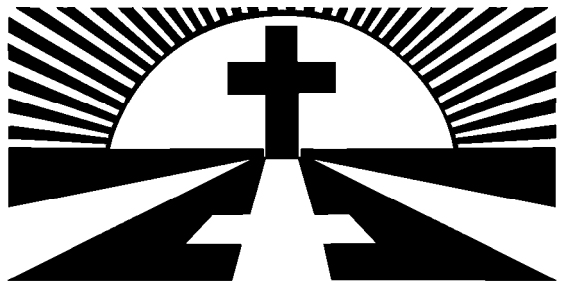


Third Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2009

I, the LORD, am your God . . .

You shall not have other gods besides me.



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Exodus 20:2a, 3

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The law was given through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or *Exodus 17:3-7*.

Psalms — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or *Psalm 95*.

Second Reading — We proclaim Christ crucified; the foolishness of God is greater than human wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) or *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*.

Gospel — Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up (John 2:13-25) or *John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt. 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21 Alternate readings (Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny
Tuesday: St. Patrick
Wednesday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Thursday: St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday: Spring begins; Abstinence

Knights of Columbus Breakfast, Sunday, March 22, 2009 after 8:00 am in cafeteria. Everyone is invited to come for good fellowship and food.

Rosary Dedication: March 2009: For those suffering from cancer.

Deadline for bulletin news is on Tuesdays by 4:00 pm. Please call the office with any news you would like to put in the bulletin.

This Week at Our Lady of Sorrows

Saturday, Mar 14th

Confession 3:00 – 3:30 pm
Mass 4:00 pm

Sunday, Mar 15th

Mass 8:00 am & 10:30 am
Pre 9 am
Spanish Mass 5:00 pm ,
Bible Study Classes 6:30 – 8:30 pm Krug Hall

Mon, Mar 16th

Mass– 8:15 am

Tuesday, Mar 17th

RECTORY CLOSED
Mass– 8:15 am

Wednesday, Mar 18th

Mass – 6:30 pm
RCIA – after 6:30 pm Mass Krug Hall

Thursday, Mar 19th

Mass – 8:15 am
Bible Study 9:30 – 11:30 Krug Hall
STVDP Meeting 7 pm Krug Hall

Friday, Mar 20th

Communion Service 8:15 am
Stations of Cross 6:30 pm
Poor man Supper – Youth Group after Stations

Saturday, Mar 21st

Confession 3:00 – 3:30 pm
Mass 4:00 pm

Altar Servers – Please remember that **YOU** are responsible for finding a substitute if you are not going to be present for your assigned Mass on the weekend and holy days. The parish counts on your being present to assist at the altar and disregard for the schedule disrupts the worship of the entire community. Please pay attention to the schedule that is mailed to you because we are counting on you to be present.

The Universal Church Celebrates – You heard me speak last weekend of Blessed Damien and his work among the lepers on Molokai, Hawaii. On Tuesday of this past week it was announced that Blessed Jozef Damien de Vuester, a Belgian priest of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, and of the Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, is among 10 who will be canonized during the next year. The exact date of his canonization will only be finalized as of Saturday of this weekend. Praise God in His mercy! Ordinary men and women who responded to the shower of grace in extraordinary ways reveal the ongoing love God has for His Church. Are you working on your holiness?

LENTEN DEVOTIONS:

Friday

- Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. with Benediction (Plenary Indulgence)
- Poor Man's Supper following Stations of the Cross sponsored by Fr. Timby and Deacons.
- Day of Abstinence from Meat

Everyday

- Use the Little Black Books of spiritual reading provided by the Altar Guild
- Use the Lenten editions of *The Word Among Us* for daily meditation

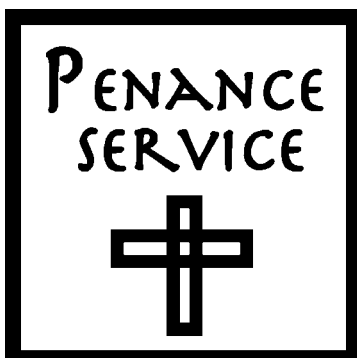
CALLING ALL MEN! – Catholic men, please mark your calendars for the 4th Men's Morning of Spirituality that will be held Saturday, March 21, 2009, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at St. Louis Church on White Station Road. This year's speaker will be John Blumberg, author of the book *Silent Alarm*. Bill Drennan, parishioner of St. Louis, will be the Witness. The morning's events include a penance service and Mass with the Bishop. This is an ideal commitment to make for the season of Lent and is a call to commit to a stronger Catholic life. For more information, go to www.castyournets.org.

St. Benedict Crossroads Concert Series final concert of the season features Memphis diva Joyce Cobb with a night of blues, jazz and rock - Sunday March 22, 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00. For ticket information call the school at 260-2840, visit the web site at www.sbaeagles.org. or E-mail - crossroads@sbaeagles.org.

Altar Guild women needing help on making Meat ravioli Saturday, March 21st at 1:30 pm and Sunday, March 22nd after 10:30am Mass in the cafeteria.

Inspirations for the week:

- Sunday** – Life is a measure to be filled, not a cup to be drained.
- Monday** – Closer to the shepherd, further from the wolves.
- Tuesday** – Every saint has a past. Every sinner has a future.
- Wednesday** – Authority makes some people grow, and others just swell.
- Thursday** – God wants full custody, not just weekend visits.
- Friday** – A man is also known by the company he avoids.
- Saturday** – Do not ask the Lord to guide your footsteps if you are not willing to move your feet.



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St. Mary's Catholic Church Steeplechase 5K/ 1 mile Fun Run. Presenting sponsor: Saint Francis Hospital - Memphis, 10a.m. Saturday, April 25, 2009 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 155 Market St., 38105. Registration is at 9 a.m. Music, food and drink after the race. Fundraiser for St. Mary's Catholic Church's outreach to the homeless and the church restoration and renovation building fund. Pre-registration \$20 (\$19 Memphis Runner's Track Club members). Race-day registration \$25. Pre-register at www.racesonline.com

Please note the dates
for the Minister and Altar Server Schedule
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Schedule
- for Mar 14 & 15**

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	5:00 PM
H.Littleton	B.Hall	D.Bennis	
M.Kissell	S.O'Brien	J.DeStefano	
Lector			
B.Pettit	J.Bish	M.Owens	
Altar Server			
C.Sawicki	R.Martini	C.Bailey	S.Roque
	H.Martini	D.Bailey	A.Roque

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H.Littleton	M.Carpenter	D.Bennis	
G.Pannell	M.Hensley	B.Allard	
Lector			
R.Pannell	D.Gohman	T.Floyd	
Altar Server			
A.Younger	K.Owen	K.Hissong	J.Rivera
	E.Foote	C.Sawicki	

**Spring has Sprung
Trivia Night**

In honor of the life of Dorsey Bailey
March 28, 2009
Our Lady of Sorrows | 3700 Thomas Street |
Memphis TN 38127
Doors open 5:30 starts at 6:30
For more details call 901.353.1530
Gifts for all members of the first and second place
teams, multiple door prizes
and a prize for the best decorated spring picnic table.
Brother Ignatius also promises two "Heads and Tails
contest, which will be fun for all!!
Be ready to bid on the silent auction items, bidding
will stop at the end of round nine.
Pizza and Soft Drinks will be available
for a small charge
~B.Y.O.B. and come join the fun for a worthy cause~

In your prayers please remember: Barbara Allard, Grace Aspinall, Theresa Baker, June Bennis, Rebecca Bethune, Louis Bompreszi, Crissy Brigrance, Thomas Brown, Carole Brunner, Fred Brunner, John Calipari, Keith Carpenter, Trudi Collier, Bonita Comans, Abrahan Delgado, DePriest Family, James Essary, Elena Everroad, Tony Drewitz, Margaret Dries, Rena Frazier, John Paul Fields, Rosa Fox, Carolyn Fracchia, Alice Fricks, Lance Garrett, Sue Guinn, Linda Gonzales, Theresa Greco, Eileen Haklitch, Amanda Hall, John & Bootsie Hammett, Shelby Henricks, Peggy Hooten, Lynn Hupp, Michael & Donna Jackson, Margaret Jones, George Klein, Robert Kuehner, Butsy Lanigan, Bill Lindsley, Anthony Lobianco, Ericka Lopez, Robert Lutts, Jerry Lynn, Sadie Claire Lynn, Louise Macdonald, Joseph Mangold, Thomas Miller, Bill Nutt, Eudora Mays, Brinda Paravicini, Jackie Perfetti, Waldyr Poilis, Fr. Robert Ponticello, Nancy Pope, Dr. Cheryl Pearson, Kenneth Rainey, Louisa Reilly, Tony Salvati, James & Maureen Spain, Mona Stringfellow, Steve Stromberg, Brooklyn Swann, Wayne Sylvester, Fr. Bryan Timby, Keith Trenham, Carolyn Walsh, Helene Weiss, Lewis Wilkinson, Mary Wilson, Louise Winter and Angie Wright.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mar 14th 4:00 pm

Fran Schmitt+

Sunday Mar 15th 8:00 am

Cody Brahm+

Sunday Mar 15th 10:30 am

People of Parish

Sunday Mar 15th 5:00 pm

Int. of Frank Lobianco

Monday Mar 16th 8:15

Christina & Willard Wooldridge+

Tues. Mar 17th 8:15 am

Guy & Sally Finley+

Wed. Mar 18th 6:30 pm

Int. of Miriam Rivera

Thur. Mar 19th 8:15 am

Delia Owen+

Friday Mar 20th 8:15 am

Communion Service

Saturday, Mar 21st 4:00 pm

Fran Schmitt+

Sunday, Mar 22nd 8:00 am

Roby & Gohman Families+

Sunday, Mar 22nd 10:30 am

Charlena LoBianco+

Sunday, Mar. 22nd 5:00 pm

People of Parish

PARISHONERS IN HOSPITAL:



Wayne Sylvester – Meth University
Room 517 TW

Bonita Comans – Baptist Desoto, room
516

PARISHONERS IN NURSING HOME:

Carolyn Fracchia
St. Peter Villa, 331-A
141 North McLean
Memphis, TN 38104

Jackie Perfetti
St. Francis Nursing Home
5959 Park Ave, room 328
Memphis, TN 38119`

Helene Weiss
St. Francis Nursing Home
5959 Park Ave, room 328
Memphis, TN 38119

Ginger Shemwell
Luther Tower
274 S. Highland apt. 106
Memphis, TN 38111

Visit the sick and/or send them a card to let them know they are not forgotten

ALTAR Guild - Flowers can be put on the Altar in memory of – anniversary – birthdays and any other occasion. Please contact Frances Bursi at 357-5874 or 634-1168.

GRACIAS! – We thank Paula Lutts for volunteering to serve as the new secretary to the Parish Pastoral Council. The secretary to the Parish Pastoral Council is a non-voting member who keeps minutes and attendance records for the archives of the parish. The Council meets on the fourth Tuesday on odd-numbered months. Paula will join the Council in March. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 31 at 7 pm.

Financial Report for Weekend of March 8th 2009

Envelopes	\$ 3,527.00
Loose Checks	935.00
Loose Currency/Coin	201.37
Debt	482.00
Improvements	120.00
Indian Mission	10.00
Catholic Relief	15.00
Poor of Parish	65.00

Total Collection	\$ 5,355.37
Church Budget for the Week	<u>-4,894.23</u>
Collection Diff for the Week	\$461.14

Collections Revenues Y-t-D	\$158,166.16
Church Budget Y-t-D	<u>175,198.28</u>
Collections Deficit Y-t-D	\$ (17,032.12)

Ash Wednesday **\$687.18**

KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH

There's no better way to deepen our Lenten practice than to review the Ten Commandments (not the movie, the book). The first three, having to do with our right relationship to God, get the most ink. The one we busy people probably have the most problem with is keeping holy the Sabbath.

If we take this commandment literally, babies will go undiapered and dishes will stay on the table, or perhaps meals will not be served. The sick will go unattended and nothing that has anything to do with physical labor will be done. Is mental labor really work? How about changing that dirty diaper (poor baby!)?

We need to depend on God to discern how to observe real Sabbath time in our lives. The point of this commandment is that God has given us a great gift: one whole day per week when we are free to rest, worship God, sing, feast, love, and rejoice. As Psalm 19 proclaims: "The law of the LORD is perfect, / refreshing the soul" (19:8). Our Sabbath rest is a great gift, to be received from God with joy, not with nitpicking.

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We are scheduling **MASS INTENTIONS** for 2009. Please call the rectory for your intention.

Attention All Candidates For Confirmation – Monthly preparation classes for the Sacrament of Confirmation begin Saturday, January 31, at 9:00 a.m. These classes are required for all candidates for Confirmation enrolled in OLS Parish School and OLS P.R.E. They will be taught by Fr. Timby. Other required dates are March 8 (Rite of Enrollment with Sponsor), March 28, April 25, May 16 (Retreat). Confirmation is scheduled at 7:00 p.m. on May 28 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the K of C. For more info, please call Daniel Schachle, FIC, General Agent at 423-451-7643 or email:daniel.schachle@kofc.org.

New Pamphlets in Church – Please look for some new pamphlets in the vestibule of the church in coming weeks. The following titles have been ordered in both English and Spanish: *How to Celebrate Holy week, How to Make a Good Confession, Questions Catholics Are Asked: Are You Saved?*, and *Top Ten Questions Catholics Are Asked*. The following titles have been ordered in Spanish only: *How to Pray the Rosary, How to Observe Lent, Six Ways I Can Make My Parish Better*, and *What the Church Teaches: Cohabitation*.

Monthly Bus Trip – The Monthly Bus Trip is schedule for Sunday, March 29th after 10:30 am Mass. If you are interested in going, please call Martha Hensley at 357-2459 or 268-2849.



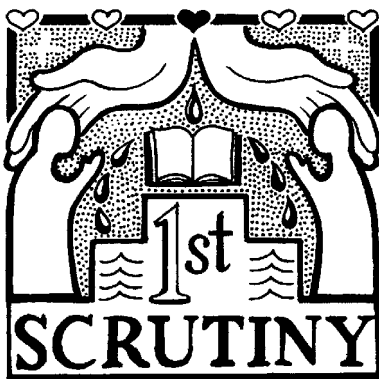
Be sure to check your mailbox for your Ministers of the Eucharist and the Word or Altar Server schedule for April & May.

Evening of Discernment – An evening of discussion, reflection and prayer for men who are interested in the priesthood and are seniors in high school or older will be held on February 16. Gathering time for Evening Prayer is 5:45 p.m. at St. Louis Church. The group will then head to a restaurant for fellowship and return to St. Louis Church for discussion, discernment and prayer. The evening concludes around 8:30 p.m. These evenings are not only a great opportunity to reflect on God’s call in one’s life, they are also a wonderful way to meet others who are considering the possibility of priesthood in their life as well. If you cannot make this gathering others are scheduled on March 16, April 20, May 18 and June 15. Come join us!

The Word Among Us – Thanks to the generosity of St. William Parish in Millington we have 100 copies of the Lenten edition of *The Word Among Us*. Please help yourselves in the vestibule of the church. Please take only one per household to allow access to these wonderful season meditation to as many parishioners as possible. We apologize, but there are no Spanish versions available.

Little Black Books – Once again, the ladies of the Altar Guild are providing a supply of Lenten meditation booklets. Please look for the Little Black Books in the vestibule of the church. Spanish version, which are clearly marked, are on the altar rail in front of Mary’s statue.

Attention Leprechauns! – Fr. Timby will need help baking bread and making desserts for the St. Patrick’s Day dinner. Please call the parish office and give your names to Carolyn Roberts so recipes and ingredients can be distributed next week. The desserts need to be made on Sunday (3/15) or Monday (3/16). The bread must be made on Monday (3/16). Call early in the week so we can capture a few more of the wee people if we need them.



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No **baptisms** will be celebrated during Lent to focus our attention on the call to conversion and the significant role the sacrament plays in the celebration of the Easter Vigil. In fact, there will be no holy water available during the season.

Parish Lenten Penance Service – The combined penance service for nine parishes held at the Cathedral during Advent was such a huge success with more than a dozen priests and 200+ people in attendance that we are joining forces again during Lent. Our Lenten Penance Service will be at the Cathedral of

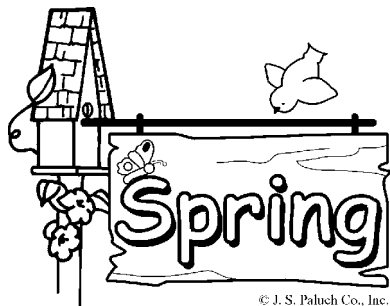


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the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, March 24th, at 7:00 p.m. Several priests will be available to assist those who speak Spanish. Come, be a part of this wonderful celebration of God’s mercy and compassion!

Stations of the Cross – The Stations of the Cross will be celebrated twice each week during Lent. The will be celebrated on Wednesday afternoons in a simple format for the children of the school, but Adults are welcome. On Friday evenings, the Stations will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. with Benediction following. There is a plenary indulgence attached to the proper meditation of the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent. This means that if you make a good confession within seven days before or after meditating on the Station all temporal punishment in Purgatory for sins committed will be forgiven.

Poor Man’s Supper – A simple, meatless meal will be provided at no cost to those participating in the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings during Lent. This week’s Poor Man’s Dinner by Youth Group. The meal will be served in the cafeteria immediately following Benediction. Come join us for Stations of the Cross and dinner.



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Each Friday evening we will meditate on the **Stations of the Cross** at 6:30 p.m. The Stations were originally promoted by St. Francis of Assisi as a way for those were unable to visit Jerusalem and trace Our Lord’s steps along the Via Dolorosa to make the ascent with Jesus to Calvary in their parish churches. Besides being a good spiritual exercise, a **Plenary Indulgence** is offered to those members of the faithful who make a good confession and complete their penance within a week prior to meditating on the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent and on Good Friday. **Benediction** will conclude the Stations of the Cross each Friday evening.



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All Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday, are also days of **abstinence** from meat and meat by-products. **All Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are obliged to abstain from meat and all food made with or flavored with meat on these days.** For those who wish to beg the question “What is meat?” the answer is: “meat” is the slaughtered of flesh of any creature that uses lungs to breathe, e.g., cows, chickens, whales, frogs, snake, etc. Fish and other creatures that use lungs to breathe are not considered “meat” and may be consumed in days of abstinence. There is no dispensation from abstinence, not even for health reason or “old age,” despite the valiant efforts of some to get me to give one!

An Explanation – A commonly asked question is what do we consider to be “meat” when determining how to abstain from meat on the Fridays of the year, especially during Lent when it is absolutely required? The answer is quite simple: If it has lungs, it is considered to be meat. This applies only to the butchered flesh of an animal and not eggs, milk or cheese. Fish have gills, not lungs, so fish is allowed for consumption. And, as I told one little boy when pressed for a more definitive answer: Yes, all insects may be eaten on the Fridays of Lent but one might want to be sure they don’t overeat them on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday lest they not be fasting as prescribed for all Catholics of age.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

If your parish is reading from Year B of the Lectionary today, and not Year A, as is normally done when there are elect present for the scrutinies and preparing for Easter baptism, you hear about Jesus driving the money-changers from the temple. If you wished to get as close as possible to this site today, you would in fact be at a Muslim shrine, the Dome of the Rock, built on the ruins of Herod's temple. Archeologists believe that this striking, gold-domed crown of a shrine is set precisely where the Holy of Holies once was. Jews believe that the rock is the exact spot where Abraham was prepared to sacrifice Isaac. It is not a mosque, as some think, but a shrine, the oldest one in the Muslim world. For them, the rock is the place from which the Prophet Mohammed ascended on a visit to heaven. The Crusaders mistook the shrine for the actual Temple of Solomon, and the infamous Knights Templar used it as their headquarters and model for their churches elsewhere. The geometric perfection of the shrine is a mathematician's dream. The inscriptions are not exactly hospitable though, since they encourage Christians to "depart from error" and declare that "Jesus son of Mary was only a messenger of God." In ancient times, those who prayed here after walking around the rock were given a certificate entitling the bearer to admission to paradise. The ticket had to be buried with them.

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Just When You Think You Have Heard It All –

The Judiciary Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly is considering outrageous legislation designed specifically to target Catholic parishes with the bogus aim of "restructuring" them for the public good. Senate Bill 1098 is a frontal assault on the autonomy of the Roman Catholic Church in Connecticut. Among other things, it would force parishes to set up "lay boards" to oversee the management of Church-owned property, cutting priests and the Archbishop out of the process altogether. The legislation was scheduled for a public hearing on Wednesday, March 11th, at 12:00 noon, in Room 2C of the Legislative Office Building in Hartford. As soon as we hear the outcome of the hearings, we will let you know what will happen next.

Christian Integrity Lectures – Christ first gave us a command: "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 13:34). Jesus loves us with a true and pure love, a compassionate and vibrant friendship, and with an eternal promise. Join us for a 3 part lecture series on Christian Integrity: Love, Friendship, and Promise. This will take place 3 consecutive Tuesdays: March 24th, March 31st, and April 7th from 7:00PM until 8:30PM in the Holy Rosary Family Room. – Anthony Maranise, a major of Religion at Christian Brothers University will present. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow spiritually this Lenten season. For more info, please call (901) 634 - 4280 or email Anthony at amaranis@cbu.edu.

May Mania Chairpersons Needed – Due to pressing health problems, we are in need of new volunteers to assume the responsibility of chairperson and co-chairperson for May Mania. Without dynamic and committed leadership we will have trouble putting on the type of event that we have had in past years. If you are ready to take charge, please call Fr. Timby at 353-1530 as soon as possible.

