

February 6, 2005 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You are the light of the world." Matthew 5:14

† Servant Leader †

The Season of Lent 2005

Every year, Lent brings us an increased opportunity for prayer and penance, opening our hearts to the obedient welcoming of God's will for us. This holy season is a time to prepare for the celebration of the great mystery of the death and resurrection of Christ which is to follow. We do this by listening more devoutly to the Word of God and by practicing humility more fully.

Let us, during Lent, strive to form our consciences more fully with God's Revelation which not only brings wholeness and integrity to our personal lives but also makes it possible for us to bring healing and reconciliation to society.

Let us take advantage, then, of this Lenten season 2005 to engage seriously in the pursuit of truth and freedom. I offer a few suggestions for doing so:

- 1) Ask the Holy Spirit for the gifts of courage and understanding, humility and right judgment.
- 2) Consult the Catechism of the Catholic Church to find clear teaching about the moral conscience and its correct formation (See paragraphs #1776-1802).
- 3) Consider your own family situation, your work and your civic duties, and then ask: "Do I live my whole life as a vocation and a mission from the Lord?"
- 4) Carve out a few days for a spiritual retreat or at least set aside half a day to go apart from everyday life and examine, with God's help, how you are integrating the gift of faith in all dimensions of your life.

On the first day of Lent each year, the Lord says to us through St. Paul (2 Cor 6:2), "Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

Now is the time to say "Yes" when we mean "Yes," and to say "No" when we mean "No." Lent is the time to profess our Catholic faith with gratitude and to put every part of it into practice.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

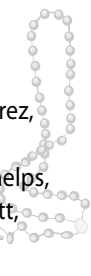
- Mon: Gen 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56
 Tue: Gen 1:20-2:4a; Mk 7:1-13
(Sts. Jerome Emiliani & Josphine Bakhita)
 Wed: Ash Wednesday: Jl 2:12-19; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6,16-18
 Thu: St. Scholastica: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
 Fri: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15 (*Our Lady of Lourdes*)
 Sat: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32



PRAYER CORNER

Remember in your prayers:

Mary Avila, Charles Black, Jill Boyd, Fr. Chris-Paul Egege, Evelyn Gonsalves, Max Guerra, Charlene Gutierrez, J. Gutierrez, R. Gutierrez, Amanda Hallmark, Gary Hayes, Stanley Hayes, Nikki LaTona, Tila Lenz, Mafua Family, Earl Mattingly, Bud Phelps, Peter Popjevalo, Fr. Troy Powers, Christine Regan, Zan Rockett, Charles Schneider, Jo Ster, Clement Sweeney, D. Sweeney, I. Thompson, X. Thompson, Bishop Weigand, Jessie Williams



ASH WEDNESDAY: During the Ash Wednesday liturgies, in unity with Catholics around the world, we are signed with ashes as a reminder of our baptism and as a call to Lenten baptismal renewal.

When we are signed with the ashes, we hear some version of these words: "Remember, man, that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return." Not the most cheerful sounding words, to be sure, but they are a reminder to us all that no matter where we are in our life's journey, it is never too late (or too early) to reform, repent, and renew ourselves spiritually. So, then, these somber sounding words are actually full of joy - the joy of a "second chance", the joy of joining in Christ's glorious resurrection on Easter morning!

Ash Wednesday is this week, February 9th, and the Mass schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, Feb. 9th	Liturgy of the Word - 7:00 am*
Masses:	8:30 am, 10:00 am (School Mass)
	6 pm & 7:30 pm (Spanish)

*If you would like to receive ashes before you go to work or school on Ash Wednesday, there will be a celebration of the Liturgy of the Word with the distribution of ashes at 7:00 a.m. The service will last for about 30 minutes.



DISCIPLES IN MISSION: Parishioners interested in participating in "Disciples in Mission on the Journey" who are able to make daytime meetings may sign up for one of two available sessions - Wednesdays during Lent beginning February 16, from 9:30-11:00 am in the Community Center RCIA Classroom or 1:00-3:00 pm at a leader's home. Come and be enriched with the Word of God. Sign-up sheets are available at each church entrance. Thank You!

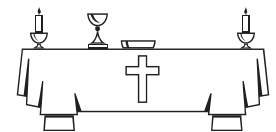
ADULT CONFIRMATION: If you would like to complete the Sacraments of Initiation and are in need of the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Rebecca Kistler or Deacon Mark through the Catholic Faith Formation office at 726-7217. We will begin adult Confirmation classes on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 pm until 9:00 pm starting February 16.

PARISH VOCATIONS COMMITTEE: The Parish Vocations Committee will be meeting at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, February 8, 2005, in the Sacristy. Gather prior to the meeting at 6:45 pm in the Chapel for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. For more information, contact Young Stewart at 332-8732 (or email at yestewart@prodigy.net).

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: The next meeting of the Holy Family Parish Pastoral Council will be Thursday, February 17 at 6:30 pm in St. Joseph Hall.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday: Ana Palmer -Int.
 Dottie L'Heureux -Int.
 Tuesday: Ana Palmer -Int.
 Wednesday: Ana Palmer -Int.
 Francis Eichler +
 Jack Van Maren +





HFS TAKES PART IN DIOCESAN RELIGION CONTEST:

Holy Family School community takes great pride in all the teams which represent the school in athletic and academic competitions. This past week, the greatest source of team pride was the **Religion Decathlon Team** which participated in the Diocesan Religion Contest on Saturday, January 29. Coached by Mrs. Joan Biller, fifth graders Christin Cichosz, James French, Dianna Kardous, and Avery McGrath and sixth graders Emanuel Aguirre, Kathreen Daria, Matthew Myers, and Erica Peterson prepared for three months for the event. They competed against fourteen other teams at St. James School in Davis and impressed all with their knowledge of the Catholic Faith. Thank you, Mrs. Biller and students!

TAMALE SALE: The Holy Family Hispanic Apostolate is having a Tamale Sale after all Masses today. The sale is being held to raise money to buy new religious materials for our Spanish Catholic Faith Formation program. A half-dozen tamales is \$7 and a dozen \$12. Join your **whole** Parish family for good food and a good cause!



HOLY FAMILY LITURGY COUNCIL

LITURGY COUNCIL MEETING: Beginning this month, the highlights of Liturgy Council meetings will be published in the bulletin throughout the month, so the entire parish family is kept up to date on the activity of this vital ministry. The results of the Diocesan Synod and directives from Bishop Weigand both support recent activity of the Liturgy Council and set its course for the months ahead. The principal focus will continue to be to foster a renewed understanding of the celebration of the Mass and to bring about a deeper understanding of the Eucharist. Father Kiernan distributed several documents on these issues to the Council, and excerpts will be distributed to the parish in the coming weeks and months. Father Kiernan set the following objectives for the immediate course of action:

- * Catechesis on the parts and prayers of the Mass
- * Promotion of Eucharistic worship and personal and community prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament

Check next week's bulletin for more news from the Council. For more information contact John Wihl, 722-7956.



NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Valentine's Dinner and Dance

Saturday, February 12th

Cocktails start at 5:00 pm with Dinner at 7:00 pm
A tri-tip dinner with all the trimmings awaits you.

(Chicken will also be available.)

All for only **\$15.00** per couple

Tickets will be on sale after each Mass,
or call John Norwood, Grand Knight, at 783-0453.

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15th ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL IS FEBRUARY 13

25% goes back to our parish

You may have already received literature in the mail from the diocese featuring stories about **people in our own local area who suffer the indignities of poverty** and about people who provide hope and care to these, our most impoverished brothers and sisters. Thousands of disadvantaged older people, foster teens, children, refugees, working families, immigrants, pregnant women, homeless and mentally ill rely on local programs to overcome their circumstances.

As you think about the gift you can afford this year, prayerfully consider that **drastic cuts in private and public funding have left many programs in imminent peril**. Please also consider that for the first time in the history of the Appeal, **25% goes back to our local parish for our own social service activities**.

Pledges can be dropped into the Sunday collection basket at any time, using the appropriate envelopes or otherwise properly marked for the Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not received a pledge envelope, please contact the Parish Office at 723-2494.

Please give generously to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

STEWARDSHIP - TREASURE

GENERAL COLLECTION	
Weekly Goal	\$ 10,000.00
Jan 9	\$ 10,629.50
Jan 16	\$ 10,297.00
Jan 23	\$ 8,115.00
Jan 30	\$ 10,635.00
Year-to-Date	\$ 298,963.00
Goal-to-Date (31 Weeks)	\$ 310,000.00
% of Goal Collected-to-Date	96.44 %
Annual Goal	\$ 520,000.00
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COLLECTION	
Weekly Goal	\$ 3,750.00
Jan 9	\$ 1,303.00
Jan 16	\$ 1,832.50
Jan 23	\$ 1,548.00
Jan 30	\$ 2,880.00
Year-to-Date	\$ 74,190.68
Goal-to-Date (31 Weeks)	\$ 116,250.00
% of Goal Collected-to-Date	63.82 %
Annual Goal	\$ 195,000.00
SECOND COLLECTION	
Holy Family School - Tuition Assistance	\$ 2,418.00
<i>"Spirit of God, renew us in service and make us a sign of your love for the world."</i>	