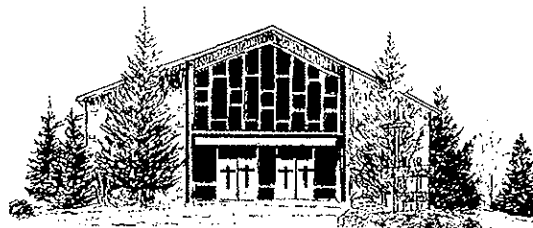




July 22, 2007
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Christ, our welcome guest.



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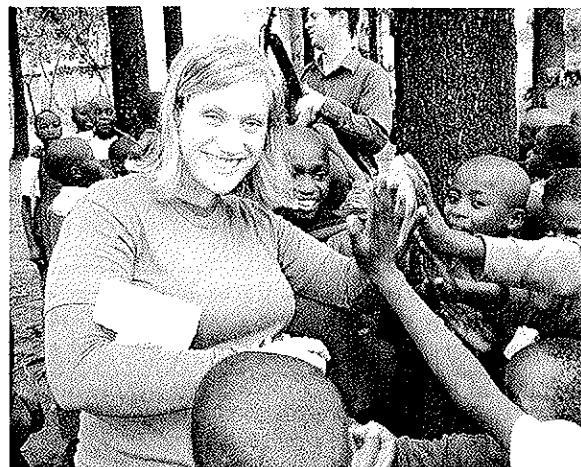
A Million *Thank You's* from Ashleigh Ormsby

A million *Thank You's* for your thoughts and prayers! While I had an amazing time in Uganda, I'm so thrilled to be back in the United States. One of the things I love about being home is that, no matter where I go, there'll be running water. In Ibanda I always worried that I would need a bathroom and we wouldn't be at the rectory (most other places don't have running water), which would result in Father Joseph and I making a bee-line back to his house.

That's a very small and simple thing, but since being home I have been feeling overwhelmed. I never appreciated the cleanliness of our country like I do now, the choices we have (there is no variety or options in Uganda from food to clothing to everyday basics), or the everyday freedoms that we take for granted. I'm so blessed to have had the opportunity to spend time with the people of St. Charles Lwanga Parish and Bubaare Primary School, and get to hear their stories; and through their stories I learned their needs. But with that blessing comes the overwhelming desire to help. The feeling is so strong that I feel as if it paralyzes me.

When I came home, people were surprised that I didn't have much to say about my trip. It wasn't that I didn't have anything to say; rather it was that I don't know where to begin. From the children who need school fees to learn, to new babies and children suffering from malaria daily, to the town that lacks an economic structure, to the need of running water and wells — there is so much to be done, that at times it feels as if nothing can be done.

Luckily for the people of Ibanda, 16 more Americans came home with me, with heads full of ideas on how to help. While we work out our thoughts and the needs of this town, I know that our faith community will really be able to make a difference in these people's lives. I encourage you to be a part of this, and together we can all "Go Make a Difference."



This won't be the last time you hear me ramble on about Ibanda, but I wanted to thank everyone for your prayers, and urge you to continue praying for the men, women and children of Uganda. Thank you and may God continue to bless you and your family. Love Ashleigh

From the Pastor's Desk

Father Joseph to Visit July 30th - August 17th



Father Joseph Sserugo, who hosted our Mission Team at his parish of St. Charles Lwanga in Ibanda, Uganda, is in the United States for a series of mission appeals on behalf of his Religious Community. He has made arrangements to spend time with us; he will arrive Monday, July 30th, and leave on Friday, August 17th.

We first met Father Joseph in June, 1998 when he was a missionary in Sudan, and he has continued to keep in touch with our parish — in recent years visiting every summer. Those who have visited his parish in Africa have, through their

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