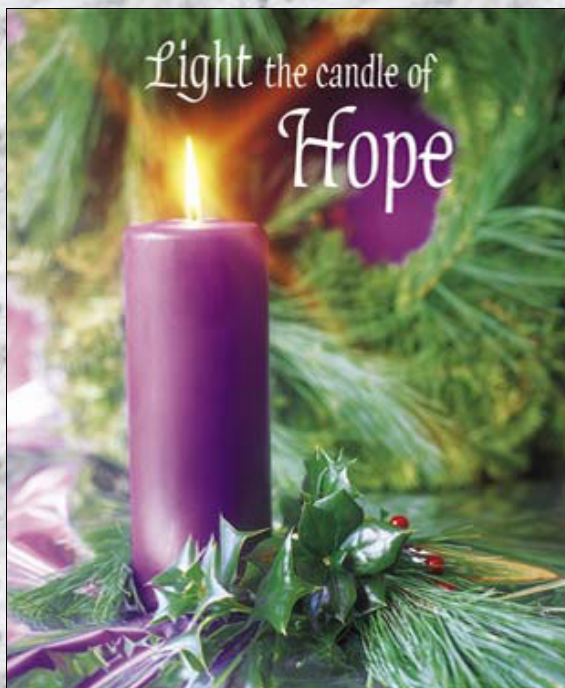


CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

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Organist: Connie Kish

Youth Director: Leslie Gaitens-Kopper

SUNDAY MASSES & CONFESSIONS: See Inside

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES: For these Sacraments, please notify the Church Office as soon as possible so that we may be able to accommodate you. Thank you.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please fill out registration card and return to ushers or to the church office

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:
Tel. 482-6883 or 481-7172

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES STORE: Tel. 437-9876

RELIGIOUS ED OFFICE: Tel. 482-6883

YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE: Tel. 481-5144

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DECEMBER 2, 2007

BE PREPARED

Be prepared. It's that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes. We really can't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared.

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First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2007

"You . . . must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come."

-- Matthew

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD's house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalm -- Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading -- It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel -- Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN THE
MASS SCHEDULE AT THE LEFT**



RESURRECTION PRAYER LINE MINISTRY

For prayer requests call Mary Lou Fitzpatrick, 454-6752. Give your first name & prayer petition. Should you reach an answering machine, please leave your phone number so that we can call you back. Petitions are prayed for 31 days. **Prayer Line volunteers are needed** to pray & answer prayer requests. Take this opportunity to help someone else and still be able to choose your own time.

TIME AND TALENT NEEDED - We are seeking adult, confirmed Catholics who are registered members of the parish to serve as **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** for church Masses. *We especially have need at the 6:00p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday and the 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. Masses on Sunday.* To learn more about this ministry and/or to volunteer your time and talent, please call the parish office and ask for an information and interest form to be sent to you. You will be contacted once you have completed and returned the form to us.

USHERS ARE NEEDED!

Men and women parishioners are needed to volunteer as ushers. All Masses are available. Please consider giving some of your time to the Lord and to your Parish. A special 'THANK YOU' to the current ushers for their dedication. For information phone Dan at **768-5617**.



**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
DONATE SANCTUARY FLOWERS
FOR CHRISTMAS** as a thanksgiving, as a memorial to a loved one, in celebration of someone's birthday or anniversary, please use the Christmas Flower Offering envelopes located at the entrances of the church. Place the name of the person you wish to honor, your name and phone number and return via the collection basket, or you may call Barbara at the Parish Office, 481-7172. The loved one's name as well as the name of the donor (if wished) will be printed in the bulletin.

During Advent there are no flowers in church.

Flowers for the weekend of November 25 are:

To Celebrate the Marriage of:

Gail Gallagher and Jim Winter

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SAT. DECEMBER 1- SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES

3:00 †Don Hurley, by Cinnamon Cove Friends
4:30 †Samuel Cosentino, by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cahill
6:00 ♥People of the Parish

SUN. DECEMBER 2

6:30 ♥Special Intentions, by Grunkemeyer Family
8:00 †Art and Dot Schober, by Family
9:30 †Robert Trinski, by Wife Shirley
11:00 †Giorgio Squanserio, by DeWolfe Family
12:30 †Kelly Nascimento, by Christina Poole

MON. DECEMBER 3

8:00 †Margaret Strinka, by Daughter Margaret and Grandson

TUE. DECEMBER 4

8:00 †Kitty Lombardo, by Dick Lombardo

WED. DECEMBER 5

8:00 †Frank Sliva, by Kitty Sliva

THU. DECEMBER 6

8:00 †Lillian Doragh, by Mr. & Mrs. Harry Hepburn

FRI. DECEMBER 7

8:00 †Amina Visciotti, by Mr. & Mrs. Luigi Visciotti

FRI. DECEMBER 7—VIGIL MASS

5:30 †Jerome Snapp, by Parish Staff

SAT. DECEMBER 8—HOLY DAY

8:00 †Charles Foley, by Elizabeth & Edward Haynes
9:30 †Morris & Jeanne DeWolfe, by Family

SAT. DECEMBER 8- SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES

3:00 †Dolores Dorn, by Larry Dorn Family
4:30 ♥People of the Parish
6:00 ♥People of the Parish

SUN. DECEMBER 9

6:30 †Holtmeier Family, by Grunkemeyer Family
8:00 †Richard Russell, by Wife Gloria
9:30 †Dorothy Kiesel, by Mike & Connie Esper
11:00 †Gerry Hunt, by Carroll
12:30 ♥People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS - Saturdays 2:15 - 3:15p.m., 30 minutes
before Sunday Masses or by appointment.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS All those who have
gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially the
Deceased of the Parish.

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET THE POOR BOXES;
THEY ARE THE BREAD BOXES OF THE
POOR!**

WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERING**November 18, 2007**

Registered families with envelopes: 2450

Envelopes received: 795 (32%) **\$17,579.00**Remaining fam. & visitors: 1655 (68%) **\$ 6,039.00****Total offering:** **\$23,618.00****Thank you!****WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERING****November 25, 2007**

Registered families with envelopes: 2450

Envelopes received: 757 (31%) **\$16,427.50**Remaining fam. & visitors: 1693 (69%) **\$4,817.00****Total offering:** **\$21,244.50****Thank you!****ST. VINCENT DePAUL OFFERING****November 18****\$858.00****Thank you!****CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT OFFERING****November 18**

Registered families with envelopes: 2450

Envelopes received: 317 (13%) **\$6,488.00**Remaining fam. & visitors: 2133 (87%) **\$1,856.00****Total offering:** **\$8,344.00****Thank You!****ST. VINCENT DePAUL, THANKSGIVING DAY COLLECTION****\$5,571.00****Thank You!****2007 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL STATUS GOOD NEWS!!!****Due to a generous parishioner we have reached, in pledges, our \$359,000.00 assessment goal for this year.**However, we continue to ask all of you to please fulfill your pledges as **we are \$12,771.55 short of our actual payments.** Thank you and may the Good Lord bless all of you.**WELCOME****Welcome to the Church of the Resurrection the following new parishioners:**

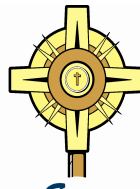
James & Allison Hughey, Kevin & Jola Muttart and family, Annette Watkins and family, Vincent & Adeline Macnair, Floyd Peede Jr., Debra Zarella and family, William & Lois Ann LaLor, Arlene McAtee, Edward & Peg Mehringer, Milton Scanlon Sr., Antomon & Jyothimol Kochuponganal and family, Michael & Judy Navojosky,

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC EDUCATION FUND

Our parish supports our student-parishioners who attend St. Francis Xavier School, St. Andrew's School and Bishop Verot High School. The needy and deserving families in all three schools receive financial aid and scholarships. This supreme financial sacrifice is to insure that Catholic children are taught and raised in the Faith.

We are very appreciative of your continual support to the Church of the Resurrection Catholic Education Fund.

The second collection on the first weekend of each month is taken up to help defray this cost.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**DECEMBER 8****HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION****Mass times on Friday:**
5:30p.m.**Mass times on Saturday:**
8:00 & 9:30a.m.**BENEDICTION & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

On the **First Friday** of every month, Benediction will immediately follow the 8:00a.m. Mass with Adoration until 9:30a.m. By remaining in prayer before the Lord Jesus, truly in the Blessed Sacrament, not only is our union with Him matured, it also prolongs those existential and reverential attitudes. **First Friday in December is December 7.**

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY - Let No One Grieve Alone

The Mission of the Bereavement Ministry at Resurrection of Our Lord is to be present to others on their journey through the challenge of grief.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS

The second collection next week benefits elderly women and men religious. More than 19,000 religious have less than 20 percent of the amount needed for projected costs of living and health care. The average Catholic sister, brother, or order priest remains in active ministry until age 74. Today, 37,870 women and men religious are past the age of 70 and need our help with the current high cost of living and health care. The Catholic Church assists the financial need of elderly religious through the national appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Please be generous in your giving at next week's collection.

ADVENT

Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation.



ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION

The Women's Guild is sponsoring an *Advent Day of Recollection* for all men and women on Tuesday, **Dec 11, at 10:30a.m. and ending with Mass at 2:00p.m.** There will be a Priest moderator. Confessions will be heard after Mass. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Beverages will be provided by the Women's Guild.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON -

Members of the Women's Guild and friends are invited to the Christmas Luncheon, **Dec. 12 at 12:00 noon.** The menu is roast chicken, trimmings and dessert. Tickets are \$15.00 and may be purchased at the Parish Office. **Reservations must be made by Fri. Dec. 7.** Entertainment will be provided. Please bring a donation of \$3.00 for the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

CRAFT CLUB -

Women's Guild Craft Club will not meet during the month of December. Meetings will resume on **January 8th.**

MEN'S CLUB NEWS -

The winners of the 50/50 drawing are:

Prize #1, Michael DeCarlo - \$1058.00

Prize #2, Jay MacDuff - \$425.00

Prize #3, Joseph Michalak - \$282.00

Congratulations to all of the winners!!! And, "thank you" to everyone who participated!!



PANCAKE BREAKFAST, Today, after the **8:00 & 9:30 a.m. Masses.** Breakfast will consist of pancakes, eggs, sausages, potatoes, coffee. Price at door: \$4 each.

INTRODUCTION TO ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Although the various liturgical seasons - Advent included - may have been developed as different expressions of God's time with us now, we also celebrate time and seasons of time because of deeply rooted human needs: the need to discover the meaning of life, the need to understand the "why" of life events, the need to fathom the purpose of the dyings and risings of which life is composed. That is why all time, especially every Christian season, is so deeply paschal. In different ways each season of time celebrates a particular expression of the great paschal event: Christ's passion, death, resurrection, and sending of the Spirit. Each season of time declares that God dwells in time, that Christians dwell there, too, and that all time is changed forever by the paschal mystery of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Because Advent prepares for Christmas, it's tempting to view it as a season that celebrates waiting. How awful! Is waiting in long lines at the supermarket appealing to anyone? For the most part, waiting is a grind. Ask anyone who is or who has ever been pregnant. She will tell you. Just waiting can be a pain.

Advent is much more than a season of waiting. If all we do during Advent is wait, when Christmas arrives we might just figure that it wasn't worth the wait. *Advent is a time to prepare and to pay attention.* But prepare for what? Be attentive to what? ***To a precious truth: The Messiah is among us, alive and dwelling among us, in our everyday life and history.***

After all, the Lord has already been born to us, lived among us, died and rose for us. Do we imagine that Jesus will become an infant once again? Do we view and celebrate Advent as a pleasant but hectic hustle down memory lane? Not at all. Rather, we attest that two thousand years after his nativity, Jesus remains with us as Emmanuel, God-with-us. This means, then, that Advent prepares us to celebrate not a past event, but a present reality, the continuing and lasting incarnation of Jesus Christ.

Our Advent preparation and Christmas celebration acknowledge that Jesus' presence has neither come to an end nor begun all over again. Instead, they acknowledge that God's concern for us and coming among us is no less real, no less evident today than it was twenty centuries ago. At the same time, Advent also prepares us for another coming, a second coming. Advent points to the coming of Christ at the end of time. In other words, Advent requires attention. We pay attention for the Lord's ongoing presence *and* for his return, lest we miss them or are unprepared to receive him.

All of us need wake-up calls now and again. That's why, on the very first Sunday of Advent, we are reminded in the Gospel to "Stay awake!" and "Be prepared!" lest we find ourselves unprepared for the Lord's crucial coming. It's not that we don't understand or care about what's important in life. It's just that we tend to forget. We tend to get ourselves so immersed in the jumble of day-to-day living that we can't see beyond the cluttered moment.

Advent issues a wake-up call, reminding us that our business is more than business as usual. In fact, our worship together announces that the Messiah is near and among us, as close as the person rubbing elbows with us, as nourishing as bread, as rejuvenating as wine. This doesn't mean we are to live for the moment. However, it does mean that we must live *in* the moment.

The Messiah comes in surprising ways, but also in ordinary ways and on ordinary days. *Vigilance and attention* are the watchwords of Advent living and Christmas celebration. *Vigilance and attention will help us find the Messiah in all those with whom we have contact during this season* - the department store sales clerk, the Salvation Army volunteer, the homeless person in our streets, the familiar face reflected in the mirror. Happy Advent! Merry Christmas!

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ADVENT PRAYER -

Advent is a yearly reminder that You have fulfilled Your promise to send us a savior. As we prepare for Christmas once again, Lord, help us not get overly caught up in the frantic pace of the shopping and the parties. Rather, may we keep our eyes and hearts lifted up to You, *the real reason for the season*, who brings us true peace. Amen.



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HOMELESS ART AWARDS -

K-12 Grade Award to **Andrei Petryk**, a donation of **\$100.00** to **God's Table** ministry to the homeless at Fort Myers Beach. Grade 3 and 4 Award to **Lena Knox**, a donation of **\$100.00** to **Community Cooperative Ministries Soup Kitchen** which serves 200 meals daily to needy people, plus Meals on Wheels to the homebound. Grade 5 and 7 Award to **Jessica Wilson**, a donation of **\$100.00** to **Project Gabriel** a diocesan program for pregnant mothers and their families who are in need.



Jessica Wilson & family



Lena Knox & family

FIRST FRIDAYS FOR YOUNG ADULTS - Song of Solomon Bible Study: Friday **Dec. 7**, 7:00p.m. at Resurrection of Our Lord Parish Center. RSVP at 826-0737

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GOOD NEWS!!!

Advent Celebration of Reconciliation: Tuesday, **Dec. 11**, at **4:30p.m.** in the Chapel. Wednesday, **Dec. 12**, at **6:15p.m.** in the Chapel. Children going to receive Sacrament will go directly to the Chapel. Pick up children at the Parish Center.

FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION - **Dec. 15**, **10:30a.m.** Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they prepare to celebrate the loving forgiveness of Jesus.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA) - is a process in which an individual inquires and explores Christianity as a way of life in the Catholic Church. The *Rites are important milestones in your Faith journey.* **The Rite of Acceptance** is at the **11:00 a.m. Mass on Dec. 2**. This Rite is of utmost importance because for the first time **Travis Campbell, Erin Galeoti, and Jacquelyn St. John** publicly declare their intention to the Church. The Church in turn responds and accepts them as a person who intends to become a member. **The Rite of Welcome** is at the **11:00a.m. Mass on Dec. 2**. We acknowledge with joy that Christ is present in the following candidates: **Lynnae Bush, Vera LaPera, Alec Lapera, Miranda Foster, Patricia Nichols, Chuck Pack, Annalle Scanlan, and Maria Scanlan** who are already one with us by baptism. They wish to complete their Christian Initiation through Eucharist and Confirmation in the Roman Catholic Church. God showers grace on them and the celebration manifests their desire to complete their initiation.

FAITH SHARING QUESTION

All families share on these questions around the dinner table or in the car. The Gospels are meant to be lived. Join us in making them alive!

What ways are you challenged to change/reform your life to bring about God's peace and justice?

CONNECTING GOSPEL TO FAITH RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Resurrection Parish recognizes the faith formation of families. They will be passing out a remembrance from the Gospel in the Parish Center following Mass. The children will receive free donuts and juice.

Dec. 2, 9:30a.m. Mass - 3rd Grade parishioners and families.

Dec. 9, 9:30a.m. Mass - 2nd grade parishioners and families.

JR. YOUTH MINISTRY

MIDDLE SCHOOL CALENDAR:

Dec. 16: Youth Meeting 6:00p.m. Christmas Party.

COME LET US ADORE HIM - preparations are underway. **There are some changes so please take note of the following schedule:**

- Sign up dates: **Dec. 2 & 9**, in the Parish Center following the 9:30 a.m. Mass.
 - Costume & Role assignment: **Dec. 11** at 6:00p.m. in the Parish Center.
 - Rehearsal: **Dec. 21** at 5:30p.m.; pizza to follow
 - Pageant: **Dec. 24**, meet in the Parish Center at 2:30p.m.
- For more info phone Corita at 560-6195 or Marla at **561-7312**.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREES -

We are sponsoring Christmas Angels for needy families again this year. Last year, because of your generosity, we were able to give a wonderful Christmas to over 300 families and over 1500 wishes were granted. We would like to do the same this year. The angels are available at all the entrances of the church. Please visit one of the trees and select an angel. Gifts need to be returned wrapped, with the name tag attached, and brought to the church or Parish Center no later than **Dec. 9th**. If you prefer to leave a cash donation, please do so at the Parish Center by **Dec. 9th**. On behalf of all the wonderful families that will benefit from your generosity, we thank you very much.

SORTING & DISTRIBUTION of Angel Tree is **Dec. 11**, 8:30a.m. until finished. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** Contact Leslie at the Parish Center.

RCIA SESSION (Right of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Anyone searching for a home in the Catholic Church is welcome to attend, **Tues, Dec. 4, 7:00p.m.**, Parish Center. Focus session: *Coming of Christ* - with Mark & Sharon Haines

PAID POSITION AVAILABLE -

AFCAAM After-School Reading Program has a paid position available for a Teacher/Para Professional for Kindergarten. The position begins **Jan. 2008**. For more information contact Sister Lynn Welsh, O.P. or Sister Charlotte Gould, O.P. at **239-461-0233** extension 212, or e-mail: afcaam2005@yahoo.com.

THE UNITED IRISH OF SW FLORIDA welcomes you and your family to our annual Christmas Party on **Dec. 10**. at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theater. Cocktails (cash bar) are at 5:00p.m., dinner from 5:30 - 7:00p.m., followed by an evening of music by the Reunion Band. Gifts for needy children are welcomed. **Tickets, \$30.00/person**. Phone Jim Niland at **433-1827** or Jim Rogers at **481-0586**. Slainte!

ALL SAINTS BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH is having it's Pirohi Dinner on **Sat. Dec. 8** from **3:00 - 7:00p.m.**. Featured in the dinner will be Pirohi, Stuffed Cabbage, Vegetables, and a Dessert of your choice with coffee or tea for just **\$9.00**. The church is located on Bayshore Road, exit 143, east of I-75, and one quarter mile west of the Lee Civic Center.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA CATHOLIC SINGLES is for **ages 30, 40, 50's**; for single, annulled, widowed. Our mission is strictly to promote fellowship throughout the Southwest Florida area. The purpose of the group is to provide spiritual, social and service activities for members in a safe Christian environment, encouraging a deeper relationship with God and support for each other. Contact Pam at pamelakaym@yahoo.com or **989-7077** for group information or to RSVP.

TEAMS OF OUR LADY (TOOL) is a spiritual growth group for married couples striving to make Christ the center of their relationship. **TOOL** is celebrating the 60th anniversary of the writing of the **TOOL** charter. *Join TOOL* couples and their families at St. Cecelia's Catholic Community Church, **Sat. Dec. 8** at 4:00p.m. Cake and punch will follow in the Parish Hall. For more info or to inquire about Teams of Our Lady please contact Kathleen at **482-0075** or Cheryl at **985-5755**.

YOUNG AT HEART SINGLES

The *Young at Heart Singles 55 + Club* is specifically for people **age 55 and over**. They meet the first Thursday of every month at 6:30p.m. in the Ministry Center, Room 1, at St. Columbkille Catholic Church. The next meeting is scheduled for **Dec. 6** with a wine and cheese party (byob). Cheese, crackers and snacks will be provided. A special presentation will be made by Key-west Express for a group boat trip to the Keys. For more information phone Anita, **985-9977** or Vern, **989-0781**.

A CONCERT featuring the music and angelic voice of **Gabriela Thomsen Martinez** will take place on Sunday, **December 30th, 3:30p.m.** at **St. Raphael Catholic Church**, 2514 Lee Blvd., Lehigh Acres. Gabriela is a senior at Franciscan University of Steubenville. She is currently studying Humanities and Catholic Culture, with minors in Philosophy and Theology. Gabriela has played the piano for thirteen years and has written the music and lyrics for over twenty songs. Her music reflects the work of the Lord in her life and has ministered to many people. **All are invited. No Charge**. Come hear this inspiring vocalist!!!

RESURRECTION CALENDAR

ALL events take place in the Parish Center, unless otherwise stated.

Beyond Bereavement, Monday, 8:30am, library, Cecilia, 437-2367

Bereavement Ministry, for the grieving, call Dona, 275-7875

Men's Club, 1st Monday of month, 7:30p.m. conference room.

Prayer Group, Tuesdays, 7:00p.m., class room 1.

Baptismal Class, 2nd Tuesday of month, 7:00p.m.

Craft Club, Tuesdays, 8:30a.m to 10:30a.m.

Directions For Our Times Rosary Prayer Group, 4th Tuesday of month, 8:30a.m.

RCIA, Tuesdays, 7:00p.m., conference room.

Rel. Ed., Tues., 4:30p.m.-5:45p.m. & Wed., 6:15p.m.-7:15p.m.

Bible Sharing Group, Wednesdays, 8:30a.m.

Women's Guild, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 8:30a.m.

Children's Choir, Wednesdays, 5:30p.m.- 6:15p.m.

Coffee Klatch, Thursdays after the 8:00a.m Mass.

Rosary, before daily Masses; Tues. & Thurs., 2:00p.m., church.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, after 8:00a.m Mass, every 1st Friday, chapel.

Bridge Club, Thurs., 1:00p.m. - **resumes Oct. 18**

Prayer for Priests, Thursdays after the 8:00a.m. Mass, chapel

Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena, Saturdays after the 8:00a.m Mass, church.

Coffee & Doughnuts, Sundays, after 8:00a.m & 9:00a.m. Masses

Your child has told you he/she is gay. There is a support Group. Call Sharon at 454-6284.

MINISTRY OF THE SICK

When being admitted to the hospital, it is imperative that you give the name of your parish, state that you are Catholic and WISH TO BE SEEN BY A PRIEST, otherwise you might not be visited. If you go through the emergency room, 99% of the time your name and parish will not get on the Catholic list. Please be sure that the admissions office is notified.

The following hospitals are the responsibility of the parish in which they are located.

- Gulf Coast Hospital - visited daily by Blessed Pope John XXIII Parish, 561-224
- Lee Memorial Hospital - visited daily by St. Francis Xavier Parish, 334-2161
- S.W. Regional Medical Center - visited daily by St. Cecilia's Parish, 936-3635
- Lee Memorial Health Park - visited daily by St. Columbkille Parish, 489-3973

A priest is on call 7 days a week, 24 hours a day for the above hospitals at the above telephone numbers.

Parishioners at Hospitals and Nursing Homes (within our parish boundaries) are visited by Resurrection priests as follows:

- All Hospitals: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
 - Nursing Homes & Shut-ins: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
- Also, Lay Ministers visit the shut-ins Monday through Friday. Should you be missed, please call the church office, 481-7172.