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WITNESS & WORSHIP

BELCZAK'S BULLETIN

BLOOD DRIVE - TODAY AUGUST 4, 2013

People throughout Southeastern Michigan are counting on us! The list of those who need blood is all-inclusive: children who suffer from sickle cell anemia or leukemia; adults with cancer; patients receiving organ transplants; newborns in neonatal intensive care units; auto accident victims. You and I can help to save lives when we volunteer to donate blood today.

The American Red Cross workers will be available to accept your blood donation in the Social Hall – SUNDAY, August 4 from 7:30AM to 1:15PM. Give the gift of Life: GIVE BLOOD! Please use the signup sheet located on the round table in the Gathering Space to make your blood donor appointment.

A Blood Donor is good for life! Give the gift of life. GIVE BLOOD TODAY!



Unexpectedly, a question comes to Jesus concerning inheritance. Jesus responds by launching in to a discussion of the dangers of wealth. The story of the rich man strikes close to home for many of us. The man being blessed by God with a great abundance of crops and decides to devote his energies to enjoying his wealth; he assumes that he will have many years in which to concentrate on the other aspects of his life. However, his plans are interrupted when God announces that he will die, and he will no longer be able to enjoy his wealth.

Inheritance laws are clearly not the real question here; the concern is not whether one should provide for one's children after death. Instead, Jesus deals with something more fundamental: the desire to possess. What good do possessions do for one who is dead? The answer is obvious: NOTHING! The rich man does not get the chance to build his larger barns and store his grain. It is the very thought of making his wealth his highest priority that results in his downfall. Jesus' criticism is of greed, the desire to have, to possess, and to obtain.

For many of us, this desire can be consuming. We live in a society in which living simply is seen as simply being odd. We compete to have the latest and best clothing, houses, cars, and even food; sometimes we even compete to be the most generous! Whether or not we ever obtain what our neighbors have, the very desire to have it can eat away at us. It can prevent us from being satisfied with what we have, from recognizing how richly we are blessed; it can make us grasping and stingy, preventing us from seeing the real needs of others. As today's second reading from Colossians also makes clear, it can prevent us from truly placing God first in our lives. Greed is a form of idolatry.

This is what the rich man in the parable did. He idolized what he had and lost sight of what he could be. How often to you and I fail to recognize the blessings that God bestows – and try to keep all the blessings for ourselves?

Today's gospel does give us an opportunity to plan for our future. I hope that you have begun to think about issues of "advance medical directives" and having a "patient advocate" in the event that illness or injury prevents you from making your intentions known. One of the best gifts my parents gave to my brother and I was their willingness to plan for their future. It is never easy to think about sickness, medical care options and finances when you are in good health mentally and physically. However, to wait until something happens is TOO LATE! My parents were products of the great depression and they always wanted my brother and I to benefit financially at the time of their death.

However, God had a better plan. They both died as Medicaid Patients. Their meager financial resources were used not to give my brother and I an inheritance, but to give them a quality of living and health care when they were no longer able to care for themselves. My brother and I knew their intentions for medical care, and when the time came for decisions about their care, the "advanced medical directives" which they had set in place were easy to fulfill. Instead of leaving us with "money" they gave my brother and I a far better inheritance:

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peace of mind and a love for each other. We did not have to worry about possessions, property, or wealth. We did not have to argue or “second-guess” what they would want the medical profession to do. We even pre-arranged and paid for their funeral expenses with their money. We were able to provide quality “nursing care” (for dad) and “assisted living” (for mom). My brother and I received the legal permission to act their behalf, and we in turn gave each other the legal permission to act on their behalf if one of us were not available.

What mom and dad did for us was better than leaving us money. We could provide for them in accordance with their wishes, and we now enjoy the best inheritance: we have each other and we love each other. For my brother and I there was no anger, no disappointment, no hard feelings, nothing to “fight about.” By planning ahead my mom and dad treated us in death the way they treated us in life – as equals, the most precious gift God had given to them.

Our inheritance from our parents was not financial but it is worth more than silver or gold. Here are some of the gifts we received; I hope that you can share them with your children and those you love:

The gift of listening: you must really listen. No interrupting, no daydreaming, no planning your response. Just listen.

The gift of affection: be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, and a pat on the back. Let these small actions demonstrate the love you have for family and friends.

The gift of laughter: share funny stories. Learn to laugh at yourself and find humor in everyday experiences. Clips cartoons and share funny experiences with those you love. Your gift will say, “I love to laugh with you.”

The gift of a written note: it can be a simple “thanks for the help” note or a full sonnet. A brief, handwritten note can be saved and reread for a lifetime, and may even change a life.

The gift of a compliment: a simple and sincere “you look great in red,” or “you did a super job” or “that was a wonderful meal” can make someone’s day.

The gift of a favor: everyday, go out of your way to do something kind for someone else.

The gift of solitude: there are times when we want nothing better than to be left alone. Be sensitive to those times and give the gift of solitude to others.

The gift of a cheerful disposition: the easiest way to feel good is to make others feel good.

The gift of prayer: never be afraid to show your children that you have faith and encourage your children to pray with you in your home and to pray with the community each weekend.

Observations worth pondering:

1. *Only in America, can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.*
2. *Only in America, are there handicap-parking places in front of a skating rink.*
3. *Only in America, do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.*
4. *Only in America, do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries and a diet coke.*
5. *Only in America, do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.*
6. *Only in America, do we leave automobiles that are worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.*
7. *Only in America, do we use answering machines to screen calls and then have call waiting so we won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place.*
8. *Only in America, do we buy hotdogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.*
9. *Only in America, do we use the word “politics” to describe the process so well: “poli” in Latin meaning “many” and “tics” meaning “bloodsucking creatures”.*
10. *Only in America, do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.*

Enjoy the summer!

Fr. Tom Belczak

† This Week in our Parish

Sunday	August 4, 2013
7:30 AM	First Sunday Food Drive
7:30 AM	Blood Drive
2:00 PM	Sunday Afternoon MS Support
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous
8:00 PM	Al-Anon
Monday	August 5, 2013
10:00 AM	Senior Exercise
6:30 PM	Soup Kitchen Prep
7:00 PM	Tom's Travelers
7:30 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous (Men Only)
Tuesday	August 6, 2013
9:45 AM	Adoration
10:00 AM	Summer Art Class
10:00 AM	Senior Weaving
Wednesday	August 7, 2013
10:00 AM	Senior Exercise
7:00 PM	Robotics Meeting
Thursday	August 8, 2013
9:30 AM	Prayer Blanket Ministry
10:00 AM	Watercolor Class
6:45 PM	Toastmasters-Westside Professionals
Friday	August 9, 2013
	No Meetings
Saturday	August 10, 2013
10:00 AM	Self Management and Recovery Training
Sunday	August 11, 2013
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous
8:00 PM	Al-Anon

Scripture Readings

Week of August 4

Sunday	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23; Psalm 90; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21
Monday	The Dedication of Basilica of Saint Mary Numbers 11:4b-15; Psalm 81; Mathewt 14:13-21
Tuesday	The Transfiguration of the Lord Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 97; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Luke 9:28b-36
Wednesday	Saint Sixtus II Numbers 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Psalm 106; Matthew 15:21-28
Thursday	Saint Dominic Numbers 20:1-13; Psalm 95; Matthew 16:13-23
Friday	Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Deuteronomy 4:32-40; Psalm 77; Matthew 16:24-28
Saturday	Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; Psalm 112; John 12:24-26
Sunday	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Wisdom 18:6-9; Psalm 33; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

GO MAKE DISCIPLES

Each of us baptized, confirmed and eucharisted Catholic Christians has been commissioned to share the Good News with others. We do this in many different ways, according to our gifts and circumstances, and most often through the way we live out the Gospel values. We were anointed (empowered) in Baptism and Confirmation to do just that: take on the same mission as Jesus, and preach the Good News of the Kingdom.

Each year as the RCIA process begins, we invite adults who are discerning whether God is calling them to membership, adults who wish to complete their initiation through Confirmation, adults who want to have updating in the faith, to join in the process of learning and praying and practicing the way of Jesus. But we need women and men to accompany these adults. The role of the sponsor is vital to the process. The sponsor serves as friend and companion for the journey. The sponsor actively participates in sharing the Good News. Being a sponsor in the RCIA process is a very valid way to live out the commitment we made in Baptism/Confirmation.

If not you, who?

Please call the Parish Office for more information about joining the RCIA process as either inquirer or sponsor!



CHARITY EUCHRE

Summer is here, so get out of the house and have some fun! Come join your fellow parishioners at the monthly Charity Euchre Tournament. Admission is just \$5 and the proceeds from the tournament will benefit a designated charity. Bring a dish to share and some quarters as euchres will cost you .25 cents each. The August tournament will be **August 17, 2013**, so mark your calendars now so you won't miss out on the fun. Doors open at 6:30 PM, with play starting at 7 PM. All are welcome—beginners as well as experienced players. The remaining 2013 tournaments are September 21, October 19 and November 16. For more information contact Matt Beaudoin after 5 PM at 734.748.9158 or Cathy Niland at 734.421.7751 anytime. We hope to see you there."



of the week

Have you ever received a gift you wanted a lot and then found it didn't make you as happy as you thought it would?

† New Parishioners

On behalf of all our parishioners, we extend a warm welcome to these newly registered members who have joined our parish in the last week.

Jon & Dionna Canoy, & their daughter Sofia
 Ralph & Amanda Gallo
 Jim & JoAnne McLean, & their daughter Shannon

† May They Rest in Peace

Lisa Michelle Rea

† Newly Married

No Marriages

† Newly Baptized

Samuel James Forton
 January 28, 2013
 Son of Jason & Julie Forton

Aubrey Rose Aiello
 November 3, 2012
 Daughter of Joe & Ashley Aiello

† Birthday Blessings cont.

August 10 continued

Justin Brodzik	Betty Wise
Mark Castellano	Joseph Xuereb
Sarah Castellano	
Frank Farren	
Joe Hetu	
Mike LaPointe	
Maria Marsh	
Teresa Osterhoff	
Sheri Patrone	
Nico Pozsar	
Ella Riley	
John Russell	
Judy Saunders	
Sandy Scussel	
Rachel Staff	
Phyllis Urban	
Noah Vaitkevicius	
Linda VanderLaan	
Brady Weller	

† Mass Intentions

Saturday August 3, 2013

4:30 PM
 Lois Pedlow, requested by her Family
 Rita Ruelle, requested by her Family
 Sabbah Petros, requested by his Family
 Miriam Petros, requested by her Family

Sunday August 4, 2013

7:30 AM
 Martin V. Mahoney, requested by William Mahoney
 Luz Montilla (Special Intentions), requested by Rene Montilla
 9:00 AM
 Ray LaLonde (2nd Anniversary), requested by Annette LaLonde
 Ann Early, requested by John Early
 Gerald Berry, requested by Annette LaLonde
 11:00 AM
 Joseph A. Smith (10th Anniversary), requested by his Family
 David Widzinski, requested by Amy Forsline
 Louise M. Symanow, requested by Kevin & Carol O'Day
 & Kimberly Dodds
 Laura Fliss (Special Intentions), requested by a Friend

Monday August 5, 2013

9:00 AM
 Fr. Alex Kuras, requested by Joanne Stack

Tuesday August 6, 2013

9:00 AM
 Ralph & Ann Todd, requested by Patricia Andersen
 Poul V. Andersen, requested by Patricia Andersen
 Frank Mercieca, requested by Mary Muscat
 People of Saint Kenneth
 7:00 PM

Wednesday August 7, 2013

No Mass

Thursday August 8, 2013

9:00 AM
 People of Saint Kenneth

Friday August 9, 2013

9:00 AM
 Judy Smock, requested by her Family

Saturday August 10, 2013

4:30 PM
 Josephine Marcario, requested by Mary Muscat
 Frank Pilat, requested by Srodawa Family

Sunday August 11, 2013

7:30 AM
 People of Saint Kenneth
 9:00 AM
 Ann Early, requested by John Early
 Luz Montilla (Special Intentions), requested by Rene Montilla
 Richard Pers, requested by the Adzima Family
 11:00 AM
 Elenore Wlodarczyk, requested by Liana Mellon
 Esther Rintz, requested by Bob & Evelyn Martin

If you have requested a mass intention and would like to take the offertory gifts to the altar at that mass, please notify an usher 15 minutes prior to Mass.

✠ Please Pray for...

Dolores Adams	Candace Hanvey-Racho
Fran Ardanowski	Mary Roemer
Kenneth Berlin	Schinker Family
Michael Bohn	Carol Schmitt
Sarah Burns	Michelle Skinner
Raymond Collins	Maribeth Dudley Smith
Christine Coon	Kathryn Stachecki
Thomas Donner	Bob Stork
Fernand DuHadway	Jean Stork
Tom Foell	Marc Sullivan
Bill Hamblin	Phyllis Sullivan
Mildred Hamblin	John Voisinet
Erin Joynt	Mark Wehner
Kathy Kindred	Rob Wehner
Elsie Lang	Clayton Dean Weitzel-Mech
Michael Liebau	Bill Williams
Jesse Lindbauer	Rose Williams
Grace Lyskawa	Cheryl Wojtaszek
Nicole Maurer	
Larry McConlogue	
Darryll Mech	
Tommy Mech	
Angelo Medico	
Bob Miller	
Jim Noetzel, Jr	
Stella Nykiel	

To have someone enrolled on the prayer list, please call the church office. Names will be listed for four weeks unless the office is notified that the condition continues and that prayers are still needed.

✠ Pray for our Military

Tripp Adams, Army	Paul Klavon, Army
Nathan Albanese, Army	Mia Klavon, Army
Anthony Allen, Marines	Timothy MacArthur, Army
Ashley Allen, Marines	Patrick Madish, Air Force
Greg Anderson, Navy	Daniel Marr, Marines
Steven Anderson, Marines	Abby Moening, Army
Garrett Barr, Army	Courtney Moss, Marines
Christina Bucciare	Matt Mosteiko, Army
Brendan P. Carney, Air Force	Tom Newhouse, Marines
Justin Collins, Army	John J. Nygard, Air Force
Tim Collins, Air Force	Nyle Pfeefér, Army
Christopher Crandall, Coast Guard	Ryan Rays, Navy
Paul Crandall, Army	Sarah Rowe, Coast Guard
Marcus Dandrea, Marines	Bryan Ryder, Army
Bradley Davis, Marines	Bryan Silveri, Navy
Greg Davis, Air Force	Charles Simpson, Jr., Army
Rob Dixon, Army	Stephanie Smith, Air Force
Megan Gagnon, Air Force	Shannon Suchora Hill, Air Force
Jeff Gray, National Guard	Paul Theile, Navy
Jada Grindstaff, Army	Dennis Thompson, Army
Kurt Gurka, Army	Chad Vandette, Army
James Hamblin, Marines	Anthony Vennekotter, Army
Deryck Hill, Air Force	Zachary Willey, Air Force
Travis Holt, Air Force	Joseph Wilson, Army

In gratitude for the sacrifices of our loved ones in the armed forces and their families, we are gathering the names and service branches of those currently serving our country, and requesting parishioners pray for these brave people. If you would like to add a person to our Military Prayer Request List, please call Barb at 420-3031.

✠ Birthday Blessings

August 4

Regan Baker	Kathleen Breen
Aubrey Baker	Abigail Finn
Julie Capretta	Grace Forton
Ryan Denby	Barbara Fugate
Kim Dumond	Paul Guerreso
John Foley	Ed Holton
Bob Fust	Lorraine Jeleniewski
John LaFontaine	Joan Larkin
Lorraine Powell	Sheila Mulka
Nolan Redwine	Bill O'Neil
Kathryn Rocheleau	Thomas Ross
Lori Schlegel	Mitch Schaekel
Cari Soranno	Nicholas Spaude
Heather Versosky	Kathy Stoscup

August 5

Peter Bushaw	Denise Williams
Daniel Cini	Felice Zeppa
Stephanie DeCia	
Heather Gardner	
Gavin Green	
Katharine Henige	
Rita Joseph	
Maria Kraska	
Angela Kraska	
Gary Kroll	
Amy Lazarowicz	
Joseph Lepish	
Debbie Picciano	
Lucas Rhodes	
James Rintala	
Lauren Schendel	
Cheryl Strayhorn	
Kathleen Theodore	
Andrew Vance	
Toni Wilson	

August 6

Emanuela Caruana	
Suzie Coe	
Deborah Freeman	
Scott Freisthler	
Sophia Harris	
Kelsie Jeziorowski	
Janet Mahy	
Brandon Makowski	
Pete Pinto	
Konstantin Polys	
Julie Rhodes	
Edward Schaekel	
Angelina Seranian	
Annette Smigell	
Angela Stratton	
Leah Strayhorn	
Kathryn Thorne	
Mike VanderLaan	
Boris Warszawski	
Liz Wells	
Kelly Zagata	
Jim Zdanek	

August 7

Joshua Banks	
Taylor Bastianelli	

Pat Austin	
Tara Batzer	
Allan Bush	
Aida Cailipan	
Jared Colburn	
Robert Duquette	
Marisa Eppler	
Bob Flanigan	
Brandon Haycock	
Giselle Humbad	
Michael Mazur	
Megan McCrohan	
Gregory Miller	
Carole Mueller	
Robert Mulka	
Jen Orris	
Thom Polera	
Angela Recchia	
Evan Rorabacher	
Larry Runnion	
Debbie Schommer	
Ken Sliwka	
Stanley Snyder	
Chuck Sprosek	
Jen Stempian	
Steven Szymanski	
Cameron Wold	

August 8

Bob Adamczyk	
Esther Gordon	
James Hague Jr.	
Benjamin Hibbard	
Adrienne Jewett	
Megan Makie	
Jim Malinowski	
Patricia Ramos	
Christine Saatio	
Chris Seubert	
Bob Stefan	

August 9

Jeremy Arsenault	
Laurie Banka	
Grace Borst	

August 10

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Stewardship Matters

“One’s life does not consist of possessions”

(Luke 12:15).

With those words, Jesus reaffirmed what He tries to teach throughout His ministry. You may be aware that more than half of His parables dealt directly with this concept of “possessions and ownership.” Stewardship, of course, makes it clear that what we may have, possess, or own is merely a gift for which we are the caretaker, the steward. Yet, this remains one of the main stumbling blocks to a stewardship way of life.

We live in a society that places great emphasis on possessions — the car we drive, the house we live in, the latest technological advancements. This attitude has been prevalent to humankind for thousands of years. The way the Lord addressed it in His time is still quite applicable today. He cautions us that the measure of our life is not found there, however.

The parable of the rich man with the good harvest makes it all absolutely clear. The Lord closes the parable by saying, *“Thus will it be for all who store up treasures for themselves, but are not rich in what matters to God”* (Luke 12:21). Stewardship challenges us to get our priorities correct and to understand that what may seem important in this life is not important in the next.

**Remember:
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LITURGY

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday: 9:00 AM
Tuesday: 7:00 PM
No mass on Wednesday
Saturday: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM,
Holy Days: 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:
9:00 AM-12:00 noon, 1:00-4:00 PM
Tuesday, :
9:00 AM-12:00 noon, 1:00-8:00 PM
Saturday:
9:00 AM-12:00 Noon

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 PM
Baptism: Contact Office for Parents' Meeting.
Marriage: Make arrangements six months in advance for pre-marriage conference.

REGISTRATION

Come to the office to introduce yourself during regular parish office hours.

PARISH COUNCIL

4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM.
All are welcome.
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LAST WORDS

Seeking Balance