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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



This Parish exists to carry out the mission of Our Lord Jesus Christ on Earth. By our participation in the Holy Mass, the perfect act of worship, the saving power of Jesus is realized in our individual lives, families, communities and in the world. Our outreach helps extend the reign of Jesus into all the dark corners of the world. As we gather as a family here in this holy place we experience a foretaste of our own destiny...Heaven! If you are a visitor, welcome! If you are a returning member, welcome home! We are really glad you're here. And remember, YOU are passionately loved by Jesus Christ.

Readings for the weekend of February 12th & 14th
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: (Jeremiah 17:5-8) 2nd Reading–(1Corinthians 15:12, 16-20) Gospel–(Luke 6:17, 20-26)

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN THE HOSPITAL OR ON HOSPICE: Harold Dill, Mary Milko, Bill Odgers, and Rita Trifilo. Please keep them, all the sick, and their caregivers in your prayers.

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE UNABLE TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES: Albert Billets, Joe Gagliano, Chad Galloway, Mark McPherson, Frances Myers, Ethel Pruitt, Stan Rogato, John Sokira, Ed Suchey, Elizabeth Sullivan, and Jessie White. Please keep these, all the homebound, and their caregivers in your prayers. If you know of any parishioner who should be added to or removed, please contact the office.

THANK YOU: To my Parish Family and to my brother Knights, my family and I send our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for the love and support shown to us during Lulu's illness and after her passing into her eternal reward. You will never know how much your prayers, calls, cards, visits and thoughts have meant to us. Lulu loved everyone and your reciprocation of that love has helped to sustain us during this most difficult time. May God bless each of you for your thoughtfulness. *Don Meadows and family*

PRAYER BOOK: The prayer book in the narthex is available for all prayer requests. Please pray daily for these requests.

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS: Especially our families, friends and loved ones who are currently in active military service: Darren Armentrout (Stateside), Jeremy Barton (Iraq), Dane Blankenship (Afghanistan), Todd Blevins (Afghanistan), Justin Bramblet (Afghanistan), Christopher Cates (Overseas), Ricky Copas (Germany) Joel Dill (Japan), Erin Fadlevich (Iraq) Brian Gibson (Iraq), Heath Gober (Iraq), T. R. Gray (Stateside) Becky Hodges (Guam), Jonathan James (Afghanistan), Scott Jones (Stateside), Jenny Malone (Stateside), Scott McDonald (Afghanistan), David Miller (Afghanistan), Richard Parvin (Stateside), Tim Rowell (Stateside), Joey Serio (Iraq), Ben Perry (Qatar), and Shane Thomas (Stateside). Please keep all of our brave men and women in your prayers. If you know of anyone who should be added to or removed from this list, please contact the church office.

PLEASE JOIN OUR PARISH! We would love to have you as a registered member of St. Patrick. If you are attending Mass at St. Patrick and would like to join our parish, pick up a Census Card in the narthex, fill it out and put it in the collection basket. Not sure if you are on record? If you are not receiving contribution envelopes, you are not registered.

LENTEN PRAYER LUNCHEON: We will have a Lenten Prayer Luncheon on Saturday February 27th at 11:30 am in the St. Joseph Hall. We will need 10 volunteers to make soup and 10 volunteers to make corn bread. Drinks will be provided. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex. Our speaker for the luncheon will be Lisa Dougherty.



SUNSHINE CLUB: The Sunshine Club will not meet this month. The next meeting will be March 17th.



FAITH FORMATION –Classes are this Wednesday, February 10th at 6:30 SHARP !!

FAITH FORMATION : Faith Formation classes (PreK - Highschool) will attend Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 17th at 7:00 pm. Students and Teachers should report to their class rooms at 6:30 SHARP. We will sit in class groups at Mass and the children will be dismissed from the church at the conclusion of Mass.

R.C.I.A Anyone who is interested in learning about the Catholic Faith and any Catholic who is interested in learning more about their Faith please plan to join us Tuesday, February 9th at 6:00 pm.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: If you are interested in attending the Adult Bible Study, make plans to join us on Sundays, at 8:30 am in the conference room. For more information contact Phillip Troha at 674-3666.

JOHN CARROLL CATHOLIC PTO wants you to save the date April 10th 2010 for “Carrollights” – a celebration. Great food, live music and live & silent auctions. For more information call Laura Meineke at 991-3439.

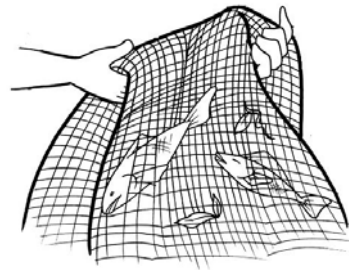
MUSIC MATTERS CHOIR REHEARSAL: Next rehearsal will be Sunday, February 21, at 8:30 a.m. with Mass following at 10:00 a.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Holiness is a gift of God. Open yourself to the gift. When God calls, be ready to respond: "Here I am, send me!" (Isaiah 6:1-2, 3-8) Let us pray for the Church that we may seek holiness and trust that God will lead us. (Vocation View is sponsored by the Serra Club.)

AN IDEA FROM THE SERRA MISSIONARIES OF BIRMINGHAM: Holiness is a challenge for us all, whatever our specific vocations. We are called to be holy in all aspects of our lives. This is an ongoing process, often slowed by setbacks. When the saints were alive, they did not regard themselves as saints; rather, they knew they were sinners --- and they strived to be saints. The process of becoming holy is, even for saints, painful and filled with struggle. Know you are a sinner; strive to be a saint. (*The Serra Missionaries are a Lay Ministry of the Diocese of Birmingham, praying for Vocations to the Priesthood and for our current Seminarians, our Priests and all Religious. If you would like more information about this ministry, please contact Ken Lavelle, tel. 967-5265, e-mail: lavelle_k@bellsouth.net.*)



MIRACLE, OR MUSCLE: "There are too many people who expect God to work by miracle what God expects people to work by muscle." *W Tyson*



DO YOUR PART: It is a hard lesson to learn that we must take an active part in the miracles we seek. God doesn't expect us to sit on the sidelines waiting for Him to brush aside the world's troubles. He wants our hands busy, our hearts occupied before during and after. We are here to serve, not just submit requests. The disciples learned the same lesson when after a night's fruitless work on their fishing boats, Jesus told them to put back out to sea and cast again. Jesus could simply have filled the holds of the ships with a mere word. But the Savior wanted the disciples' active participation. They had to have enough faith to do more than sit and watch, they had to drag their weary bodies back off the shore and throw those still empty nets once more. It was their active participation that made the miracle possible. As John Elliot once said "*We must not sit down and look for miracles. Up and be doing, and the Lord will be with you. Prayer and pains, through faith in Christ Jesus will do anything.*"

ON THE WEB: DID YOU KNOW that planning is underway for SPRINGFEST 2010? Yes, it's time to join forces for another successful St. Patrick's "family fundraiser." Lots of new faces in the Springfest 2010 Committee, headed up by our own Andrew and Jana Brasfield. Watch the website (click the Springfest link on the church website or visit www.springfestfever.com) for more information in the coming weeks ahead. While there, revisit some memories through the Springfest Memories link inside this section of the website!

Youth Scoops

BASKETBALL: Our boys suffered two heartbreaking losses to Holy Family on January 31 and February 2. In the first game (45-28), Jacob Antonio led in scoring with 10 points, while Mark McPherson contributed seven. Justin Richerzhagen and Mike Smith scored six and five, respectively. This past Tuesday (51-31), Mike Smith was high scorer with nine points, followed by Mark McPherson with eight, Justin Richerzhagen with seven, Trevor Marshall with five, and Taylor Eatman with 2. The boys hope to bounce back with in their next two games against Holy Infant of Prague on February 11 and St. Francis Xavier on February 14. The boys round out the season February 21 and 25 with two games against Our Lady of the Valley Blue, currently undefeated and in first place.

SPIRIT SERVICE SATURDAY: Saturday, February 13 is SPIRIT Service Saturday. If you're in need of yard work (weather permitting), household chores, or other simple service, please contact Kevin Whitaker (903-2222). SPIRIT Youth and Adults will provide help **at no cost**. It's our way of saying "thanks" to you, our parish, for all the support you show us during the year.

THE HIGHEST CALL 7 MEN'S CONFERENCE will be held on Saturday February 27 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM at St. Paul's Cathedral in downtown Birmingham. It promises to be bigger and better than last year, and a great opportunity for men to be recharged and reconciled during Lent. Our speakers are Robert Rogers who will share an amazing personal story of overcoming tragedy, and Doug Barry from EWTN's Life on the Rock, who will inspire and challenge men both young and old. Fr. Mark Mary from EWTN's youth program "Life on the Rock" will be leading a breakout session for young men of high school age; this is a great opportunity for the men to bring their sons and grandsons. Sacred music will be provided in chant and polyphony by the St. Cecilia Schola. There will be ample time for personal prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, as well as the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confession. Bishop Robert Baker will celebrate the closing Mass. Please see our website at www.thehighestcall.org. **Registration online is strongly encouraged in advance**; for more information please contact us at info@thehighestcall.org.

COME AND SEE VOCATIONS RETREAT Ever thought that maybe, just maybe, God might be calling you to be a priest? If so, please plan on attending a "Come and See" retreat at St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church, on the UAB Campus, on Saturday, February 20, from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. This retreat is simply to allow you to learn more about the priesthood, about life in the seminary, and to help you pray and discern if God might indeed be calling you to join His ministerial priesthood. To pre-register for the retreat, or to simply get more information, please contact John Martignoni, Director of Vocations, at 205-838-2184; or send an email to him at the following address: vocations@bhmdiocese.org. This retreat is for high school age and up. Think about it. Pray about it. And give us a call...

MEN'S LEAGUE BASKETBALL: If you would be interested in participating in a Catholic Men's Basketball League (18 and over), please contact Kevin Whitaker (903-2222) immediately. The cost would be \$60 or possibly less.

THE 91st KATERI CIRCLE Is offering an opportunity for college students to know and appreciate people of a different culture living in a different environment. If you are interested in spending a week in a different culture or if you have experiences to share with Native American people living on a reservation, then consider spending your 2010 Spring Break in New Mexico on the Eastern Navajo Reservation learning the traditions and values of the Navajo ancestors. A modest fee is required, but scholarships are available. For information see the flyer on the bulletin board or call the church office.

SCOUT MASS: This year's Scout Honors Mass is Sunday May 16th, 2:00 PM in the Cathedral of St. Paul. Scout emblem applications and adult award nominations need to be in the diocesan youth office by April 16th. Please contact the church office if you have questions. We have a new video on line. It is the homily from last year's Scout Honors Mass. Please take a look: www.ourparishvideos.com/bhmdiocese

HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF: If wish to make a contribution you may send a check to: Diocese of Birmingham; Haiti Relief Effort; P.O. Box 12047; Birmingham, AL 35202-2047. Make checks payable to Diocese of Birmingham with a notation that the check is for Haiti Relief. Let us pray for the people of Haiti.

PRINCIPAL NEEDED: The Catholic Diocese of Birmingham in Birmingham seeks a creative and dynamic professional; with excellent interpersonal skills; proven leadership skills; ability to work with a diverse population; and financial and educational background as a Principal for Holy Family Elementary school, in Huntsville Alabama, to begin service on July 1, 2010. The ideal candidate will understand the vision of the Roman Catholic Church Schools. He/she will be skilled in curriculum/instruction, sound leadership, management, finance, and is sensitive to working in a multi-cultural environment. Qualifications require the person to be a practicing Roman Catholic, hold a Masters degree in education or related field, possess or able to acquire certification as an administrator in Alabama, a minimum of three years experience in teaching, some administrative experience and a demonstrated ability to lead an academically excellent program. Fluency in English and Spanish preferred. Excellent communication skills required. Fluency in English and Spanish preferred. Applications due March 10, 2010. Request application packets from: To submit a resume and cover letter, please contact: Human Resources Department Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama P.O. Box 12047 Birmingham, AL 35202-2047 Fax 205-776-7189 resumebank@bhmdiocese.org

ST. BERNARD OPEN HOUSE: St. Bernard Preparatory School (grades 7-12) is a Catholic, co-educational, middle and high school offering a college preparatory curriculum for boarding and day students. We invite you to our open house on Sunday, March 7, 2010 from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm or visit our web site at www.stbernardprep.com. For information contact: Admissions Office, 1600 St Bernard Dr. S. E., Cullman, Alabama 35055, and phone: 1-800-722-0999 or 256-739-6682, ext. 7128 or e-mail at mrarndt@stbernardprep.com.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday	02/06	4:00 pm	Jo Melton & Mary Gallagher - SI
Sunday	02/07	10:00 am	Mass for the People
Monday	02/08	No Mass	
Tuesday	02/09	8:00 @ St. Stanislaus	
Wednesday	02/10	9:00 am	John J. Puccio - †
Thursday	02/11	9:00 am	Rudy Tunello - †
Friday	02/12	8:00 @ St. Stanislaus	
Saturday	02/13	4:00 pm	Jimmy Meehan - †



Weekly Events and Meetings

Sunday	Feb. 07 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Mass 10:00 am Bible Study – 8:30 am
Monday	Feb. 08
Tuesday	Feb. 09 RCIA Adult Faith Formation – 6:00 pm
Wednesday	Feb. 10 Legion of Mary 9:45 am Faith Formation 6:30 Sharp!
Thursday	Feb. 11 Boys Basketball vs. HIP 8:30 p.m. @ St. Barnabas
Friday	Feb. 12
Saturday	Feb. 13 Vigil of Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Mass 4:00 pm SPIRIT Service Saturday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sunday	Feb. 14 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Mass 10:00 am Bible Study – 8:30 am Boys Basketball vs. SFX 4:15 p.m. @ St. Francis Xavier

BULLETIN NOTICES: Please have all bulletin notices in the office **by Noon on Wednesday.**

WHEELCHAIR: A wheelchair is in the Cry Room, available for Emergencies Only.

LOST AND FOUND: There are several articles in lost and found. Please call the Church Office for assistance.

DAILY MASS-ROSARY-NOVENA PRAYER: Daily Mass is at 9 am Wednesday & Thursday and at 10:00 am on First Fridays (Unless otherwise posted under the Weekly Mass Schedule above.) A Rosary, the Daily Prayer for Vocations, and the Miraculous Medal Novena Prayer will be prayed 30 minutes before Daily Mass begins. A Rosary is prayed at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel every Sunday morning. Volunteers are requested to lead the Rosary at each occasion. The Primary Intention of the Rosary prayed is: 'An End to Abortion'.

DAILY MASS MINISTRY: Volunteers are needed to be Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers during Daily Mass. If you would like to serve please check the sign-in sheet in the narthex. If no one is down to serve, just sign your name.

THE CRY ROOM is provided for crying children and their parent(s) only. Please do not attend Mass in the cry room unless you have a crying child with you. If you are late for Mass please come in and join the congregation. You are most welcome!

CATHOLIC RADIO IN BIRMINGHAM! – AM 1480 Queen of Heaven Radio, broadcasting Catholic programs during the daytime. Listen in and tell a friend! Advertise for them by picking up a bumper sticker from the table in the narthex and placing it on your car bumper or window. Go to www.queenofheavenradio.com where you can check out current programming, subscribe to the newsletter, contact the station and to make donations.