Ridder Family

Tuesday, August 31

- 8:00 am Eleanor Busch
- 5:30 pm Nick Orth, Sr.

Wednesday, September 1

- 8:00 am Arthur Busch
Alexine Bennett
- 5:30 pm Agnes & Vincent Baalman

Thursday, September 2

- 8:00 am Helen Cook
Fr. John L. Dinan
- 5:30 pm Joe & Joan Heeb

Friday, September 3

- 8:00 am For Vocations
David Roby
- 5:30 pm Terry Rhodes

Saturday, September 4

- 8:00 am For Priests
- 5:00 pm Becky Kassner
- 7:00 pm Georgia Peter

Sunday, September 5

- 7:00 am James Linnebur
- 8:30 am For the People
- 10:00 am Kevin Hesse
- 11:30 am Tom Mainzer
- 1:00 pm Spec. Int. (Fr. Curtis Robertson)

SERVERS

WEEKDAY LECTORS

Monday, August 30

- 8:00 am I. Hernandez/L. Schoenberger/L. Pfeifer
- 5:30 pm E. Hiser/M. Allen Jerry Schnieders

Tuesday, August 31

- 8:00 am A. Gunther/A. Skaggs/N. Cerre
- 5:30 pm A. Nguyen/K. Nguyen Dan Schoenberger

Wednesday, September 1

- 8:00 am B. Chavez/C. Nguyen/M. Carr
- 5:30 pm M. Lallement/S. Seiler Herb Shaner

Thursday, September 2

- 8:00 am A. Scott/G. Tholstrup/J. Hornback
- 5:30 pm L. Tran/S. Kotrba Linda Shinogle

Friday, September 3

- 8:00 am B. McGee/C. Allen/C. Woodard
- 5:30 pm D. Simon/J. Streeter Judy Stengel

Saturday, September 4

- 8:00 am A. Weber/M. Vasquez/NEED VOLUNTEER
- 5:00 pm D. Petersen/J. Frangenberg/B. McGee
- 7:00 pm C. Hageman/H. Charles/R. Kerr

Sunday, September 5

- 7:00 am D. Hayes/D. Martin/D. Sommerhauser
- 8:30 am B. Bogner/C. Carlino/M. Bogner
- 10:00 am A. Morgan/E. Skaggs/R. Dick
- 11:30 am A. Dorn/A. Nguyen/J. Logan
- 1:00 pm H. Lyle/T. Sueper/W. Lies

ELIJAH CUP

Please check in with Priest before Mass. To sign up please call the Church Office at 722-4404.



- Sunday, September 5—7:00 am** David & Jacquelyn Hamilton
- Sunday, September 12—10:00 am** Robert & Barbara Petersen

MUSIC SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 4—5:00 pm Patti Monckton/Marilyn Hein
7:00 pm Ann Chase/Dorsey Burgess
Sunday, September 5—8:30 am M. McCormick/L. Stead
10:00 am Julie Riedlinger/Traditional Choir
11:30 am Matthew Schippers/Boys' Ensemble
1:00 pm Peggy Schneider/Caitlin Marrero

EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**Saturday, September 4**

5:00 pm Jean & Bill Heimann/Judy Jemison
Judy & Randy Phelps
7:00 pm Jill & Roger Kerschen/Sue Gunther
Leann & Steve Cless

Sunday, September 5

7:00 am Martha & Larry Dostert/Linda Mainzer
Michele Kostelecky/Bret Lynxwiler
8:30 am Mika & Klay Gross/Joseph Hein
Paula & Mike Harms
10:00 am Sandy & Jeff Ranney/Deloris Wendling
Sharon Sanders/Tina Noel
11:30 am Dianne & Dave Carter/Cindy Goodwin
Marcia & Jim McAnarney
1:00 pm Sharon & Jeff Cerre/Steve Gonzales
Rene & Lynn Feldkamp

LECTOR / COMMENTATOR**Saturday, September 4**

5:00 pm Darrell Tasker/Jerry Schneiders
7:00 pm Johanna Forshee/Juli McClure

Sunday, September 5

7:00 am Greg Peter/Jeff Cerre
8:30 am Helen Cole/Joan Hampton
10:00 am Renee Hein/Renee' Means
11:30 am Youth/Youth
1:00 pm Sondra Garvey/Ron Fry

Saturday, September 11

5:00 pm Patricia Demel/Mary Shearn
7:00 pm Danny Burt/Suzanne Buchanan

Sunday, September 12

7:00 am Patti Bluml/Curtis Dorn
8:30 am Winston Kenton/John Offerman
10:00 am Cynthia Powers/Dan Schoenberger
11:30 am Steve Hermann/Marcia McAnarney
1:00 pm Brenda Keeler/Laura Bevis

OFFERTORY GIFTS**Saturday, September 4**

5:00 pm Randy & Heather Gregg
7:00 pm Tim & Linda Fox

Sunday, September 5

8:30 am Anniversary Couple
10:00 am Youth Group
11:30 am Peggy Freeman
1:00 pm Ray & Kim Frangenberg

Saturday, September 11

5:00 pm Joseph & Jean Dukich
7:00 pm Jennifer Godfrey

Sunday, September 12

8:30 am Mario & Susan Goico
10:00 am Lynn & Rene Feldkamp
11:30 am Terry & Mary Fritz
1:00 pm Anthony & Wilfreda Goebel

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: After weekend Masses by appointment only. Parents need to attend one baptismal class before their child's Baptism. Classes are offered the second Sunday of each month.

Confessions: Before weekday evening Masses 5:00-5:25 pm and Saturday 3:00-4:00 pm.

Matrimony: Call the priest at the Rectory at least 6 months in advance.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Donna: (8:00 am-6:00 pm)

Kevin or Karen: (6:00-10:00 pm)

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA LIBRARY

Hours: Friday 8:30-9:30 am & Sunday 9:30 am-1:00 pm.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Call 706-7185 between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm.

UNPLANNED PREGNANCY?

Phone 1-800-848-LOVE

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Those interested in attending NFP classes may contact the diocesan office at 316-685-6776. Website: www.nfpwichita.org.

PROJECT RACHEL

If you or a friend is hurting from an abortion, please call 316-634-1300 today.

LOST AND FOUND

Please check Lost and Found in front walkway. Items will only be kept for two weeks before donating to Good Will.

CHANGES

Please keep the Church Office informed of changes in names, addresses, phone numbers, etc. By letting us know you have moved, we can save money on postage returns and keep our membership roster up to date.

BULLETIN NOTICES

Must be submitted to church office no later than 9:00 am Tuesday.