

February 1, 2009

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday



What are you called to do?

Mark's Gospel gives a subtle description of the reaction of Jesus' audience. We do not learn whether his hearers accepted his message. What we see is how they recognize his uniqueness, his authority. They respond to him, the person, Jesus.

Another sort of audience is described in the same place. A tormented man with an unclean spirit is transformed by Jesus. The evil in this poor fellow is called out into the presence of Christ, and the man is given peace.

Jesus uses power. Everyone—his disciples, those possessed, the community arriving that day for Sabbath prayer—all realize Jesus' presence and actions are rooted in something deep and unique.

Today's Readings

Dt 18:15–20

1 Cor 7:32–35

Mk 1:21–28

How is it the disciples had dropped their nets, left their

jobs? They were taken by the presence of Jesus. His message for them was subtle, yet down to earth: Follow me. I want a different sort of fishing from you.

The ministry of Jesus is rooted in his Incarnation. The Divine steps into our world, takes up our human nature, and changes things. Seeing this person in action caused recognition and astonishment, shock and attraction. Did anyone expect a normal workday or Sabbath day to turn out so differently?

Jesus' call is a connection of what is subtle and common to what is dramatic and unique. Jesus' call takes us where we are—as what we are—and says, follow me, let me show the work of God through you.

Saint Paul asks, what should you be preoccupied with? Marriage? The Lord's work? In his audience, people were called to all of these.

What are *you* good at? What work gives you joy? What is deepest in you? What is God giving *you* authority to do?

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The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Martha Bell

Tuesday, February 3

St. Blaise, bishop & martyr

9:00 a.m. Patty Raphael (Anniversary)

Wednesday, February 4

9:00 a.m. Bob Gardner

Thursday, February 5

St. Agatha, virgin & martyr

9:00 a.m. Fr. Robert Schuer (*Pactum Marianum*)

Friday, February 6

Paul Miki and companions, martyrs

9:00 a.m. Natalie Cannon

Saturday, February 7

5:00 p.m. Earl Bachtel

Sunday, February 8

8:00 a.m. Virginia Sosnowski

10:00 a.m. St. Timothy Parishioners

12:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass

LECTORS FOR FEBRUARY 7-8

5:00 p.m.	Ron Benjamin and Gail Wenger
8:00 a.m.	Lou and Joyce Nobile
10:00 a.m.	Jim Foley and Debbie Lackey
12:00 p.m.	Kathleen Dunn and George Cleary

VOLUNTEERS FOR FEBRUARY

Linens	Ann Connor
Collection Counters	Alice Colbert and Linda Carnevale
Altar Care	Brenda O'Brien, Margie Brembeck, Helen Honeck

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 7-8

MASS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
5:00 p.m. Saturday	Joni Teetor, Peg Lind, Mary Kay Rainey	Kelly Grady, Katie Grady, Joey Reinmann
8:00 a.m. Sunday	Lou Fabro, volunteers	Sam Maglicic
10:00 a.m. Sunday	Mary Pat & Dave Boulware, Don Fracasso, John Steckschulte	Kate Lampe, Ben Lampe, Katie Mullen
12:00 p.m. Sunday	Brad Spees, Ken & Kathy Lutter	Stevyn Spees, Connor Geraghty, Tom Geraghty, Nate Cattell, Molly Cleary, James Holtz

A Word from Your Pastor

Dear Parishioners:

Most of you have heard the old expression, "We went to school uphill both ways." That comes to mind as we observed this week another round of no school due to snow and ice. Such a comment is always taken as an exaggeration. Several years back, however, I visited the little town in northern Italy where my father's mother's parents came from. I even got to see the house they left to come to America, as well as the church where they were married and their children were baptized. On that visit, I found out that it really is possible to go to school and return home "uphill both ways." They would leave their home, climb up a hill, actually a mountain, and then go down the other side into town for school. On their return, they would climb up the hill (mountain) and then go down again to reach home. That was their daily journey.

As we continue to experience the weather that limits our travels, it is good to notice for what we do choose to venture forth. What did you and your family attend in spite of the weather? What were you willing to forego? How did you spend your "extra" time? Now is a good time to review habits and activities that we participate in without much thought when the weather is fine.

Be sure to include some extra time with God as you fill the "empty times" that come up. Read Scripture. Pray a Rosary with your family. Talk about some things that really matter to you. Reflect together on the meaning of the activities that you are missing due to the weather. Parents can ask your children: "Do you know why we do that? What are you learning by being involved in that?" Be sure to connect at a greater depth with those who mean most to you.

On our Parish Patron's Feastday, January 26th, the children of our School celebrated in high style with the All-School Mass (moved from Wednesday to Monday) and with a Tea Party for our Seniors. It was a wonderful time to connect with young and old and to rejoice in the call that is ours to hear the Gospel and put it into practice. St. Timothy, pray for us! To the King of Ages, the Immortal, the Invisible, the Only God, be honor and glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 2 Men's Club Meeting	Cafeteria	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 3 Bible Study Knights of Columbus Meeting St. Vincent De Paul Meeting	MPR MPR Teachers' Lounge	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 4 Folk Group Rehearsal Adult Choir Bible Study (Jeff Cavins)	Church Church MPR	6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 5 Mass at the Forum RCIA	MPR	2:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Friday, February 6 Confirmation Retreat	School	9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 7 Confirmation Practice Confessions	Church Reconciliation Room	1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 8 Bible Study	MPR	7:00 p.m.

Parish Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Last week's regular collection was \$10,116.00. Your response to God's call to generosity is appreciated!

The *Catholic Times* Subscription Sunday

Next week is our parish collection for the *Catholic Times* weekly newspaper. Donation envelopes for this collection are included in your monthly packet. These can be placed in the basket along with the regular collection or dropped off in the Parish Office. For only \$15.00 per year (parish rate), readers receive a Catholic perspective on the world around us, local, national, worldwide, and Vatican news; diocesan, parish and school stories; articles, regular columns, editorials, and events are delivered right to your home. Bishop Campbell encourages every Catholic family to receive the *Catholic Times* as an evangelization tool. Look for your envelope and sign up for your new subscription or your renewal to the newspaper of the Diocese of Columbus, the *Catholic Times*.

Youth Group News

Diocesan High School Youth Rally, March 7-8, at Fisher Catholic High School. All high school students are invited to attend this awesome weekend of faith, fellowship, and fun! This year's theme is "Get Out of the Boat."

Opportunities for the weekend include prayer, sacramental celebration, break-out sessions, superfun activities, and an exhibit hall that will show off all kinds of cool things about our Catholic faith. Adult chaperones will be needed. Cost for the weekend is \$50.00 which includes all activities, meals, and a T-shirt. Registration packets will be available in the vestibule or Parish Office.

All forms and money are due by Tuesday, February 10th. Contact Chris Valentine in the Parish Office at 451-2671, or via e-mail at youthstim@rohio.com for more information.

Attention, Adults: We will need volunteers to help chaperone and drive each day to and from Lancaster for the Youth Rally. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Youth Events:

Sunday, February 8 – "Youth Rally Registration Drop-off." No official gather, yet Chris will be available in the Multipurpose Room for those who want to drop off any Youth Rally registration forms, want to sign up or just have any questions that need to be answered about the rally.

Sunday, February 15 – 6:30-8:00 p.m. Multipurpose Room

Lectors

St. Timothy has immediate openings for lectors for the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and the noon Mass on Sunday. Lectors are assigned for one month three times a year and share readings with a partner. It is a spiritual and beneficial assignment and easy, too. For information, call the Rectory (451-2671) or Lou Fabro (451-0396).

Thanks to all involved in the Men's Club Pizza and Sub Sale: assemblers, purchasers and consumers. It is always a real treat to see the family come together.

Knights of Columbus meeting has been changed to Tuesday, February 3 in the MPR.

St. Vincent de Paul members are at the doors of church **this weekend** to accept your donations for January's collection. Our apologies to any confused by the delay. When the 1st is a Sunday, it makes things a bit more complicated! The next regular collection will be February 21-22. Sandwich makers are also needed (the Sunday before the fourth Monday).

Cathi Steele of the Mid-Ohio Workers Association will be the speaker at the St. Vincent de Paul meeting on Tuesday, February 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Teachers Lounge. All are invited to attend.

Share Your Skills with Your Parish Family

You have your "Honey Do List" at home. And now, the Parish Council is putting together a contact list of members who can help with maintenance projects around the church, school and Rectory as well. Volunteers on the list will be contacted as needed for advice on repair projects. If you have any special skills that may be helpful, please consider joining the list by contacting Tom Rankin at tsdds@ameritech.net or Laurie Jenny at ljenjy@att.net.

Looking to get to know folks in our parish family? Why not be the *Volunteer Coordinator for the St. Timothy Spaghetti Dinner*? The main responsibilities include: Posting the sign-up board in the Vestibule, calling parishioners and school families to fill in open spots, sending out a reminder letter, being at the dinner to check volunteers in and help during the day as needed. You will have the support of the current VC to help you. The Spaghetti Dinner is in the beginning of March. Please contact Teresa Davidson at 578-4892 or davidson.teresam@gmail.com with any questions.

Keep in your prayers all our parishioners who are homebound or in nursing homes. Please contact the Rectory to let us know of anyone in need of Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick.

Remember in your prayers, Raymond Chay, who recently died. May he rest in peace.

SCHOOL NEWS

The St. Timothy Annual Pancake Breakfast was a great success and loads of fun. Folks will have to work on their pancake catching skills for next year. Thanks to all who were involved in the festivities.

St. Timothy School has begun taking registrations for the 2009-2010 school year. Enrollment forms and registration materials can be requested from the School Office. Return completed forms to the School Office on school days beginning at 9:15 a.m. Students will be accepted in accordance with the school's established policies of the first preference being given to registered parishioners and those with children already in the school. For more information, please contact the principal, Mr. George Mosholder (451-0739).

CAFETERIA WORKERS

Monday, February 2	Mellilo, Romaker, Stanley
Tuesday, February 3	Colasurd, Lutter, Stock
Wednesday, February 4	Cattell, Cooper, Freeman, Thomas
Thursday, February 5	Feige, Reinmann, Weaver
Friday, February 6	Dall, Petman, Steigelman, Frank

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The First Communion Parent meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 27th was cancelled due to the weather. Another time chosen will be communicated to the parents of students involved. Please contact Rita Feige (451-3867) if you have questions.

Confirmation Retreat will take place at St. Timothy on Friday, February 6, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. St. Timothy 8th graders will report to their classroom as usual. PSR 8th graders are to report to the parish Multipurpose Room. PSR students, please bring \$2.50 for lunch. All Confirmation Candidates, please make sure that you are where you need to be on time.

Confirmation Practice will be at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 7th. All Confirmation Candidates and their sponsors are to meet in the school cafeteria no later than 1:00 p.m. It is essential to arrive on time!

Confirmation Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday, February 8th** during the 12:00 noon Mass. All Confirmation Candidates and their Sponsors meet in the school cafeteria by 11:40 a.m. It is essential that Candidates and Sponsors arrive on time!

Confirmation Pictures – HR Imaging will be taking the group and individual photographs again this year. Envelopes for ordering group as well as individual pictures will be given to the Candidates to take home during the Confirmation Retreat.

Please keep all our Sacramental Candidates and their families in your prayers.

PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

Divine Mercy Chaplet

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

Eternal Father, we offer You the sacred Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins, and the sins of the whole world.

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Jesus, I trust in You.

Bible Study

Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room. This week the group is beginning a study of the letters of St. Paul with a book written by our own Sr. Carolyn Thomas, S.C.N.

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. When school is cancelled, formal Adoration (with Exposition following the Wednesday Morning Mass) will not take place in light of the difficulty to ensure that the Eucharistic Lord is never left alone in the church. On these occasions, the church will be left open for private adoration of the Lord in the tabernacle.

Growth in Understanding of the Liturgy of the Church is possible for those who assist in planning for the liturgies we share as a Parish Family. If you would like to learn more and to be part of this effort, contact Deacon Marion Smithberger.

AROUND THE TOWN AND BEYOND

World Marriage Day

The Marriage and Family Life Office and Marriage Ministries Leadership Council call your attention to World Marriage Day, February 8, 2009. Plan to celebrate this special day at St. Elizabeth Pastors' Hall from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Dr. Kevin Anderson, author of *The 7 Spiritual Practices of Marriage*, will share insights on "The Surprising #1 Secret to Your Best Marriage." Light refreshments will follow. Contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at 614-241-2560 or FLOmailbox@cols.dioc.org to register or for additional information.

"What Have You Done for Your Marriage Today?"

The Marriage and Family Life Office invites you to visit the U.S. Catholic Bishops' web site www.ForYourMarriage.org for resources to "prepare for" and "care for" your marriage. You'll find Daily Marriage Tips, sources of encouragement, information on what makes marriage work, as well as ways to nurture and strengthen your marriage. The web site is part of the larger National Pastoral Initiative for Marriage (NPIM), begun by the U.S. Bishops in 2005. The NPIM is a multiyear project aimed at communicating the meaning and value of married life for the Church and for society. Through it, the U.S. Bishops bring Catholic belief into dialogue with contemporary needs. Weaving together the Catholic faith tradition and its pastoral practice, the data of social science, and the experience of married couples, the NPIM will offer guidance and resources in order to promote, strengthen, sustain and restore marriages.

Right to Life

The Annual Diocesan Respect Life Conference will be at St. Andrew Church on Saturday, February 14th. Fr. Tom Euteneuer, President of Human Life International, will lead the conference and Dr. Brian Clowes will be a guest speaker. The day begins at 8:30 a.m. with Mass and ends at 3:00 p.m. Registration fee is \$15.00. To register, contact the Office for Social Concerns (241-2540).

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

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Bishop Watterson Mothers' Club invites you to an evening of reflection with Deacon Phil Paulucci, of St. Peter Parish, Psychotherapist, Director of Counseling for the Pontifical College Josephinum, on Wednesday, February 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Bishop Watterson H.S. Chapel.

"Finding Grace in the Deserts of Our Lives."

In each of our lives, there will be periods of trial and hardship. We call these "desert experiences," and they are times when our souls can be molded or torn apart. This talk is designed to provide a "map through the desert" that will lead us to discover grace, which enables us to reach up and touch the hand of God. Holding tight to God's hand we are led through these experiences and again made whole. We invite you to bring women friends and family members to share the evening with us.

The Annual Columbus Catholic Women's Conference is Saturday, February 21, 2009, at the Lausche Building, Ohio Exposition Center. Immaculee Ilibagiza and Sister Rosalind Moss (of EWTN fame) will be the featured speakers. Much work has been put into making this an exceptional conference. All women are invited and encouraged to participate. To visit the web site for more details and registration materials, go to www.columbuscatholicwomen.com.