

February 14, 2010

Today we will hear words from Jesus that sound strange 2,000 years ago. "Blessed are the poor and woe to the rich" has always sounded strange. Let's ask God to help us receive and understand - and put into practice this strange teaching.

One who trusts in human beings



 **Eucharistic Celebrations**

- Sun. 8:00 a.m. Jim Patterson, Ann.
Jack & Rosemary Gwinner
Mary Lynn (Roach) Clark
- 10:00 a.m. Edith Zielinski
People of the Parish
- Tues. 8:15 a.m. Verlee & Jim Morris
- Ash Wednesday 8:15 a.m. James V. O'Donnell, Ann.
7:00 p.m. Norma Branham
- Thurs. 5:30 p.m. Nan Merrill
- Fri. 10:30 a.m. John Roemer (Beth Haven Mass)
- Sat. 5:30 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. James W. Stearne
- Sun. 8:00 a.m. Tony Viorel
10:00 a.m. Jack Brothers, Ann.
Elise Weber

ALTAR MINISTERS - FEBRUARY

5:30 p.m. Ministers of Eucharist:

Vic & Colette Markell, John Mikula, Kathy Vessell
Jim Mudd, Joe Loren Hays, Debbie Allen - alt.

Minister of the Word: Sue Sculley

8:00 a.m. Ministers of Eucharist:

Sue Webster, Sharon Welch, Randy Wheeler, Sr.,
Don & Mary Zeiger, Kenny Buckman, Lisa Allen - alt.

Minister of the Word: Dr. George Kerkemeyer

10:00 a.m. Ministers of Eucharist:

Spike & Theresa Ehrhardt, Sarah Deien,
Marilyn Kerkemeyer, Elisabeth Koenig, Mark Novak
Nancy McWilliams - alt.

Minister of the Word: John Pierceall

Greeters - February

- 5:30 p.m. Warren, Mary Ann & Sarah Barrett
- 8:00 a.m. Greg & Diane Addison, Larry Failor, Sr.
- 10:00 a.m. Tom & Shelly Nelson, Marla Ryan

Servers - February 20-21

- 5:30 p.m. Breanna Sparks, Christopher Wetton,
Haley Yarrington
- 8:00 a.m. Jennifer Fohey, Desare Garcia, Jordan Held
- 10:00 a.m. Harrison Vessell, Brendan Watson,
Samantha Zielinski



Dear Parish Family,

This coming Wednesday we begin the holy season of LENT. This Ash Wednesday we will be signed with ashes praying that we will turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.

Lent is a time of turning back, of turning away from that which is dangerous to our spiritual growth, a time of returning to the Lord. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is our great way of continual conversion. Mark March 22 on your calendar. On March 22nd we celebrate our communal penance service.

During these 40 days of new growth, I pray that our fasting, praying and almsgiving lead us closer to Jesus and one another. This is the season to pray the daily scriptures of the church or to become part of a "Why Catholic?" group. The Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration, and the rosary are excellent ways to enter more fully into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Operation Rice Bowl is a way for us to be aware of and respond to the needy and the poor who count on our help.

Whatever you choose to do, I pray that Lent is a time of rebirth and renewal for you, a time in which you grow more in love with the Lord and with one another.

In Christ's love, Fr. Mike



We'd like to remind all men that there are only 20 days left until the Men's Christ Renews His Parish Weekend, and only 41 days left until the Women's CRHP Weekend.

So far the women have 18 women registered for their weekend as opposed to 8 registrants for the men's weekend. COME ON MEN...let's show the women that we mean business!!!

These weekends are opportunities for you to deepen your relationship with Christ and to grow more in love with your brothers and sisters at Holy Family.

If you have additional questions...please contact:

Men's Weekend - Gary Broughton, 248-6815

or for the Women's Weekend call:

Lisa Baughman, 660-785-0505 or Melissa Lamb at 406-1087. Registration forms are on the tables at the

entrances to church. Please pick up a form and prayerfully consider a Christ Renews His Parish Weekend.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Holy Family will have Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7 p.m. in church. beginning Friday, February 19th. Please join us as we walk the "Way of the Cross."

**THIS WEEK 
IN OUR PARISH**

Sun. 2/14 Worldwide Marriage Day!

8 & 10 a.m. Masses - all welcome!
Coffee & Doughnuts after 8 & 10 a.m. Masses in St. Michael's Hall
Religious Articles Sale in St. Michael's Hall
9-10:30 a.m. Why Catholic Group - St. Michael's Hall
1 p.m. Men's CRHP Meeting - St. Michael's Hall
6 p.m. Women's CRHP Meeting - St. Michael's Hall
7 p.m. HS Youth Group - rectory

Mon. 2/15 No School at Holy Family

Parish Office Closed
6:30-8 p.m. Why Catholic Group - St. Elizabeth Room

Tues. 2/16 8:15 a.m. Mass in church - all welcome!

1:30 p.m. Why Catholic Group - St. Mary's Room

ASH WEDNESDAY 2/17 - Ash Wednesday

is a day of Fast & Abstinence. Please see the Lenten Regulations on page five of the bulletin this weekend!



6:45 a.m. Why Catholic Group - St. Anthony Room
8:15 a.m. Mass in church - all are welcome!
7:00 p.m. Mass in church - all are welcome!
7 p.m. Religious Ed. students to Ash Wed. Mass
7-8:15 p.m. Why Catholic Group - St. Michael's Hall
7-8:30 p.m. Why Catholic Group - St. Anthony Room

Thurs. 2/18 5:30 p.m. Mass in church - all welcome!

7 p.m. RCIA class - St. Michael's Hall and church

Fri. 2/19 9 a.m. Friday to 8:30 a.m. Saturday - Eucharistic Adoration in the chapel - all are welcome!

10:30 a.m. Mass at Beth Haven - all are welcome!
4:30-7 p.m. K of C Lenten Fish Fry - KC Hall
7 p.m. Stations of the Cross in church

Sat. 2/20 5:30 p.m. Mass - all are welcome!

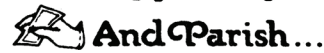
6:30-8:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Game Night - St. Michael's Hall

Sun. 2/21

8:00 a.m. Mass - all are welcome!
10:00 a.m. Mass - all are welcome!
11 a.m.-1 p.m. - Confirmation Class - St. Michael's
6 pm Women's CRHP - St. Michael's Hall
7 p.m. Men's CRHP - St. Anthony Room

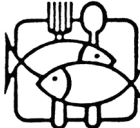


Your Gifts To God



Offertory Budget	52 wks.	\$ 1,041,248.00
Needed to Date	32 wks.	656,480.00
Received to Date		640,142.66
Over (Under) for Year		(16,337.34)
Needed Each Week		20,515.00
Received Feb. 6-7		16,783.78
The total for Feb. 6-7 is comprised of:		
Regular Envelopes & Loose		15,412.87
Youth Envelopes		70.91
Donations		475.00
Masses		5.00
School Support		485.00
K of C Newspaper Sales		300.00
First Offering		10.00
Holy Days		25.00

Building Fund	539.00
Haiti Relief	690.55
Families In Need	10.00
Souper Bowl of Caring	894.38



K of C Lenten Fish Frys
 The Knights of Columbus will once again host Fish Frys on the Fridays of Lent. **The dates are: February 19&26, March 5, 12, 19 & 26.** K of C Ladies Auxiliary members are asked to donate a dessert for the fish frys. Anyone in the parish is welcome to donate a dessert. Contact Renee Fisher at 221-7374 if you have additional questions.

Lent Begins... this week with Ash Wednesday on Wed., February 17th. **Our Ash Wednesday Mass schedule is 8:15 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.** Ashes will be distributed at both Masses.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS... It's time for a new Parish Pictorial Directory. We are planning this for August, 2010. We will need help with this project...so please think about volunteering to help! Watch the bulletin for additional info. on the new pictorial directory!



My dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

Each year, as we enter into the season of Lent, Christ through His Church, invites us to a sincere review of our lives in light of the Gospel. On Ash Wednesday, the Prophet Joel exhorts us to return the Lord with our whole heart (Joel 2:12), as our foreheads are marked with the penitential sign of ashes, and as we call upon the Lord to give us back the joy of salvation (Psalm 51:12). It is during this graced time that Christ calls us all to a return, a conversion of heart and mind: a turning from sin, to the grace offered us in Christ.

In his Lenten message this year, Our Holy Father Pope Benedict reminds us of what this call to Christian conversion really is. He writes, "Conversion to Christ, believing in the Gospel, ultimately means this: to exit the illusion of self-sufficiency in order to discover and accept one's own need - the need of others and God, the need of His forgiveness and His friendship" (Pope Benedict XVI, Message for Lent 2010).

My prayer this Lent is that through our willingness to engage in greater prayer, fasting and almsgiving, God's grace will assist us to turn away from sin and turn more fully to Christ, who is the fullness of His forgiveness and friendship.

Participating in the life of grace given us through Christ's Sacraments, let us keep each other in prayer!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Most Reverend John R. Gaydos
Bishop of Jefferson City

Stewardship... The words of the psalmist echo the theme of all of today's readings. "Blessed are they who hope in the Lord." As good stewards, firmly grounded in that hope, may we bear fruit in due season-assisting the poor, feeding the hungry, and consoling the sorrowful whenever we have the chance.

WE HAVE A WINNER!!!
Last weekend, the winner of the Teacher's Basket Raffle was pulled...Congratulations to Scott & Cherrie Allen!
Thanks to your generous support, the school profited \$521.00.
We would like to thank the teachers for their amazing basket.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK - Feb. 14-21
Sunday: Jer 17:5-8 Ps 1:1-4,6 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Lk 6:17,20-26
Monday: Jas 1:1-11 Ps 119:67-68,71-72,75-76 Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18 Ps 94:12-13a,14-15,18-19 Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6b,12-14,17 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6,16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-6b,18-19 Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Dt 26:4-10 Ps 91:1-2,10-15 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13

QUESTION OF THE WEEK
"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man."
Adults How do I measure happiness? Do I "buy into" the values of the Reign of God?
Children When have I felt sad or angry because my friends did not understand my religion?

SHOES FOR WATER PROJECT
Holy Family Parish Council voted at its January meeting to participate in a Shoes for Water Project to Kenya. This project originated with George Hutchings, a St. Louis area minister and founder of Eagle Wing Ministries. He sells the shoes to a company in St. Louis for 35 cents a pound. The shoes are taken to South America where people can barter for them or buy them at a very low price. This year, Hutchings will need 200,000 pairs of shoes to help pay for a drilling rig and towing vehicle to drill wells to provide clean water in Kenya. One rig can dig 30-40 wells a year, and each well will last for 30 years.

This is a good way to clean out your closet and help your brothers in Africa. There will be bins set up at church and school for collection. We will collect shoes from Ash Wednesday until Palm Sunday. Please place your shoes in a small plastic bag and then put them in the large bins at church.

If there are any Girl or Boy Scout troops in the parish that want to participate as a troop, that is possible. This is a cause that does not cost any money and gives glory to God and others. Contact Geri Graves, 221-3410 for more information.

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CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES' OPERATION RICE BOWL For 35 years Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl has offered Catholics in the U.S. a way to connect with our brothers and sisters overseas. This Lenten Season, Catholic Relief Services invites Catholics to **pray** with their families and faith communities; **fast** in solidarity with those who hunger; **learn** about our global community and the challenges of poverty overseas; and **give** sacrificial contributions to those in need.

Middle School Youth Group... February 20th - Meet in St. Michael's Hall after 5:30 pm Mass. IT'S A GAME NIGHT! We'll play a little Guitar Hero and work on a service project too! Bring a snack to share - drinks provided.

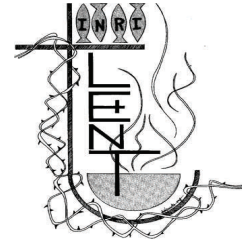
H.S. YOUTH SCHEDULE

Sun., 2/14: 7 pm Youth Group Meeting - Rectory

Sun., 2/21: 11-1pm Confirmation Class - St. Michael's

Wed., 2/24: 7 pm Youth Group Meeting - Rectory

Sun., 2/28: Confirmation Vocation Reflection Day in Jefferson City



WILLIAM H. (Bill) SIMON SCHOLARSHIP

The William H. (Bill) Simon Scholarship Fund awards scholarships to Catholic students who are in financial need for the purpose of attending an accredited college or university of the student's choice. The scholarship is \$1,000 a semester (up to 8 semesters) to assist the student in meeting educational needs. The deadline for submission of the application, SAR, and letters of recommendation is March 31, 2010. All applicants will be notified of the results by May 1, 2010. To request an application, please contact the parish office. Submit completed applications to: **Simon Scholarship, P.O. Box 1049, Jefferson City, MO 65110-4900**

2010 RENEWAL DAY February 26 & 27 plan to join us at the St. Thomas More Newman Center in Columbia for our 2010 Renewal Day entitled "*God's Plan for Us.*" The speaker will be Aggie Neck from Marksville, Louisiana in the Alexandria Diocese. As well as being in full time ministry and being director at Servant House, a Catholic Charismatic house of prayer in Marksville, Aggie has also served on the (Charismatic) National Service Committee (NSC) for ten years, seven of them as chairman. The program begins Fri., Feb. 26th at 7:30 pm with a diocesan wide prayer group meeting at which Aggie will give the teaching. Saturday will begin with registration at 8:00 a.m. Aggie will be teaching and sharing during the day and will end around 5:00 pm. Watch the bulletin and the Catholic Missourian for more about the weekend or call 573-635-4373 or 573-642-2537 for more information. This weekend is sponsored by the Service Team for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the Jefferson City Diocese.

THE PASSION PLAY OF OBERAMMERGAU

Fr. Mike Quinn, pastor of Holy Family at Hannibal, will be leading a tour of Eastern Europe highlighted by the world famous Passion Play of Oberammergau. The trip includes the cities of Prague, Budapest, Vienna and Munich. The tour begins on August 4, 2010 and ends August 14, 2010. It includes roundtrip air fare from St. Louis, first class hotel accommodations, most meals, comprehensive sightseeing, admission tickets to the Passion Play, plus much more. The price of the tour is \$4,399.00 per person. For a brochure and more information, please contact Fr. Quinn at 573-221-3505 or email frquinn@sbcglobal.net.

John DiTillo returns to Haiti

John DiTillo, of our parish, returned to Louverture Cleary Catholic High School (LCS) in Port Au Prince, Haiti. John was a volunteer teacher at LCS for the 2008-2009 school year. After the devastating earthquakes, he felt called to return to LCS. He left February 11th and will return June, 2010. Please keep John, LCS, all the people of Haiti, and the relief workers in your prayers.

SPECIAL THANKS TO...  **US Cable**
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FOR PROVIDING INTERNET SERVICE TO HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL!

2010 Lenten Regulations for the Diocese of Jefferson City

As another Lenten journey of conversion begins on Ash Wednesday, 17 February, 2010, and ends with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, 1 April, 2010, Holy Mother Church calls all Catholics to a deeper spirit of penance, fasting, almsgiving and prayer, "which express conversion in relation to oneself, to God, and to others" (Catechism of the Catholic Church # 1434 & 1969). In order to foster a greater spirit of penance, of reparation for sin, to encourage self-denial, and to guide us more closely in the footsteps of Christ, Holy Mother Church reminds us of the following **obligations of fast and abstinence** during Lent and also **admonishes us all to deeper prayer and worship**.

1. **Abstinence**: all persons who have already celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.
2. **Fasting**: everyone, from the celebration of their 18th birthday to their 59th birthday, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting is generally understood to mean eating only one full meal each day. Two other partial meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken; but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. Voluntary fasting on other weekdays of Lent is highly recommended. But please note: when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, neither the law of fasting nor the law of abstinence obliges. These are minimal penitential practices and should not be lightly excused. If in doubt, please consult your parish priest. Other recommended forms of fasting, as regards alcoholic drink, needless television, video games, internet use, and social entertainment, are of true spiritual value and strongly encouraged.
3. **Almsgiving**: The act of giving to the poor, in the most ancient tradition of the Church, is an expression of penance, a witness of fraternal charity, and an expression of Lenten conversion. Therefore, all Catholics are encouraged to support generously the charitable works of the whole Church: through regular stewardship to their parish, support of charities, and their generous response to the diocesan Catholic Stewardship Appeal.
4. **Prayer**: In order to deepen one's love for Christ, Catholics are urged all the more to participate in the Sacramental life of the Church during Lent by attending daily **Mass**.

Lent is also a privileged time for celebrating the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, including its communal celebration. Our communal celebration will be Monday, March 22, 2010 at Holy Family. Anyone conscious of a grave sin must receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before approaching to receive Holy Communion.

WEDNESDAY MORNING CONNECTION... Did you get to see the ads during the big game on Sunday? There's always a lot of hype surrounding Super Bowl advertising. Many of them show up on YouTube after the game (as do parodies of them as well). The ad industry will spend weeks critiquing and analyzing the successes and failures of the entire lot. CBS revealed that there were three additional minutes of advertising in this year's game - a record.

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, some of those commercials had a love theme. The Google ad was widely praised by critics for telling a story simply by showing the use of the search engine. Titled "Parisian Love," the ad began with a search for "study abroad" and culminated with a final search of "how to assemble a crib."

Teleflora came up with a more successful reprise of an earlier concept. "Ms Popular" gets less than pretty flowers in a box, while the more ordinary "Office Girl" gets a fantastic fresh bouquet delivered by Teleflora for Valentine's Day.

It isn't only ads during the Super Bowl broadcast that are pushing the Valentine's theme. Kay Jewelers has been promoting diamonds in various settings for Valentine's Day with their trademarked tag-line "Every kiss begins with Kay." And Wal-Mart has jumped into the fray with ads promoting a special Valentine's Center in its stores, promising a quick in and out for those who need a last minute card or gift. As we all know, it wasn't love of diamonds, or flowers, or even chocolate that pushed Valentine to give his life (and was acclaimed a saint, as we know him today). It was love of Christ-rooted in the resurrection that Paul proclaims to the Corinthians in the second reading this Sunday.

We'll be starting Lent in a few days, using the season to prepare ourselves for the annual renewal of baptismal promises. It was in that sacrament that we were joined to Christ and to his death and resurrection. Valentine's faith in and love for Christ so moved him that he gave his life (and so became synonymous with love). When we come to church on Wednesday and get signed with ashes we will walk out wearing a cross on our foreheads. It could just as easily be a heart, for both are signs of love. Valentine's Day comes at exactly the right time this year: the Sunday before Lent begins. It's a time for us to once again deepen our love for God and our love for our neighbor. What we do during Lent could be more powerful than any commercial Madison Avenue could devise. Through our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we could become living ads for love. - **Paul Michaels**

Prayer Eternal God, love has its origin in you, for out of love you created all that is. Fill our hearts with the power of your love, and the ardor of your truth, that like St. Valentine we may give of ourselves to witness to your eternal love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.