

February 1, 2009: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even unclean spirits and they obey Him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee. – Mk 1:27-28

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, February 1 (Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28)

8:00 AM- Mass of Thanksgiving – Charles & Doloris Leopold's 45th Anniversary

10:30 AM- For our Parish Family

Monday, February 2 – Presentation of the Lord (World Day for Consecrated Life (Mal 3:1-4/ Heb 2:14-18/ Lk 2:22-40)

7:00 AM- Hilbert Bludau

10:00 AM- Deceased members of Catholic Daughters #797 (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, February 3 – Feast of St. Blasé, Bishop & Martyr (Heb 12:1-4/ Mk 5:21-43)

7:00 AM- Lois Bucek Gullette

Wednesday, February 4 (Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/ Mk 6:1-6)

7:00 AM- Irene & William Pastucha

8:05 AM- Louis & Martha Kuhn

Thursday, February 5 (Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/ Mk 6:7-13)

7:00 AM- Harold & Georgia Ludwig

10:00 AM- James & Emilie Wick (Stevens)

Friday, February 6 (Heb 13:1-8/ Mk 6:14-29)

7:00 AM- Alvin & Kay Munke

8:05 AM- Leroy Bludau

Saturday, February 7 (Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/ Mk 6:30-34)

5:30 PM- Eugene Szwarc

Sunday, February 8 (Jb7:1-4,6-7/1Cor9:16-19,22-23/Mk 1:29-39)

8:00 AM- Ervin & Vlasta Dieringer

10:30 AM- Mary & Floyd Simmons & Floyd, Jr.

Bulletin & Radio Broadcast Sponsor: In memory of Leroy Bludau by Margaret Bludau & family.

Vigil Light: In memory of James Kouba.

Our Gift to God last week: Envelopes-\$5,253; Loose-\$1,461; Children's-\$32; Manna-\$645; Church in Latin America-\$191; Catholic Education-\$747.

Anniversaries:

Charles & Doloris Leopold	45 years	Feb. 1
Robbie & Holly Haas	25 years	Feb. 3
Billy & Frances Moore	58 years	Feb. 4

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Leona Haase of our parish family. *May she & all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

Contribution Statements for 2008 are available upon request. **Please call BEFORE coming by the Rectory to give us time to prepare your statement.** Thank you.

Bulletin Bloopers: The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

-SHCS Student Council Blood Drive, 10 am – 6 pm in front of Daycare. 16 yr olds may donate with parental approval.

-Rosary & evening prayer, 5:30 p.m. in the church.

-JCDA meeting, 3:30 – 5:00 pm, Family Center. Hope to see you there!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., KC Hall of Fame Room.

-RCIA Class, 7:00 – 8:15 p.m., Family Center.

-Women's ACTS meeting, 7 pm, Moulton Parish Hall.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

-CCD: Grades K – 11th, 6:00 – 7:10 p.m.

-Spiritual Book Study, 6:00 p.m. at Mary's House.

-Divine Mercy Prayer Group, 7:30 p.m., Church Cry Rm.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

-First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 6:00 p.m. in the church. The intention this month is for *rain*.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

-First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ends with Benediction at 6:00 p.m. in the church.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

-Serra Club Mass for vocations, 8:30 a.m., St. John the Baptist Church, St. John.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

-St. Mary Parish Festival, Victoria Community Center. Brisket & Sausage Meal. Auction, bingo, game booths.

AMONG OUR SICK: Hubert Grahmann, Deacon Marvin Fikac, Mary Laas, Jacque Holchak, Alvin Rosenauer, Frank Luke, Macey Moeller, Margaret Flores, Mary Ann Gaitan, Virginia Pederson, Odessa & Doug Blumberg, Debbie Fishbeck, Josie Ohnheiser, Clint Brewer, Mason Leibham, Josie Muniz, David Tomek, Riley Mika, Joyce Svetlik, Louise Tesch, Mary Bonorden, Marie Grafe, Loraine Butschek, Jesse Cavazos, Bernice Woytek, Evelyn Henke, Lillie Sitka, Harvey Prasek, Annette Krupala, Thelma Mikulenska, Alphonse Steffek, Bill Chapline, Anthony Corte, Philip Schlageter, Maggie Volcik, Matthew Walker, Amanda Conniff, Marcella Henke, Margaret Timm, Madeline Lakey, Sylvester Garza, Harry Jackson, Helen M. Appelt, Luke Bludau, Mary Kaiser, Michael Kutac, Rosalie Simpson, Hedwig Greer, Josephine Matejek, Ed Aulick, Paige Haas, Milada Netardus, Agatha Janak, Anita Kallus, nursing home residents & the homebound.

Baptisms in January: Sophia Caroline, daughter of Travis & Kari Etzler; Emily Kathrine, daughter of Khrist & April Krus; & Elizabeth Grace, daughter of Matthew & Kathryn Felcman.

Welcome to the Parish: Bill & Debbie Eilers, and Daniel & Jean Marie Gutierrez.

February Ministry Schedule has been revised. Please look on the back of the bulletin for revisions on the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Feb. 8 and the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Feb. 15.

From the Desk of Father John

This Tuesday, February 3rd, is the Feast of St. Blasé. We will bless throats at all of the Masses this weekend.

“Through the intercession of St. Blasé, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil ...”

These are the words of the special blessing of the throats customarily given on this day.

We know very little about St. Blasé other than that he was bishop of Sebaste, in Armenia, in the early years of the fourth century. Legend takes over from there, and tells the story of an anxious mother who hurried to Blasé with her little boy who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. The saint called for two candles, lit them, held them in the form of a cross under the child's chin, recited prayers and blessed the boy. Immediately the bone loosened and was removed. Devotion to St. Blasé was very popular during the Middle Ages, and continues to this day.

On February 12th & 13th, we will have Fr. Denis Wilde giving us a mini mission. He will also speak at all of our weekend Masses on the 14th & 15th.

Fr. Denis Wilde is with the Priests for Life. At this time in our society, we need to reflect on the importance of human life and find out as much as we can about how we can help in this area of morality.

Please reserve these dates for our mini mission right before Lent.



The Youth ConneXion



February 15: Firefall at 6:00 p.m. in church. Youth gathering at the Youth House after Firefall.

February 20: 5th – 8th Grade Youth Lock-In. Details coming soon!

Religious Education – Janice Busselman 798-3124

February 8: 7th Grade participate at 8:00 a.m. Mass.

February 25: Ash Wednesday Parish Mass 6:15 p.m.; 10th Grade participate.

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***Extravaganza, Saturday, February 7, KC Hall.** Tickets are \$125 per couple, which includes a social with hor d'oeuvres, a delicious steak dinner for two and dance by Cactus Country. There are only a few tickets left. Pick up your ticket while supplies last!

***Magazine Drive** begins February 9. Please save your renewal notices and discount coupons and subscribe for your magazines through SHCS.

Poinsettias will be placed on the South side of the Church on Monday, February 2. Anyone who wishes to pick up a plant after 8:00 a.m. may do so.

Sacred Heart Federal Credit Union Annual Meeting, February 2, KC Hall. Registration 6:00 p.m.; meeting 6:30 p.m. Meal to follow. Members are invited to attend.

KJT Society #43, Wied, meeting on February 11 at 7:30 p.m. at Wied Hall.

Christian Mothers Bunco Social, February 5, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., Family Center. Chicken noodle soup will be served. Members are to bring a side dish or dessert.

Bilingual Charismatic Healing Mass, February 4, Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Victoria. Rosary 7 pm. Mass 7:30 pm. Celebrant: Fr. Stan De Boe.



Prayer for Rain: Almighty God, we are in need of rain. We realize now, looking up into the clear, blue sky, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. We place our trust in You. Look on our dry hills and fields, dear God, and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice, and the rivers will sing Your praises, and the hearts of men will be made glad. Amen.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Michael Kearney was homeschooled by his parents. At one point, he was diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder, though his parents declined to prescribe any medication for it. Michael simply went on to graduate from high school at age six, from junior college at age eight, and he received his Bachelor's degree from the University of South Alabama at age ten. By the time Michael Kearney was seventeen, he had completed two separate masters' degrees and was teaching classes at Vanderbilt University. Imagine that, such a young person as a teacher!

Jesus has just begun His ministry. So far as we can tell, He only has four of the disciples, James, John, Andrew and Simon Peter. On the Sabbath, Jesus calmly walks into the temple, sits down and begins teaching.

Immediately, you can sense the elders' anger and ridicule over this "youngster" teaching among them. Impossible, they say. What could He know about the laws? Only when Jesus removes an unclean spirit from another man do the others begin to take serious note of Him, and "His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee."

It is said that our lives should be spent in continuous pursuit of knowledge, that we never stop learning. Jesus Christ's mission on earth was one of a teacher, and those who follow Him will always be learning. The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that Jesus is like a wise teacher, who leads us progressively towards an intimate relationship with God through prayer (CCC 2607). Like-



wise, just as we are disciples of Christ, our mission is to teach others to grow in faith, hope and charity along with us. Today, pray for an open mind and heart to the teachings of Jesus Christ. ©2008 Liturgical Publications Inc

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