

February 15, 2009

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday

Did it matter to Jesus whether people fit into the categories around him?



The Law of Moses, and particularly the book of Leviticus, pays a great deal of attention to who is clean and who is not. There is more to this than personal habits and hygiene, and more is at stake than catching someone else's germs or disease. The ability to worship, to go into the Temple, is at stake. A person's eligibility to be part of the community is related to being clean or unclean—to being worthy or unworthy.

Did it matter to Jesus whether people fit into the categories around him? He did not avoid the unclean; he touched them. At the same time, he was careful to integrate them into the community when they were healed. After healing the leper in Mark's Gospel, Jesus told him to show himself to the priests as the law prescribed. But before any of that, Jesus touched him—so he could rejoin the group. (And then the guy couldn't keep quiet about it.)

Do we find these old rules odd today?

We have our own ways of avoiding sickness and contagion. We have other ways of deciding who should be included in our group.

So, who is in and who is out?

Imagine having lunch with someone you don't want your friends to see you with. (What is he wearing? Where does she live? How does he talk? What kind of work does she do?) What if your friends saw you together? What if you couldn't explain

that you were just helping that person, maybe giving advice—maybe you were doing some sort of community-service work? Your friends would just think you were hanging out together. They would think you were friends. They would think you two were the same.

In Jesus' time, you didn't befriend the unclean. You certainly didn't eat with them. But Jesus touched and healed them. Did he eat with them too?

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Today's Readings

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

1 Cor 10:31-11:1

Mk 1:40-45

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Saint Timothy's annual Spaghetti Dinner is March 1, from 12:00 noon to 7:30 p.m. Your help is needed to make this year another success. Please sign up on the poster in the vestibule after all weekend Masses or call Stephanie Benjamin (459-1922) or Teresa Davidson (781-1779).

As always, high chairs, booster seats and your delicious desserts are needed. Please bring nonrefrigerated items to the cafeteria Saturday or Sunday of the event.

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.

School News

The St. Timothy track team needs coaches. We are in need of several people to assist our excellent coach – Cathy Cleary – in running practices and meets. Many hands make light work. If you can spare a couple nights each week and help Cathy organize and set up meets, please call Joe Obergfell at 761-9641 or Cathy Cleary at 457-5851.

Eighth Grade FUND RAISER!

The eighth grade will be selling Krispy Kreme Donuts after all Masses this weekend, February 14th and 15th. All money raised will go to help pay expenses for their Washington, DC trip coming up in May. Watch for more donut sales and other great fund raisers in the coming weeks. Thanks to all for your support!

CAFETERIA WORKERS

Monday, February 16	No School, Presidents' Day
Tuesday, February 17	Frissora, Green, Marchese, O'Reilly
Wednesday, February 18	Catanzarite, Dippolito, Fulop
Thursday, February 19	Belcher, McGinn, Passino
Friday, February 20	Gardner, Gray, Moran, K. Rankin

Prayer and Spirituality

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.

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.

CATHOLIC RADIO 1580 AM NOW SERVES ALL OF CENTRAL OHIO! St. Gabriel Radio has acquired a new, stronger signal at 1580 AM that now reaches nearly all of Central Ohio. Sincere thanks to all our faithful supporters, generous benefactors and volunteers for making this possible. Tune in today at 1580 AM and listen to Catholic talk radio that will nourish you on your journey to know, love and serve Our Lord.

Respect Life

This spring, from February 25-April 5, the Greater Columbus community will be uniting with 172 cities from more than 40 states for the largest simultaneous pro-life mobilization in history – the nationwide *40 Days for Life* campaign. Faithful believers across the country are praying that this effort will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in America. St. Timothy Church participated in the fall campaign and now is the time for the spring campaign. Greater Columbus Right to Life is coordinating the 40 Days for Life effort in the Columbus area. **For more information about 40 Days for Life or to volunteer, please contact Dan Klepser, Greater Columbus Right to Life's 40 Days for Life Volunteer Coordinator. You can reach him at 614-445-8508 or danielklepser@att.net.**

Respect Life meeting will be held on Thursday, February 19th, at 7:00 p.m., in the teachers' lounge.

Birthright Crisis Hotline: Call 1-800-550-4900.

Around the Town and Beyond

The Watterson Mothers' Club presents "Groovy Times," the 2009 Spring Luncheon and Style Show. It features senior students as models, silent auction and raffle. The silent auction and raffle begin at 10:30 a.m., with the luncheon following at 12:00 noon. The event takes place Saturday, March 14, at Villa Milano (located at 1630 Schrock Road). Please visit the Watterson web site (www.bishopwatterson.com) to download the reservation form. Reservation and payment are due by February 23rd. If you have any questions, please call Watterson at 268-8671 or Sherry Yoakam (Spring Luncheon chairperson) at 740-548-7018.

Noodles and Company...4740 Reed Road

Come check out all 16 vegetarian and fish options at Noodles and Company on Ash Wednesday, February 25th. Noodles and Company will offer all St. Timothy's Parishioners a FREE small bowl of Soup, Salad or Noodles for Kids with a Regular Purchase. One per person. Please mention offer at time of purchase. All day – 11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

THE JOURNEY OF ST. PAUL will be stopping at **St. Andrew's Bryce Eck Activity Center**, 3880 Reed Road, Columbus, on Sunday, March 8th and Monday, March 9th. The **Sunday Dinner Theater** performance will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m. \$25.00 per person. The **Monday Box Lunch Matinee** will begin at 11:30 a.m. \$15.00 per person for the matinee. Doors open 30 minutes before the performance. Reservations are required. Tickets are available from Kathy Barger at 459-1402, ext. 1.

The **Christ Child Society** is having their annual **Membership Drive!** The Christ Child Society has a wonderful history of over 120 years of helping children in need through volunteer programs and activities that fit the needs of our communities. The Christ Child Society of Columbus has been active for over 25 years aiding children in need and welcomes new members interested in their mission of service to children. Please contact Gina Connor at 451-1112 for additional information. We **thank** St. Timothy for your support and use of the Rectory basement in putting layettes together for area hospitals to distribute and holding our meetings.

St. Charles Spaghetti Dinner – February 22

Don't miss this year's St. Charles Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, February 22, from 12:00 noon until 7:00 p.m. in the *Robert C. Walter Student Commons*. This annual event is hosted by the St. Charles Alumni Association with the expert assistance of Berwick Party House. Guests will enjoy a bountiful meal of spaghetti with meatball, salad, rolls, ice cream and a beverage. The dinner is \$7.00 for adults, \$6.00 for senior citizens, \$4.00 for children 4-12. Carry-out orders will also be available.

St. Charles Preparatory School announces it will hold its Spring Baseball Camp on March 7. Camp runs from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon for boys ages 7-10 and from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. for boys ages 11-14. Contact Ray Benjamin for info at benj33@aol.com or 614-833-1736.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 16
 9:00 a.m. Louis and Rita Jentgen

Tuesday, February 17
 9:00 a.m. A. J. and Dorothy Walker

Wednesday, February 18
 9:00 a.m. Ann Sebastian

Thursday, February 19
 9:00 a.m. John and Margaret Flesher

Friday, February 20
 9:00 a.m. Ralph Sanese

Saturday, February 21
 5:00 p.m. Doug Standley

Sunday, February 22
 8:00 a.m. Rocco Salimbene
 10:00 a.m. Tom Holt
 12:00 p.m. St. Timothy Parishioners

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, February 17 Bible Study	MPR	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, February 18 Folk Group Rehearsal Adult Choir Bible Study (Jeff Cavin)	Church Church MPR	6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 19 RCIA Respect Life Meeting Ladies' Euchre	MPR TL Cafeteria	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 22 Bible Study	MPR	7:00 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS FOR FEBRUARY

Linens	Ann Connor
Collection Counters	Alice Colbert and Linda Carnevale
Altar Care	Marty Gardner and Kathy Theado

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR FEBRUARY 21-22

MASS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	MASS SERVERS
5:00 p.m. Saturday	Tim & Audrey Kelsey, Carl Connor	Dustin Oberfell, Tom Cianflona, Jessica Passwater
8:00 a.m. Sunday	Jack & Laurie Jenny, Lou Fabro	Remy Powell, Mike Lutter, Spencer Powell
10:00 a.m. Sunday	Don & Kay Chalupa, Phil & Donna Diaz, Bill James	Tim Silleck, Katie Cattell, Nate Cattell
12:00 p.m. Sunday	George Cleary, Rick & Colleen Ziemba	George Cleary, Haley Jeffers, Molly Cleary

A Word from Your Pastor

Dear Parishioners:

It's not often that the Catholic Church makes front page news with the Good News. But this week we did. The information included in the article did not do justice to the matter involved, but many of the words were there. I would like to try to speak to the main points of the Catholic doctrine so that you have an understanding that is better than what is in the newspaper.

Does the Catholic Church still teach about Indulgences? Yes. This is one of the most ancient teachings of the Church and even though it does not always make sense to the modern age, it offers a real sense of hope to the heart that is ready to hear it.

It is not a matter of selling anything. That part of the history of indulgences was an aberration, recognized as such in the very time it was happening. The concept of indulgences is, on the contrary, a matter of sharing and cooperation. Simply put, the idea behind indulgences is that if you do your part and approach things with a willing spirit, someone who has a little more to offer will add to what you are doing what is necessary to get there. Every child with generous parents who has saved up his or her allowance for a purchase beyond his or means knows this principle.

Confession covers the guilt of sin that would lead to Eternal punishment. Indulgence covers the temporal punishment due to sin. All sin has consequences that go beyond the act itself. Very serious sins, done willfully and with full knowledge of their gravity, have the power to send us to Hell. They also leave a "residue" of selfishness as a habit that can become engrained in our very being. We want to say "yes" to goodness, but the reminders of the evil that we have done remain and have an influence on us. The actions that have indulgences associated with them work against this.

Pope Benedict called for the observance of a Year of Saint Paul and through his authority as Pope, established a connection between certain actions in observance of that year and the granting of indulgences.

"The Christian faithful of the various local Churches, having fulfilled the required conditions (sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion, prayers for the Supreme Pontiff's intentions) and in a spirit of total detachment from any inclination to sin, may benefit from the *Plenary Indulgence* if they take part devoutly in a sacred function or in a pious public exercise in honor of the Apostle to the Gentiles; on the days of the solemn opening and closure of the Pauline Year, in all the sacred places; on other days specified by the local Ordinary, in holy places dedicated to St. Paul and, for the convenience of the faithful, in other places designated by the same Ordinary." (*Urbis et Orbis Decree*)

The indulgences gained by cooperation with Apostolic authority may be for oneself or for someone who has died. This points to the constant teaching of the Church concerning the Communion of Saints. We are one. Death does not end our connection with those we love. We can pray and perform actions of penance that are available to those who have died as they enter into the encounter with their Maker, an encounter we will all face.

The Church has established a connection with indulgences with many actions of charity and prayer, as well as certain traditional customs such as pilgrimages and visits to shrines. The merits of the saints through the centuries are our common heritage, our sharing in the "holy things" that belong to all of us through our life in Christ.

Confirmation Thanks

We want to offer special Thanks to all who were part of the celebration of Confirmation on Sunday, February 8. Congratulations to our newly confirmed. We expect great things from them through their new relationship with the Holy Spirit and the Church.

We thank the Knights of Columbus for their turning out in full regalia to add to the solemn nature of the ceremony. We thank the St. Timothy Men's Club for covering the cost of the Confirmation retreat, which took place on Friday before the Confirmation. We thank the 8th grade parents, who had a Confirmation prayer party and provided decorations, food and drink, and gifts for the retreat. We thank Ann Connor, who did the calligraphy on the Confirmation Certificates so it could be a lasting reminder. We thank the first grade parents who did the Confirmation Reception for their children's buddies. We thank Dr. Larry and the choir and all the musicians who added to the beauty of the Mass. Thanks, too, to all liturgical ministers, servers, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. Special thanks to sacristan Annette Kanakkanatt and to our M.C. Bill James, who made sure that everything flowed along smoothly.

For their work preparing our students for their big day, we thank our 8th grade religion teacher, Mrs. Sue Gardiner, and our 8th grade catechist, Elaine James. We also thank the parents, sponsors and other family members and friends who supported them along the journey of Faith. Thanks to all who had a part.

This weekend, we celebrate the Gift of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation with our 8th graders. Due to some health concerns, Bishop Campbell has delegated me as Pastor to confer the Sacrament on our confirmands in his place. It is truly a privilege to be an instrument of the Holy Spirit. As we celebrate the power of the Spirit to make use of willing hearts and to take up residence in our lives, let us recall the purpose of the Gift.

The Holy Spirit comes to us to reveal Jesus Christ and the Father to the world. It is through the action of the Spirit that the plan of salvation is put into effect. The Spirit prepares us and strengthens us to give witness, the testimony of our lives, to the truth of Jesus as Lord and Redeemer. When we "fan into flame" the Gift that is conferred on us as hands are imposed, we cooperate with a power that can overcome anything that the world can throw at us.

Once we have received the Gift of the Holy Spirit through Confirmation, we can rely on the Presence of the Spirit within us. We are Temples of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit Himself teaches us how to rely on the Gifts that accompany His Presence in our Lives: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Knowledge, Piety, Fortitude and Fear of the Lord. In order to cooperate with the action of the Spirit, it is necessary for us to cultivate an attitude of docility. The promptings of the Spirit are powerful, but subtle. We must attend to them and follow them by choosing to walk the path they unfold.

Let's pray for our newly confirmed students and for all who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. *Come, Holy Spirit, fill us with the fire of Your Love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth.*

Last week's regular collection was \$10,477.00. Your response to God's call to generosity is appreciated!

The Catholic Times Subscription

Thank you to all new and returning readers of the *Catholic Times*. Contact the Parish Office if you missed the special collection and learn how to sign up for the upcoming year for just \$15.00 (parish rate). As an evangelization tool, Bishop Campbell encourages all Catholic households in the diocese to receive and read our diocesan newspaper, the *Catholic Times*.

Youth Ministry

The High School Youth Group will meet this Sunday, February 15, from 6:30-8:00 p.m., in the Multipurpose Room.

It's not too late to sign up for the Diocesan High School Youth Rally, March 7-8, 2009, at Fisher Catholic High School in Lancaster.

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," and keynote speaker will be Tammy Evevard with music provided by local Catholic praise band Station 14.

Opportunities for the weekend include prayer, sacramental celebration, break-out sessions, recreation and many fun 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 **Wednesday, February 18th**. Contact Chris Valentine in the Parish Office or via e-mail at youthsttim@rrohio.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 Events:

Youth Group Nights – Please note: all will take place in the **Multipurpose Room**, from **6:30-8:00 p.m.**, Sunday, March 15 and Sunday, March 29.

Ash Wednesday Collection

There will be a collection taken up on Ash Wednesday (February 25th) for JOIN, the Joint Organization for Inner-city Needs, which operates under Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Columbus. JOIN provides emergency assistance to the poor and vulnerable of Franklin and surrounding counties in the form of food, prescription help, utilities, infant needs, identification papers, transportation, eyeglasses, burial assistance, senior items and referral to other service providers.

Recognizing and accepting our commitment to the teaching of the Catholic Church, we strive to be imitators of God's love for us and one another by providing emergency material basic needs. (Vatican II)

Women's Club Annual Prayer Breakfast

On Saturday, March 14th, at 9:00 a.m., at the Fawcett Center. The speaker will be Fr. Tim Hayes, cost is \$20.00. Tickets will be sold after all Masses beginning February 14th. Questions, call Annette Kanakkanatt (457-6055).

The St. Timothy's Maintenance Committee sends out a big THANK-YOU to Tom Pelland for volunteering and using his gifts and talents in repairing a major crack in the wall to the church entry. Cutting a beam, taping, cleaning and painting the entire wall took several days of detailed work. We thank him for his efforts, as we all will enjoy a prettier entry to our church.