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Today's Readings

Gn 12:1-4a
2 Tm 1:8b-10
Mt 17:1-9

Today we read about two big events from the Bible. The call of Abram is the starting point for three major world religions—Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Because Abram said yes thousands of years ago, billions of people today put their lives into the hands of the God who moves in human history.

God's plan is this: when the other nations see you walking with me, they will know I am real. People may have trouble knowing God, who cannot be seen, but certainly God's creation can be seen. Some of God's actions can be seen, too, and recognized as God's. But what if God could be watched and understood, working with people directly? What if a group that claimed to know God followed God's word and did God's special work? What if a group acted like they were walking with God?

Abram is sent on a journey, and he

becomes the father of faith. Why? Abram went as the Lord directed him.

Jesus' closest companions were stunned to follow him to a remote place where he was changed so dramatically they could never see him in the same way again. Peter, the voice of the group, tries to make sense of it—it is good to be here, right? Can we stay? But Jesus has more in mind than a vision. *Knowing* the light of God is not the point.

Once God has our attention, we have the journey—the relationship with this living person who will shape us, who will transform us. What has God shown us when our sight was clearest? What steps do we know have been on the right path? What step is next? The voice at the transfiguration tells us to listen. Rise and be not afraid.

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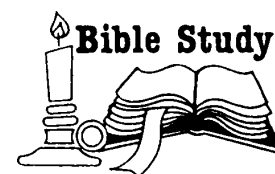
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PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL LIFE



Lenten Regulations

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 18-59 years of age. 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.



Bible Study Group

Tuesday morning Bible Study Group will meet on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Multi-purpose Room.



Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.



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 #49, Jesus told Sr Faustina, "My image already is in your soul, I desire that there be a Feast of Mercy. I want this image, which you will paint with a brush, to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy."



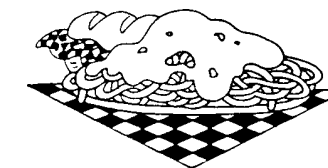
CRISIS PREGNANCY Hotline

Call (614) 444-4411.

Birthright Crisis Hotline

Call 1-800-550-4900.

AROUND TOWN



You and your families are cordially invited to attend the St. Charles Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, February 24. The event runs from 12:00 noon until 7:00 p.m., in the school's Robert C. Walter Student Commons. The experts from Berwick Catering will handle all the cooking, so you know the food is going to be great!!

You will enjoy a bountiful meal of spaghetti with meatball, salad, rolls, ice cream and a beverage for the great bargain price of only \$6.50 for adults, \$5.50 for senior citizens, \$4.00 for children 4-12 and free for those three and under. We'll also have a Family Special rate of \$26.00/pp (dine-in and immediate family, up to six members only, please). Carry-out orders will also be available.



SUPPORT GROUP FOR DIVORCED AND SEPARATED ADULTS

This Christian-based six-week program provides a positive environment of comfort and support where individuals can process the loss of a marriage. The sessions will be held at St. Michael Church in Worthington on Sunday afternoons, from 2:30-4:00 p.m., beginning March 2. A book, suggested readings and handout material will be available. Call Ms. C.G. Jones at 846-2361 or the St. Michael Parish Office at 885-7814 to register of if you have any questions.

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February 17, 2008
Second Sunday in Lent

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 18

9:00 a.m. Doug Standley

Tuesday, February 19

9:00 a.m. Mary Oess

Wednesday, February 20

9:00 a.m. Ralph Sanese anniv

Thursday, February 21

9:00 a.m. Intention of Joan Fisher

Friday, February 22

9:00 a.m. Rocco Salimbene

Saturday, February 23

5:00 p.m. St. Timothy Parishioners

Sunday, February 24

8:00 a.m. Peg Gerck

10:00 a.m. Clara DeSantis

12:00 p.m. A. J. and Dorothy Walker

LECTORS FOR FEBRUARY

5:00 p.m.	Jack Gibney and Yvonne Kovac
8:00 a.m.	Ken Lutter and Claire Meeks
10:00 a.m.	Pete Walter and Joe Boeckman
12:00 p.m.	Jim and Sue Klun

VOLUNTEERS FOR FEBRUARY

Altar Care	Ann Connor and Angela Parker
Linens	Ann Connor
Collection Counters	Robin Altman and Sue Bauerle

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 24

MASS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
5:00 p.m. Saturday	Carl Connor, Peg Lind, Virginia Leidheiser	Madison Kerscher, Carina Passino, Kalin Benjamin
8:00 a.m. Sunday	Matt Cooper, Kitty Quinn, Bob Dorinsky	Spencer Powell, Remy Powell
10:00 a.m. Sunday	John Stechschulte, Dawn Ellis, Gina Connor, Don & Kay Chalupa	Megan Lagatta, Charlotte Reinmann, Joe Hamlett
12:00 p.m. Sunday	Jim & Sue Klun, George Cleary	Bailey Cattabiani, Joe Jeffrey, Haley Jeffers

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 18 Vintage Club Potluck – Cafeteria	12:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 19 Bible Study Group – MPR	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, February 20 Folk Group Rehearsal – Music Room Adult Choir – Music Room	6:45 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 21 RCIA – MPR Ladies Euchre – Cafeteria	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Friday, February 22 Stations of the Cross – Church	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 24 Ladies Prayer Group – Teachers’ Lounge Youth Group Meeting – MPR	7:00-8:30 p.m. 7:00-8:30 p.m.

From the Pastor’s Desk

Bishop Campbell has just informed me that our parish goal for the 2008 Bishop’s Annual Appeal will be \$64,465.50. That is a lot of money, I realize, but the parish has been able to exceed its goal for the past two years. A major reason for our being able to hire a youth minister was that we received a hefty rebate last year. Every dollar we contribute over and above our goal comes back to the parish, free from the diocesan tax. I deeply appreciate everyone’s generosity in past years and will be looking forward to our surpassing the goal this year.

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.

Last week’s collection was \$10,324.00.

St. Vincent de Paul

Bathroom Towels – St. Timothy’s St. Vincent de Paul Society is collecting new and gently-used bath towels and washcloths during Lent for the SVDP Distribution Center located at 578 E. Main Street. Please place contributions in boxes marked SVDP located in the coatroom.

St. Vincent de Paul members will be at the doors of the church next week to accept your donation.

High School Youth Ministry

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

Sunday, February 17, 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 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 Wednesday, February 20th. Contact Chris Valentine in the Parish Office or via email at youthsttim@rrohio.com to get your packet. Don’t miss this exciting opportunity!

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The national collection for Black and Indian Missions in the United States will be taken at all Masses next weekend. Because of the generosity of the people around the U.S. last year, over 9 million dollars were contributed to the collection. The support went to some of the neediest people, from inner cities of the rural south, the deserts of the southwest to Alaska’s cold wilderness. Give a little – a lot will be accomplished.

SCHOOL NEWS

DRY CLEANING FUNDRAISER:

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.

St. Timothy School is hosting a dodgeball tournament on Sunday, March 9th. The tournament has three divisions: middle school, high school and adult. All proceeds from the tournament benefit the 8th grade’s trip to Washington, DC. If you are interested in participating in this tournament, please pick up an application form outside of the church or contact the School Office at 451-0739. Please consider forming a team and supporting this enjoyable fund raiser. If you have any questions, please contact George Mosholder at 451-0739.

CAFETERIA WORKERS

Mon., 2/18	No School
Tues., 2/19	Green, Marchese, O’Reilly
Wed., 2/20	Catanzarite, Chickey, D’Ippolito, Kowalke
Thurs., 2/21	Belcher, McGinn, Passino, Sena
Fri., 2/22	Davis, Lehr, Smith