

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7, 2010



*I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
with all my heart,
for you have heard the words of
my mouth.
— Psalm 138:1*

TODAY'S READING

First Reading — In a vision Isaiah is called to be a messenger for the LORD of hosts. Isaiah responds, "Send me!" (Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8)

Psalm — In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — Paul reminds us of the gospel he preached through which we are saved, if we believe it (1 Corinthians 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]).

Gospel — Jesus directs Simon to take his boat into deep water for a miraculous catch of fish. Simon and his partners leave all to follow Jesus (Luke 5:1-11).

GOD'S CALL

In today's scriptures we hear three instances of people receiving and responding to a call from God. These accounts follow the pattern of most scriptural call narratives: a divine presence appears and speaks; the person expresses fear or unworthiness, receives encouragement, and finally responds to God's call. Today's first reading shows an unworthy Isaiah responding to the Lord's call, "Here I am; send me!" (Isaiah 6:8). In the second reading Paul tells us that, even though he had persecuted the church, he was called to be an apostle. In the Gospel, despite Simon Peter's protest that he is a sinner, Jesus calls James, John, and Simon to follow him. They leave everything they have and follow Jesus—that is, they become Jesus' disciples. These scriptures can challenge us to take stock of our lives. How do we experience Jesus' call to discipleship in our lives? How well and faithfully are we responding?

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday:	Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

TESTED LIKE GOLD

God wishes to test you like gold in the furnace. The dross is consumed by the fire, but the pure gold remains and its value increases.

—St. Jerome Emiliani

Rosary Dedication: February:

For the success of married couples.

This Week at Our Lady of Sorrows

Sunday, Feb 7th

Rosary, 7:35 am

Mass - 8 am

Altar Guild Hospitality after 8 & 10:30

Mass in Krug Hall

PRE Class, 9 am

Mass - 10:30 am

Hispanic Community Meeting 4pm

Spanish Mass- 5 pm

Bible Study Class, 6:30 pm

Mon, Feb 8th

Communion Service, 8:15 am

Tuesday, Feb 9th

Mass- 8:15 am

Student Mass KN-4th grade

Spiritual Life Meeting, 6:30 cafeteria

K of C Meeting, 7:30 pm KH

Wednesday, Feb 10th

Legion of Mary, 4:30 pm LH

Mass, 6:30 pm

RCIA, 7 pm KH

Youth Group, 7 pm

Thurs., Feb 11th

Mass -8:15 am

Student Mass 5-8 grade

Bible Study Class, 9:30 -11:30 KH

Baptism Class 7:30pm KH

Friday, Feb 12th

Communion Service- 8:15 am

Saturday, Feb 13th

Communion Service- 8:15 am

Confessions, 3:00 - 3:30 pm

Mass - 4:00 pm

Sunday, Feb 14th

Rosary, 7:35 am

Mass - 8 am

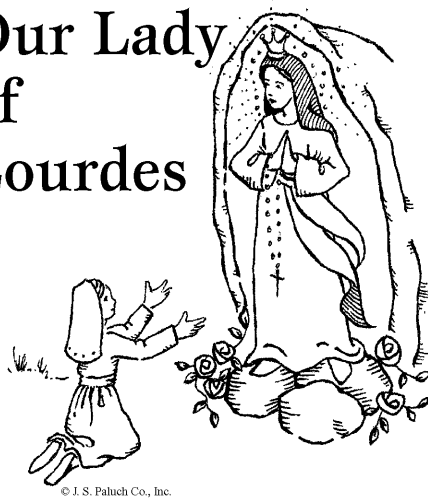
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Mass - 10:30 am

Spanish Mass- 5 pm

Bible Study Class, 6:30 pm

Our Lady of Lourdes



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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Consecrated Life; Boy Scout Sunday; Boy Scouts of America 100th Anniversary
Monday:	St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita
Wednesday:	St. Scholastica
Thursday:	Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day of the Sick
Friday:	Lincoln's Birthday
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary

Twenty- and Thirty-Somethings – Vincentian Opportunities for Young Adults (VOYA) will be offering two service trips in 2010 - northern Louisiana in February and Arizona in August. To find out more about these opportunities to serve the needy with other young adults, please visit www.voya.us.

WHERE GOD IS

We cannot go where God is not. And where God is, all is well.
—Anonymous

***Ministers & Altar Server
Schedule for Feb 6 & 7***

	<u>4:00 PM</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>5:00 PM</u>
Communion	Deacon Bennis Gina Pannell	Sharon O'Brien Carmen Vasquez	Deacon Henry Linda O'Donnell	Estaban Roque Nick Vinturella
Reader:	Rick Pannell	Jack Bish	Mary Standridge	C. & R Roque
Altar Servers:	Alisha Younger	Heather Martini Angelica Martini	Antonio Lopez Christian Sawicki	Sarahi Roque Abigail Roque

***Ministers & Altar Server
Schedule for Feb 13 & 14***

	<u>4:00 PM</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>5:00 PM</u>
Communion	Deacon Bennis Nick Vinturella	Theresa Acklen Don Gohman	Deacon Henry Janet DeStefano	Estaban Roque Nick Vinturella
Reader:	Barbara Pettit	Bonnie Williams	Anne Humphreys	C. & R Roque
Altar Servers:	Lacey Carter Warren Durbin	Cody Bailey Dalton Bailey	Katie Hissong Analisa Bower Manuel Najera	Juan Rivera Beatriz Barrera

Please remember the following people in your prayers: Barbara Allard, Grace Aspinall, Theresa Baker, June Bennis, Rebecca Bethune, Deanna Bolgeo, Johnny Boletta, Carole Brunner, Keith Carpenter, Trudi Collier, Abrahan Delgado, Tony Drewitz, Margaret Dries, Rena Frazier, John Paul Fields, Rosa Fox, Carolyn Fracchia, Alice Fricks, Theresa Greco, Eileen Haklitch, Amanda Hall, Shelby Henricks, Peggy Hooten, Michael & Donna Jackson, Margaret Jones, Brad Kitts, Robert Kuehner, Butsy Lanigan, Anthony Lobianco, Ericka Lopez, Robert Lutts, Jerry Lynn, Sadie Claire Lynn, Louise Macdonald, Joseph Mangold, Alex Mosby, Tama Numera, Bill Nutt, Rita McKenzie, Tony Oliviera, Frances O'Toole, Jackie Perfetti, Waldyr Poilis, Nancy Pope, Dr. Cheryl Pearson, Kenneth Rainey, Bea Remmert, Jim Sawicki, James & Maureen Spain, Mona Stringfellow, Fr. Bryan Timby, Keith Trenham, Henry VanNess, Maria Isabelle Vega, Helene Weiss, Lewis Wilkinson, Angie Wright and Randi Yound. **Names will be taken off after being on for 4 weeks. If you want to keep name on after 4 weeks, please call the office at 353-1530.**

***Flowers on altar for Thomas & Mary Nolen
From daughter, Mary and grandchildren's***

Stewardship of the Altar – Flowers can be put on the Altar in memory of a loved one; a deceased couple of the departed of an entire family or in honor of someone's special anniversary, birthdays or other happy occasions or just to honor someone you think is special. Please contact Frances Bursi at 357-5874 or 634-1168.



The Serra Holy Hour will be held at St. Louis Church, 203 S. White Station Rd, on February 11th at 7:00 pm. Fr. William Parham, Pastor of Church of the Incarnation, will preside. We welcome everyone to attend.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Feb. 6th 8:15 am

Bob Kissell+

Saturday, Feb 6th 4:00 pm

Angelo Bursi+

Sunday, Feb 7th 8:00 am

People of Parish

Sunday, Feb 7th 10:30 am

Ed Roberts+

Sunday, Feb 7th 5:00 pm

Maria Dolores Barrera+

Monday Feb. 8th 8:15 am

Communion Service

Tuesday, Feb 9th 8:15 am

Int. of Ellen Marlow

Wednesday, Feb 10th 6:30 pm

Int. of Alex Mosby

Thursday, Feb 11th 8:15 am

Fr. Patrick Heenan+

Friday Feb 12th 8:15 am

Communion Service

Saturday, Feb 13th 4:00 pm

Langston/Bray Families & Rachel

Renee Hooten+

Sunday, Feb 14th 8:00 am

Carolyn Walsh+

Sunday, Feb 14th 10:30 am

People of Parish

Sunday, Feb 14th 5:00 pm

Louise Fracchia+

PARISHONERS IN NURSING HOME:

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

**Jackie Perfetti
St. Francis Nursing Home
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Memphis, TN 38119**

**Helene Weiss
St. Francis Nursing Home
5959 Park Ave, room 328
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**Ginger Shemwell
Luther Tower
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Memphis, TN 38111**

**Dolores Bair
Ava Maria Home
St. Lukes
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**Henry Van Ness
Trezevant Manor Assisted Living
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**Amanda Hall
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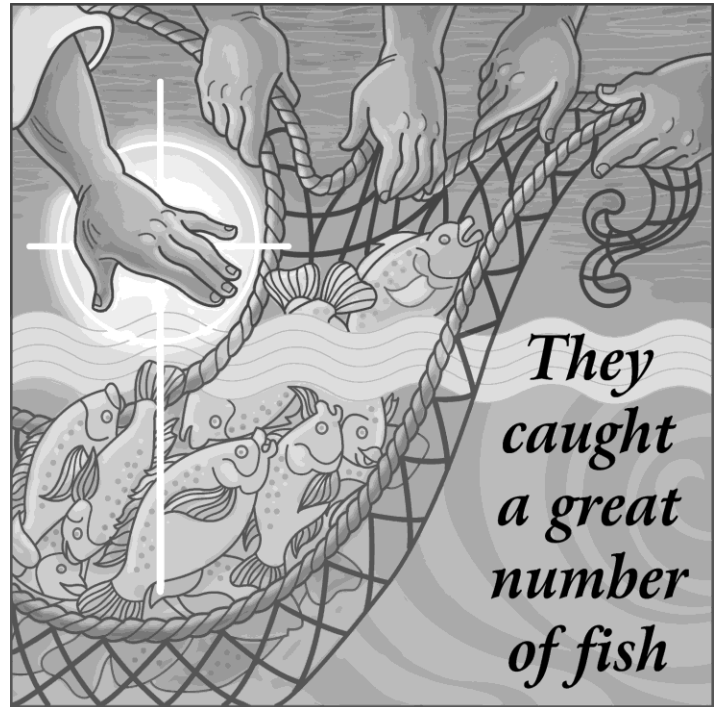
**Moira Kavanagh
Mid South Rehab Center
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**Financial Report
Weekend of 01/31/2010**

Envelopes	\$1,328.00
Loose Checks	115.00
Loose Currency/Coin	110.25
Improvement	65.00
Debt	4.00
Initial Offering	2.00
Latin America	5.00
Total Collection	\$1,629.25
Church Budget for the week	<u>- 4,387.00</u>
Collection Diff for the week	(2,757.75)
Collections Revenues Y-T-D	\$128,741.40
Church Budget Y-T-D	<u>131,610.00</u>
Collections Deficit Y-T-D	\$
(2,868.60)	



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Separated/Divorced Catholics – The Journey of Hope Conference 2010 will be held February 27 -28 in Atlanta and will offer resources and advice for divorced and separated Catholics. The conference will address issues of healing, living the Catholic faith and navigating life after divorce. Registration is open to separated and divorced men and woman and those involved in related ministries. For information and to register, visit journeyofhopeconference.com or call 404.493.2190.

Fr. Gantert 5K Run – It is that time of the year again, dust off your tennis shoes and sign up for the Gantert 4 mile walk/run to be held on April 18th. A new level of sponsorship has been added consider being an alumni or individual sponsor for \$25.00. All alumni / individual sponsor names will appear on the t-shirts. You can walk, run or be a virtual runner. Sign up or become a sponsor at www.racesonline.com today! More details coming soon.

Hispanic Ministry Committee – The OLS Committee for Hispanic Ministry will meet this Sunday, February 7, in the church at 4:00 p.m. Please be on time so the meeting can start promptly. Among the items that need to be discussed are the need for Stations of the Cross in Spanish during Lent, scheduling a tamale fundraiser, plans for a celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe in December (Mass, fiesta, etc.), integration of cultures in the parish, OLS school fund-raising, stewardship, Spanish language devotions, and many more.

New Pastoral Letter – Bishop Steib has written the second installment of his pastoral letter “Living Our Catholicism ... Who Do You Say That I am?” and is encouraging every parish organization to use the letter for group reflection at their meetings in the weeks leading into Lent. Copies of the letter are in the vestibule for your convenience.

St. Joseph Altar Committee – Anyone interested in serving on the St. Joseph Altar Committee should attend the Spiritual Life Committee meeting on February 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. The St. Joseph Altar is an Italian tradition, specifically Sicilian, that honors St. Joseph as the patron saint of families. The altar is set up in a common eating area and adorned with fancy breads, cookies, pastas, and dried fava beans. A dinner is served on the feast day (March 19) and donations from the dinner are distributed to poor families. We are planning a spaghetti and Italian Sausage dinner for that evening in place of the Stations of the Cross, which are not prayed publicly on solemnities of the Church. Anyone and everyone is welcome to join us!

SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA (c. 1869-1947)

February 8

“Save Darfur!” That cry echoes around the world and in the heart of the Church, where a child of Darfur is one of our newest saints: Josephine (her baptismal name) Bakhita (“Lucky One,” the slave-traders’ nickname). Kidnapped at nine, sold in Sudan’s slave-markets, flogged daily till covered with scars, Bakhita was finally bought by Italians and taken to Italy. There Bakhita discovered a “Master” who had himself been flogged to redeem her from slavery! “I am truly loved,” she thought, “and awaited by this Love.” Baptized, she often kissed the baptismal font, exclaiming, “Here I became a daughter of God!” For fifty years as a Daughter of Charity, Bakhita provided cheerful hospitality to all who knocked at the convent door. In her final illness, she relived slavery’s horror: “Please, loosen these chains,” she begged the nurse. “They are so heavy!” Her last words were: “Our Lady! Our Lady!” John Paul II canonized her in the Jubilee Year 2000, praising God for leading her “from abject slavery to the dignity of being your daughter and the Bride of Christ.”

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Social Action Committee – Fr. Timby seeks parishioners with a social conscience to form a committee that will offer assistance that is beyond the scope of the St. Vincent de Paul Society to the Frayser area. There are many needs beyond emergency food and assistance with rent and utilities that need to be addressed. The committee will work with Mrs. Mona Hector of the Parish Health Ministry in establishing services other than equipment exchange, i.e., dental care, health screenings, etc. It will work with Catholic Charities in making OLS a satellite location for counseling services. It will work with the school administration in the establishment of outreach programs to neighborhood children through summer camps, parents’ days out, etc., and offering adult education opportunities, e.g., ESL, computer training, GED classes, etc. If you would be interested in volunteering or learning more, please call the Parish Office and leave your name and number with Carolyn Roberts.

OLS School Open House – Our Lady of Sorrows Parish School will have an Open House for interested students and parents on Sunday, February 21, 2:00-4:00 PM. If you know someone who may be looking for a better and safer learning environment for their children please encourage them to visit the school and meet the faculty and hear about our vision for Catholic education.

Contribution Records – As a courtesy to our benefactors, the parish will soon be mailing contribution statements for tax year 2009. Statements will be mailed only to those who have contributed \$250.00 or more to the support of the parish during the last calendar year. If you did not contribute \$250.00 and still need a record for tax purposes, you must call the parish office and request your statement. Likewise, if you feel there is an error in the amounts listed on your statement you must call the parish office to address the error. Remember, only contribution made without receiving a benefit are tax-deductable.

Fr. Timby's Weight Watch -- as of January 31, Fr. Timby has lost 4 pounds this year. His weight is now 259. 56 pounds to go! Thank you for your support.



Our Lady of Virtues

These are the principal virtues for which Our Lady of Virtues is known: purity, prudence, humility, faith, piety, obedience, poverty, patience, charity, and compassion. Her feast day is observed on March 8 in Lisbon, Portugal, and she is also venerated under this title in Poland.

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Attention All First Confession/First Communion Candidates – all those wanting to make their First Confession and receive their First Holy Communion must be attending Mass on Sundays. This is a requirement of the Universal Church and is reinforced by the teaching of Bishop Steib. Therefore, all those who are candidates for First Confession and/or First Holy Communion must sign in on the sheet in the vestibule each week. If they attend another church on occasion they must bring a bulletin from that church with the pastor’s signature and give it to their religion teacher/catechist. This requirement begins today. No letters will be written by Fr. Timby approving the celebration of the sacraments until the pastoral team reviews the weekly attendance sheets for Mass and participation in religion classes.

Disciples On The Journey – Our Lenten Bible Study will begin in just a few weeks and is based on the lectionary readings (Cycle C) for the season. The study is meant to be done in small groups of 8-12 in the home and each week the group should have completed their gathering before coming to Mass.

- Why share your faith in small groups? Because it fosters community, enlivens and deepens our faith, enhances personal prayer and spirituality, and contributes to the life of the entire parish.
- Why use the Sunday reading? Because it helps the Word of God come alive, deepens and enriches the Sunday liturgy experience, increases awareness of God’s presence in daily life, and fosters a desire to live the Catholic faith more fully in family, parish and community.
- Why meet during Lent? Because Lent is the liturgical season for conversion and renewal, Lenten Sunday readings give us direction for ongoing conversion, Lent is a special time to focus on our relationship with Jesus, and the reflections, discussions and meditations give guidance for the Lenten journey.

We will have sign-up sheets in the vestibule beginning next Sunday (Jan 24) for all those who would like to participate. The cost is a mere \$5.00/person. We have a limited number of booklets available (40 English/30 Spanish) but can order more if necessary. If you would be willing to host a group please indicate that when you sign-up.

I’LL DO IT

You may have heard this one before: “There were four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. An important job had to be done: Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry, because it was Everybody’s job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn’t do it. So Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.” Isaiah in a vision sees God’s overpowering holiness and majesty and realizes the gulf between him and God and between God and God’s people. An angel declares, “[Y]our wickedness is removed, your sin is purged.” God asks, “Who will go for us?” and Isaiah immediately replies, “Here I am; send me!” (Isaiah 6:7, 8, 9). Isaiah doesn’t look for someone else, he makes no excuses, he does not hesitate. Nor does he ask what God requires; he has unbounded trust and willingness to do God’s will. Simon Peter and his friends in today’s Gospel have caught nothing. Jesus tells them to cast their nets in deep water, and the catch is huge. Like Isaiah, Simon Peter is only conscious of his own sinfulness, but Jesus tells him not to be afraid. Simon and his crew simply trust, and leave everything to follow Jesus.



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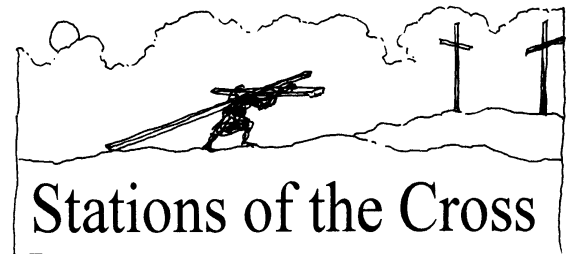
Parish Finance Council – The Parish Finance Council will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23rd in Krug Hall, to discuss current and future needs of the parish. The members of the Finance Council are: Deacon Don Bennis, Deacon Henry Littleton, Gerry Allard, Linda Lesslie, Jeanne Littleton, Linda O'Donnell, and Theresa Acklen.

We are scheduling **MASS INTENTIONS** for 2010. Please call the rectory for your intention.



Mardi Gras '10 – Our annual Mardi Gras celebration and potluck dinner will be on Tuesday, February 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. There will be a parade with the throwing of beads, trinkets and coins and fun for all. Make plans now to join us as we say good-bye to Miss Gloria and Mr. Alleluia and embrace the season of Lent.

Stations of the Cross – The Stations of the Cross will be celebrated twice each week during Lent. They 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 6:20 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.



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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.

Pro-Life: “What allows the injustice and pain of abortion to continue unabated? What shields the horror of the abortion practice from scrutiny and exposure? Lies. Whole webs of deceit. Mountains of evasions and cultural elite who know, but don’t want to know, the truth.” Father Thomas King, S.J., former Georgetown University professor

Welcome
to Our New Parishioners ...

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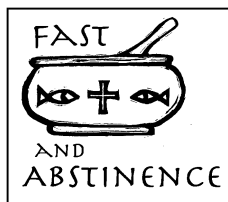


Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten Season and comes very early this year on February 17th. There will be two liturgies that day. At 8:15 a.m., the Mass will be in English with the schoolchildren present. A bi-lingual Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 pm. Those who do not appreciate multicultural celebrations may choose to join the earlier celebration that morning. According to liturgical law of the Church, ashes will only be distributed during the celebration of the liturgies. Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation, but all Catholics who have reached the age of reason (7 years) are strongly encouraged to participate.

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. So, if you need a supply for your home, be sure to get it before Feb. 16th.

Ash Wednesday is one of two days on which Catholics who have reached the age of 18 and have not yet celebrated their 60th birthday are required to fast. Fasting means that a person may have one regular meal on that day and two smaller meals that together do not equal the regular meal. It also means that one turn away from between-meal snacks and beverages like coffee, soft drinks. Water is the allowed exception between meals. As always, those who are under observation or treatment for medical problems are not obliged to fast from food and beverages but may choose to fast in some other form. (The other day on which Catholics obliged to fast is **Good Friday**.)

Ash Wednesday and 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!



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Monthly Bus Trip will be Sunday, February 28th after 10:30 Mass. If you are interested in going, please call Martha Hensley at 357-2459 or 268-2849, we will be going to Sam’s Town

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.