

February 3, 2008

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday



The Sermon on the Mount is demanding.

We try to tame the Beatitudes. We sing them in songs. Even people who know little of the New Testament know these words and admire the sentiments they express. Blessed are the poor in spirit, blessed are those who mourn. The meek and the hungry—there is hope for them. These thoughts are so comforting! The place they touch in any human heart is in the desire that, even when we seem lost, hanging on to a spark of hope does not make us complete fools. But the next lines about “blessed ones” are sobering. Who is merciful? Who is clean of heart or a constant maker of peace? It is easy to think of times we have failed.

Paul’s letter to the Corinthians gives us hope. Who is God working with there? The apostle sizes things up—not many are wise, not many look successful to other Corinthians. They look despised and insignificant. This sounds like an easy group to join. The problem is, joining them means admitting we are lost on our own.

Saying we are “lost on our own” has a certain pious religious feel. Oh sure, we all need God’s help. Aren’t we all sinners? But something more blunt is being said here. Joining this group means admitting we are *losers*. We are not considered insignificant and unwise in some theoretical, vague sense. Real people think we are stupid because of the Christ-rooted decisions we make. We follow the Gospel instead of taking other ways of getting ahead. We might not get promoted or get credit for being clever. We might make less money or be judged “strange” because we hang around with strange people, people who don’t fit.

Who really wants to be a loser? Who wants to admit that? Do we mean to admit we really *need* Jesus?

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Who is merciful?



Today’s Readings

Zep 2:3; 3:12–13

1 Cor 1:26–31

Mt 5:1–12a

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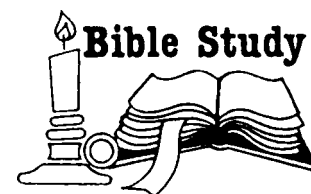
PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL LIFE



Remember in your prayers, Margaret Flesher, who died this past week. May she rest in peace.



Respect Life Committee is sponsoring a “Baby Bottle Campaign” during Lent to assist Pregnancy Decision Health Centers. PDHC want women to choose alternatives to abortion so they and their children will know the fullness of life. You can help support PDCH local offices and 24-hour hotline by filling a baby bottle with spare change. Pick up your baby bottle in the vestibule this weekend. Fill it with spare change during Lent and return it to the vestibule on Palm Sunday, March 16th. Questions? Call Linda Gelhaus (459-5314).



Bible Study Group

Tuesday morning Bible Study group will meet on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room.



Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. He is really there: “I myself Am the Living Bread come down from Heaven.” (Jn 6:35)

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Please join us for Divine Mercy Chaplet after the 9:00 a.m. Mass every Tuesday.

From the Diary of St. Faustina #1541: “My daughter, encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given to you. It pleases me to grant everything they ask of me by saying the chaplet. When they say the chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between my father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the merciful Savior.”



CRISIS PREGNANCY Hotline is (614) 444-4411.

Birthright Crisis Hotline is 1-800-550-4900.

AROUND TOWN

The Greater Columbus Post of the Catholic Veterans will meet Tuesday, February 5th, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Michael Church in Worthington. Any Catholic person honorably discharged with 90 days either peace or wartime active duty US military experience, or on active duty now, is eligible to join. Call John Francis (395-8529) for information.

Watterson Mothers’ Club presents “Fun in the Sun,” the 2008 Spring Luncheon and Style Show, Saturday, March 15th, at Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Road. 10:30 a.m. Silent Auction and Raffle, 12:00 noon Luncheon. Cost is \$28.00 per person; reservations and full payment due Monday, February 18th. Send to Anne Bogenrief (10277 MacKenzie Way, Dublin, OH 43017).



ST. MICHAEL LENTEN FISH FRY: Fridays, 5:00-8:00 p.m. in the St. Michael Church Undercroft (HANDICAP SEATING available upstairs in Marian Hall) from February 8 to March 14; Cost: Adults – \$7.50, Children – \$5.50; Macaroni and Cheese Dinner also available at \$5.50; DRIVE THRU and Carry-out available. Sponsored by St. Michael Council 1445 Knights of Columbus. For information, call 885-7814.

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February 3, 2008
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 4

9:00 a.m. Bill Wonn

Tuesday, February 5

9:00 a.m. Louis and Rita Jentgen

Wednesday, February 6 – ASH WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m. Daniel Hollern

6:00 p.m. George Fares

Thursday, February 7

9:00 a.m. Frances Myers

Friday, February 8

9:00 a.m. Intention of Tony Kanakkanatt (Will)

Saturday, February 9

5:00 p.m. Bette Ghidotti

Sunday, February 10

8:00 a.m. A. J. and Dorothy Walker

10:00 a.m. Delta Tiberi

12:00 p.m. St. Timothy Parishioners

VOLUNTEERS FOR FEBRUARY

Altar Care	Nancy Exline and Itty Hoessly
Linens	Ann Connor
Collection Counters	Robin Altman and Sue Baurele

LENT BEGINS... The following fast and abstinence regulations are observed: Abstinence from meat is observed on all Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years and older. Fasting is observed on Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age to 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 10

MASS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
5:00 p.m. Saturday	Joni Teetor, Mary K. Rainey, Elaine James	Katy Cattell, Carina Bertolini, Anna Schnitkey
8:00 a.m. Sunday	Jack & Laurie Jenny, Lou Fabro	Pete Holtz, Joe Winters, Emily Cloud
10:00 a.m. Sunday	Nancy Powell, Paul Boulware, Joan Terveer, Dave & Mary Pat Boulware	Matt Grady Bryce Spees, Stevyn Spees
12:00 p.m. Sunday	Jim & Sue Klun, Bill Hartnett	George Cleary, Joe Neary, Megan Neary

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 4 St. Vincent de Paul Meeting – MPR Men's Club Meeting – Cafeteria	7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 5 Bible Study Group – MPR	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, February 6 Folk Group Rehearsal – Music Room Adult Choir – Music Room	6:45 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 7 RCIA – MPR	7:00 p.m.
Friday, February 8 Stations of the Cross – Church	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 10 Ladies Prayer Group – MPR	7:00-8:30 p.m.

Last week's collection was \$8,221.00

Presidents' Day Potluck for Vintage Club Members and All Parish Seniors

Monday, February 18th, at 12:00 noon in the cafeteria. The meat dish and drinks will be furnished by the committee. Please bring a side dish or a dessert to serve 6-8 people. Plan to stick around after lunch. Joe Brembeck will fill us in on the details about the upcoming outing to the Grand Victoria Casino scheduled for April 22nd. We hope you will stay for bingo and cards. Call Jan DellaFlora (457-4981), Sandy Rossetti (457-5356) or Connie Barr (457-5767) to make a reservation.

Pantry Donations Needed

St. James the Less Church and St. Vincent de Paul Society have asked St. Timothy for help in stocking its food pantry. In addition to food, they request soaps, paper products, and personal items. Please place all donations in the coatroom. Questions? Call Mary Fabro at 451-0396.

High School Youth Ministry

All high school youth are encouraged and invited to attend all or any of the following events:

Tuesday, February 5, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Bryce Eck Activity Center, Lower Level (3880 Reed Road, Columbus 43220).

Sunday, February 10, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Youth Rally Hype Night at St. Joan of Arc, Powell. This night will provide an exciting evening with other young people from around the diocese in preparation for the High School Youth Rally that will take place on March 1 and 2. Permission forms are available through Chris Valentine. Parent chaperones will be needed.

Wednesday, February 13, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Bryce Eck Activity Center, Lower Level

Sunday, February 20, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Multi-Purpose Room.

Wednesday, February 22, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Multi-Purpose Room.

Sunday, February 24, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Bryce Eck Activity Center.

Diocesan High School Youth Rally, March 1-2, at St. Charles Preparatory High School: All high school students are invited to attend this awesome weekend of faith, fellowship and fun! This year's theme is *Strength for the Journey* which focuses on communal strength, personal strength, and spiritual strength in one's life. This year's keynote speakers are Ansel Augustine, Charlie Aeschliman and Gary Allwein. Music will be provided by the Catholic band Station 14. Opportunities for the weekend include prayer, sacramental celebration, break-out sessions, special activities and an exhibit hall that will show off all kinds of cool things about our Catholic faith. If you went to NCYC – you don't want to miss the Youth Rally. Adult chaperones will be needed. Cost for the weekend is \$50.00 which includes meals and a t-shirt. Registration packets are due Monday, February 11. Contact Chris Valentine in the Parish Office or via e-mail at youthstim@rrohio.com to get your packet. Don't miss this exciting opportunity!

The *Catholic Times* weekly newspaper features insightful and informative news from around our diocese, our country and the world. Renew your subscription by putting your *Catholic Times* envelope, with \$15.00 (parish rate), into the regular collection.

Ash Wednesday Collection

The proceeds of Ash Wednesday collection will be contributed to the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs (JOIN), which operates under Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Columbus. JOIN provides emergency assistance to the poor and vulnerable of Franklin and surrounding countries in the form of food, prescription help, utilities, infant needs, identification papers, transportation, eyeglasses, burial assistance, senior items and referrals to other service providers.

Volunteers needed.....The Bereavement Luncheon Committee is requesting two people as back-ups. For information as to what is involved, call Joe or Leona Reinhard (457-2349). A person residing at the Gardens at Whetstone needs a ride to any weekend Mass. Call Sr. Carolyn at the Rectory (451-2671).

SCHOOL NEWS

Spring Sports sign-ups will be the after all Masses on the weekends of February 2/3 and 10/11. Sports included are Track, Boys Baseball and Girls Softball for grades 4 through 8. Early sign-up fees for each sport will be \$50.00. All paid registrations after February 11th will be \$55.00. Please sign up early so we can order the right number of uniforms and find coaches and teams where necessary. Any questions? Please e-mail Joe Obergfell at jjmjd@columbus.rr.com.

DRY CLEANING FUND RAISER:

The Dry Cleaning Station located at 1045 Bethel Road has agreed to donate 5% of all St. Timothy dry cleaning sales back to St. Timothy School. The only requirement is that St. Timothy parents and parishioners need to mention, when they drop off their dry cleaning, that they are from St. Timothy Parish. The donations from now until May will be applied towards our 8th Grade trip to Washington, DC. Please consider dropping off your dry cleaning at the Dry Cleaning Station to help support St. Timothy School and our 8th Grade Class.

WASHINGTON, DC – 8th grade class trip

The St. Timothy 8th grade class is working diligently to raise the necessary funds to support their trip to Washington, DC. They're planning a Dodgeball Tournament on Sunday, March 9th. All facets of the planning are completed by the 8th graders (planning, budgeting, execution, etc.). Of course, part of the responsibility includes obtaining sponsorships and donations to support the tournament. To date, they have secured \$585.00 with a goal of \$3,000.00 in sponsorships. They are also in need of concession items (candy, pop, pizza, subs, hot dogs, etc.) and raffle prizes. If you or your organization can assist, please let us know! Contact George Mosholder at 451-0739 or gmoshold@cducation.edu.

CAFETERIA WORKERS

Mon., 2/4	Romaker, Melillo, Staley
Tues., 2/5	Lutter, Meeks, Stock, Colasurd
Wed., 2/6	Cattell, Cooper, Freeman, Thomas
Thurs., 2/7	Feige, Moran, Reinmann
Fri., 2/8	Benjamin, L. Francescon, Padgett