

# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## More Parish News

**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** The St. Thomas Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Program is in need of Adorers for **TUESDAY, 1 A.M.** We are always welcoming new Adorers to our program. I want to remind all adorers that from time to time, our replacement, for one reason or another, fails to report to the chapel in a timely manner. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE THE CHAPEL** before your replacement arrives. If this becomes a problem, please contact Helen at 467-0762. You may also call Helen to sign up for the program or if you have questions or concerns.

### Thoughts for the Day

- Funny how we can't think of anything to say when we pray, but don't have any difficulty thinking of things to talk about to a friend.
- Funny how people want God to answer their prayers, but refuse to listen to His counsel.
- Funny how people think they are going to Heaven but don't think there is a Hell.
- Funny how it is okay to blame God for evil and suffering in the world, but it is not necessary to thank Him for what is good and pleasant.
- Funny how we are so quick to take directions from a total stranger when we are lost, but are hesitant to take God's direction for our lives.
- Funny how small our sins seem, but how big 'their' sins are.
- Funny how when something goes wrong, we cry, 'Lord, why me?' but when something goes right, we think, 'Hey, it must be me!'
- Funny how we call God our Father and Jesus our brother, but find it hard to introduce them to our family.
- Funny how we demand justice for others, but expect mercy from God.
- Funny how much difficulty some have learning the gospel well enough to tell others, but how simple it is to understand and explain the latest gossip about someone else.

## Around the Diocese

[www.amarillodiocese.org](http://www.amarillodiocese.org)

**RETROUVAILLE** is a lifeline for couples that are willing to reach out for help. In today's society, many marriages suffer from the neglect that comes from over-commitment to work, recreational activities or just an overall breakdown in communication for any number of reasons. Perhaps you should take time out from your busy schedule to spend some time improving your marriage. Register for the next Retrouvaille Program that begins the weekend of August 20-22. Call Rob or Mary at 806-282-2500, or e-mail [retrocouple@suddenlink.net](mailto:retrocouple@suddenlink.net) or visit the Retrouvaille website at [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com).



**HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC ACADEMY** will have an Open House/Late Registration on Saturday, July 31, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you are still considering Holy Cross Catholic Academy for your secondary school age student, please come and tour the school, talk to the administrators and register. If you have decided on HCCA but haven't registered because of your work schedule we will be available to help you. The mission of Holy Cross Catholic Academy is to challenge all students to attain their full potential to contribute to church, school and society as we share the life and message of Christ.



**HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC ACADEMY** is looking for a part-time band director for the 2010-2011 school year. Please contact the school office at 355-9637 or e-mail your resume to [dmueller@holycrossama.org](mailto:dmueller@holycrossama.org).

### **BISHOP DEFALCO RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTER**



is now accepting wine donations for the 7th Annual Wine Raffle. They would love your participation! They are currently seeking donations of wine from individuals as well as wineries. In order to ensure quality, donated bottles of wine should have a minimum retail value of \$20 each. Donations of single bottles, whole cases or anything in between, will be gladly accepted and appreciated. Anyone interested in making a donation should contact Dari Johnson at 383-1811. The wine raffle is the major fundraising event that helps the center's mission of providing a quiet place set apart for personal and spiritual growth.



### Fulfillment and Happiness

"The purpose of life is not to be happy - but to matter, to be productive, to be useful, to have it make some difference that you have lived at all."

~ Leo Rosten, American teacher & humorist

"Happiness is not having what you want, but wanting what you have."

~ Anonymous

"The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard, but must be felt with the heart."

~ Helen Keller