

Stewardship Newsletter

During our recent Parish Mission, Deacon Tom Gornick urged us to think of our entire lives as holy and the ground on which we walk as "holy ground" because we bring Christ there. One great way of introducing children to the concept of lives enmeshed in the Lord is by sending them to Catholic school. We are fortunate to have a vibrant Catholic school in our parish. Please respond generously to today's **second collection**.

E-Script Available

Want a quick and easy way to earn money for our parish school?

Pick up an "e-script" form on the foyer table, fill in your Cars' number and return it to the school or parish office. The school gets a tiny percentage of what you spend at no cost or hassle to you.

Currently, our school brings in about \$100 per month through this program. Let's double or triple that by filling out a form!



Refugee update: CSS RAIS program is welcoming two Arabic speakers from Sudan, and their first Burmese arrivals. Needs: family mentoring, English tutoring, warm meals for new arrivals. Call 222-7341 to volunteer.

Parish Youth Sweep St. Francis of Assisi Youth Awards

For the second year in a row, youth from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton have been honored with Archdiocesan awards.

Callie Orizotti and **Tyanna Baker** were honored together for the business they created making handmade tote bags that are sold through the parish school and the Magi Bazaar. A portion of proceeds from this business are donated to St. Jude's Children's Hospital and other charities. The stylish bags are also eco-friendly — you can reuse them as shopping bags — and earned the girls a segment on a Channel 2-KTUU newscast. In addition to the "bag business," the girls serve as cantors, altar servers and student government members. Callie is a read-

ing buddy to first graders, and Tyanna represented the parish school at the 2008 Youth Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

Also winning a Youth Award was parishioner **Cierra Houchins**, a student at Holy Rosary Academy. Cierra was involved in starting "Marriage Teen and Kid's Encounter," a group of teens formed to support one another and their parents' marriages. Active in volleyball and cheerleading, Cierra is a cum laude Latin student. She volunteers at Bean's Café and was a People to People Ambassador to Australia in 2006.

These three young ladies won the only Youth Awards presented this year. Other



"Preach the Gospel always. If necessary, use words." St. Francis of Assisi

Assisi winners with connections to our parish: former parishioner and school mom **Meg Zerbinos** won an award for her heroic chaplaincy efforts after recent tragedies on the Peninsula. Beloved former parish school principal **John Fleming** won for his years of volunteer service to the church.



Also needed: laundry detergent, pots and pans, inexpensive alarm clocks, vacuum cleaners, buckets, brooms, irons, mops, dustpans. Drop something from this list at the office and we'll make sure it gets to CSS.

Discover Your Unique Gifts

It's not too early to mark your calendars for "The Called and Gifted Discernment Workshop" to be held at our parish May 1 and 2. This event will be brought to us by the Catherine of Siena Institute, a Dominican program in Colorado. Beginning at 7

p.m. on Friday night and continuing through Saturday, "Called and Gifted" helps us discern what special charisms God has given us that we may not have fully realized or explored. We may be surprised at what we discover.

Flowers, Music, Receptions: Good Stewardship Makes A Good Parish

Okay, take a deep breath and get ready to read a litany of thanks: to **Janet Cowley** and **Kathy Harte** for providing beautiful music during the Parish Mission; to **Camille Rzezsut** and the Moms' Group for providing babysitting during the morning Mission; to **Shirley Germaine, Charlotte Jensen**, and the women of the Funeral Receptions Committee who have been very busy lately providing gracious receptions which mean so much to the bereaved; to all the folks who made the recent Marriage Encounter Mass and Dinner a prayerful, elegant and

enjoyable evening, including **Frank and Mary Piffner, James and Shaharriet Houchins**, and **Deacon Dez and Cindy Martinez**.

A bouquet of thanks to **Michell Goodwin**, who maintains the flowers in the Adoration Chapel. Michell is also coordinator of the 10 p.m. adoration hour, and works at Oceanview



Elementary. Bravo to **Brittney Inglis**, a senior at Service High, for designing the new banners for Ordinary Time which the

Thanks to the Walsh Family

Sewing Group is producing in glorious shades of green. Special thanks to seamstresses **Judy Christianson** (Brittany's grandma) and our resident quilting artist **Kathy Harte** for their hours of labor on this project, which will be unveiled after Easter. A round of applause to **Mike and Maria Elena Walsh**, who recently donated a Clavinova which is being used by both school and parish in the sanctuary. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! If he who sings prays twice, they who donate musical instruments pray many times over.

Parishioner Does HIV/AIDS work in So. Africa

Our own **Andrew Aquino** graduated from South Anchorage High School mid-year, and is off after the holidays for an adventure in giving. Andrew and a high school friend are volunteering at the Desmond Tutu HIV/AIDS Foundation For Youth in Capetown, South Africa.

Andrew is the son of **David and Luci Aquino**. His older brother Chris and Chris' wife Lisa are stationed in Cape-town working with various HIV/AIDS

organizations, and Lisa coordinates Andrew's volunteer efforts.

He and his friend will return to Anchorage this spring to formally "walk" with the Class of 2009 at graduation.

Congratulations, Andrew. The prayers of your parish family are with you in your work. Hopefully, you can share some of what you learned when you return.

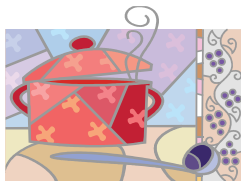
**Final update on our new vestments:
Total cost, with shipping, was \$16,288.
The Magi donated \$6,000.
Other donations totaled \$5,652.25,
with one donor purchasing an entire
\$1900 set. We have a generous
parish!**



Stewardship Tidbit: 79 folks are participating in the parish's Electronic Giving Program. Go to www.akseas.net for details.

One Percent For Charity Feeds 98 People during January

Here's a run-down on where our charitable giving is going: in January, the Young Parishioners' Collection and One Percent for Charity donated \$981 to programs of Bean's Café, including The Children's Lunchbox.



Feeding the hungry at Bean's Cafe

Executive Director Jim Crockett wrote that we "helped feed 98 under-privileged people in our community" through that amount. February: Brother Francis Shelter, which stands side-by-side with Bean's downtown. Brother Francis Shelter is run by Catholic Social Services, Bean's

is not, but both establishments cooperate in assisting our brothers and sisters in Christ. If you haven't paid a visit, take a tour!

*****Remember the Young Parishioners' Collection is for all youth who have their own money to share. It's aim is to teach sacrificial giving from an early age.*******