

## 5th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL

Job, in the first reading for this Sunday, speaks accurately of the human condition as all too many of us experience it: "Is not [people's] life on earth a drudgery?" Illness, pain, suffering, weakness, forces of evil. Each of us has a sense that these realities - in spite of modern advances - are part of our every day existence and are really beyond our control. We often seek miracles when things seem utterly out of control. This Sunday's gospel may bring to mind all our good desires to overcome the evils of life.

Since we are all in need of healing in some form or another, we can easily place ourselves in this gospel. The first reading from Job reminds us that "evil" doesn't have to be disease or possession or systemic evil. But can include the drudgery and burdens of daily life. The gospel leads us to believe that Jesus' reputation as a miracle worker was spreading ("Everyone is looking for you."). Not surprisingly, "they brought to [Jesus] all who were ill or possessed by demons." In fact, "the whole town was gathered at the door" of Simon and Andrew's house. We can imagine that they were gathered there with heightened expectation, and with a great sense of hope and awe and wonder. Nor were they disappointed, for Jesus "cured many." There had already been encouragement to bring the sick and possessed to Jesus: he had cured the man at the synagogue who was possessed to Jesus: he had cured the man at the synagogue who was possessed (last Sunday's gospel) and he had healed Simon's mother-in-law. Surely he will do more! And this is a point of the gospel: surely Jesus has the power to heal; but even more importantly, these specific healing accounts are instances of the far-reaching power of Jesus to save. The reign of God that comes in Christ is both very specific (Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law) and far-reaching (Jesus heals "all who were ill" in the "whole town" and "throughout the whole of Galilee").

The ministry and preaching of Jesus, like the gospel itself, cannot be contained. The healing that begins with one woman expands to "all who were ill"; what begins in one home reaches out to the "whole town" and, indeed, to "the whole of Galilee." The ministry and preaching of Jesus continues to expand through the proclamation of the gospel, the ministry of the disciples, and the work of the Church. As members of Christ's body (the Church), therefore, it is also our work to preach the gospel and reach out to all those who need healing.

*"Living Liturgy"*  
*Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN*

### OLP SPEAKER SERIES

The first gathering of the OLP Speaker Series will take place on **Thursday, February 16** at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center. Our guest speakers will be Deacon Phil Hengen and his wife Mary. The theme is "Remembering the Promise." This will be a light approach to our relationships and our religion. Please call **Rick Heitmann 439-5672** with any questions or to reserve a spot.

### MANY, MANY THANKS....

Many thanks to all the Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters and Lectors who provided dates on which they will not be available. This is very helpful when preparing the new schedule. Thank you also to those who attended the presentation on spirituality by Brenda Soboleski. How fortunate we are to have such dedicated participants. In total there are 112 Lectors, 112 Eucharistic Ministers and 14 Greeters. Thank you again for your participation in this wonderful ministry.



### PLEASE REMEMBER

New schedules begin this weekend, February 4 & 5. If you have a conflict with your schedule, please get a substitute or call **Ginny Senkosky 567-5144** or **Adele O'Neil 997-2269** if you cannot find one.

### SCRIP NEWS

The February Scrip order will be placed on **Monday, February 6**. Please have your orders in to the school office or rectory/office by 8:00 a.m. Fulfilled orders will be sent through school or will be available in the rectory/office on Friday, February 10 for pick up. Thank You.

### CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

#### REFLECTIONS OF THE U.S. CATHOLIC BISHOPS

In our efforts to protect "the least among us," to promote the common good, and to pursue justice and peace, it is vital that believers share the principles of Catholic social teaching and act on our faith in the marketplace, the public square, family life, and all community life. As the Second Vatican Council has taught and as John Paul II has repeatedly pointed out, the laity has a preeminent role in working for justice and peace in every aspect of society - as parents, workers, educators, consumers, businesspeople, citizens, and taxpayers. Christians are called by the Scriptures to be the salt, light, and leaven in human society.

### ST. LOUIS REVIEW SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Archdiocese has asked that the St. Louis Review reach every home in the diocese. If for any reason you do not wish to receive this weekly newspaper, please notify the rectory/office 993-2280. Thank you.



### "HUGS" WORKSHOP AND LUNCHEON

Join in the Valentine's Day HUGS workshop and luncheon on **Tuesday, February 14** from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the OLP Parish Life Center. Box lunches are \$10. Bring your own fleece, or we will purchase it for you for \$15. If you are interested in attending, please mail your check (\$10 for lunch only, \$25 for lunch and fleece) to: *Connie Sigmund, 29 Portland Drive, St. Louis, MO 63131*. Checks should be made payable to: **HUGS for Kids**. Reservations due by **Tuesday, February 7**. Any questions, please call **Toni Pagano 974-7300**.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### WEEKEND FEBRUARY 4 & 5

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

#### SATURDAY

5:00 p.m. **Vigil of Sunday:**  
Frank and Dorothy Dutra

#### SUNDAY

7:00 a.m. **For Our Parishioners**

8:30 Don Meyer

10:30 Robert Byrne

5:00 p.m. William Madden

**Mon. (6th)** 7:30 a.m. Bettie Callaham

**Tue. (7th)** 7:30 Mary Claire Abbenhaus, Marie Smith

**Wed. (8th)** 7:30 Chuck Kloecker  
11:05 Jerome Allen

**Thu. (9th)** 7:30 John Guignon

**Fri. (10th)** 7:30 Linda Lamkin

9:35 Owen Mueller

**Sat. (11th)** 9:00 Sp. Int., Myrta Marsailles Family

### WEEKEND FEBRUARY 11 & 12

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

#### SATURDAY 5:00 p.m. **Vigil of Sunday:**

Anne Ferrick

**SUNDAY** 7:00 a.m. Al Viragh

8:30 **For Our Parishioners**

10:30 Frank Leber

5:00 p.m. Erma, Betsy, and John Kisling

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Sister Pat Cramer, CSSJ, Dottie Filippine, Kate Fillo, Maria Goebel, Nancy Grunzinger, LaVerne Harris, Fred Kruse, Nancy Peters, Debby Rockamann, Paul Schnoebelen, and Cyrie Thiroff.

## FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOMES

Audrey Browne, Dick Dodge, Ollie Husmann, Geraldine Nantz, Ceil Reh, Jack Simon, and Leona Simma.

## FOR SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Dr. Richard Dames, William Eaton, Jeffrey Englerth, Don Flood, Barbara Haase, Anna Hunt, Jo Ann Hussmann, Larry Jasper, Walter McGovern, Dave Norburg, Alma Oros, Lana Smith, Karen Thames, and Mike Zundel.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please join us for the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, every Wednesday in the Rectory Chapel. Eucharistic Adoration will start at 8:00 a.m. Wednesday morning and continue until 7:00 a.m. Thursday morning. Drop-ins are always welcome, or you may wish to sign up for the same weekly time slot. Please consider joining in this blessed time of prayer with the Lord.

*"No other sacrament has greater healing power; through it sins are purged away, virtues are increased, and the soul is enriched with an abundance of every spiritual gift."*

**St. Thomas Aquinas**

## REST IN PEACE

Edward O'Donnell	February 5, 1968
Donald Meyer	February 5, 1982
Robert Byrne	February 5, 1994
David Murphy	February 5, 2004
Edward Reh	February 6, 1974
George Reed	February 6, 2002
Mary Davenport	February 7, 1964
Bernard MacDonald	February 7, 1967
Catherine Gilooly	February 7, 1967
John Perkinson	February 7, 1975
Joseph Walsh	February 7, 1986
Marie Smith	February 7, 2001
Mary Claire Abbenhaus	February 7, 2004
Dorothy Reilly	February 7, 2004
John Smith	February 8, 1952
Louise Bechtold	February 9, 1960
Viola Peskorse	February 9, 1979
Bertha Simma	February 9, 1985
Milton Yust.	February 9, 2002
Leianna Rabenau	February 9, 2004
Emily Purcell	February 10, 1964
Fallon O'Leary	February 10, 1973
Colonel Levi Brown	February 11, 1962
Rev. James Canning, S.M.	February 11, 1964
John Moss	February 11, 1975
Betty Johnson	February 11, 1996
Peggy Garlich	February 11, 2004

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Louis and Susan Huber	February 5, 1966
Dan and Laura Fox	February 5, 2005
Jim and Donna Curtin	February 6, 1960
John and Maureen Reardon	February 6, 1965
John and Maria Shields	February 6, 1987
Thomas and Janice Hawk	February 8, 1975
Lyle and Leslie Gulley	February 9, 1974
Roger and Kelly Johnson	February 9, 1984
Tom and Cheryl Erman	February 9, 1987
Troy and Heather Chaney	February 10, 2001

## STEM CELL DVD

Now available in the parish library is a DVD on "Cutting Through the Spin on Stem Cells and Cloning" presented by the Donum Vitae Center for Bioethics. You may check this DVD out and view it at home for your convenience.

## THANK YOU FROM LIGHT OF THE WORLD COMMITTEE

The Light of the World team would like to thank everyone who made this year's retreat a tremendous success – the cooks and servers, those who helped set up the chapel and environment, the priests who came for confessions, Sr. Therese Marie and staff who loaned us their classrooms, Dave Jones and his crew who helped set up, and the many other behind the scene supporters. Thank you, Father Tobin, for encouraging us along the way and whose support contributed so much to our success. Thanks especially to the retreatants who offered a weekend to God to hear about His love, be touched by the Holy Spirit, and renew their commitment to follow the teachings of Jesus.

## QUOTE FROM TRADITION

*Drawing near* to her who was sick - she could not rise, for she was lying sick upon a couch, unable to go meet him, but this compassionate physician went himself to her couch; he who had carried the sick lamb upon his shoulders went himself to the sick bed. *Drawing near*. It is as if he says: certainly, you ought to have come to meet me. You ought to have come to the door and received me so that your cure might be the result. Not only of my kindness, but also of your desire. Because, however, you are lying prostrate from the violence of the fever and cannot get up, I come to you myself. *Drawing near, he raised her up*. Because she could not rise herself, the Lord raises her up. *He took her hand*. Peter, too, when he was in danger in the sea and was drowning, is raised up by the touch of his hand. He takes her hand in his. O happy friendship! O beautiful kiss! He raised her up by taking her hand! He healed her hand with his hand. May he also touch our hand, that our works may be cleansed. May he enter our house. Where is Jesus? He is here in our midst. *The kingdom of God is within you*. Let us have faith and we will see Jesus in our midst. If we cannot touch his hand, let us fall at his feet. If we are unable to reach his head, let us, at least, wash his feet with our tears. Our penitence is perfume to the Savior. If we do penance for our wrongdoings, if we weep over them, our foul offenses become the fragrant perfume of the Lord. Let us, therefore, beg the Lord to take us by the hand. **Jerome, Homily 76 on Mark (ca. 340-420)**

## SAINT LOUIS ABBEY

### GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION

The Monks of Saint Louis Abbey cordially invite you to attend a Golden Jubilee Celebration Lecture at 3 p.m. on **Sunday, February 12** in The Kevin Kline Theatre at Saint Louis Priory School, entitled

JOHN PAUL II and BENEDICT XVI:  
CONTINUITY AND CONTRAST

by

HIS EMINENCE AVERY CARDINAL DULLES, S.J.

Avery Cardinal Dulles, S.J., is currently the Laurence J. McGinley Professor of Religion and Society at Fordham University, a position he has held since 1988. His biography appears on the enclosed invitation. Admission to the lecture is free; a reception will follow in the lobby. Please call **434-0031** for further information.



### BASEBALL COACHES NEEDED

Attention OLP Parents – Coaches Needed for 2006 Baseball & Softball Season (all grades). Parents wishing to coach OLP Baseball or Softball teams this year should contact Baseball Commissioner **Cartan Sumner 991-4365** ASAP to indicate your interest in coaching. Player registration forms to sign-up for 2006 Baseball & Softball are being distributed with the February issues of Newsworthy Notes and are available in the school office.

## SCRIPTURE SPEAKS SERIES

You are cordially invited to spend a part of a Sunday morning reflecting on Scripture. The title of the series is Scripture Speaks. Our parish Director of RCIA, Jo Ann Van Deven, will team up with Father Oscar Vasquez for a series of discussions on Sunday Scriptures which will encourage parishioners to dialogue with Scriptures. In this way, the Scriptures come alive and speak to us as we go about our everyday lives. The first session is scheduled for **Sunday, February 19 from 9:45 to 10:20 a.m.** in the rectory. The specific title for this first session is "*Leading a Full and Balanced Life*." The title is chosen based on the scripture for that particular week and for the next several weeks.

Students from this year's Confirmation group and high school youth group will be available to provide childcare during these sessions. If you will be needing child care, please contact Fr. Oscar 993-2280, ext. 214 or via email [oscar.vasquez@marianistas.org](mailto:oscar.vasquez@marianistas.org). This will let us to know if we need this service, as well as the number of children and their ages.

**Plan to Attend:** the Scriptures Series will be offered three times during this semester. Please place these dates on your calendar. The series will be offered on Sundays from 9:45 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.

The dates and topics include:

February 19 - Leading a Full and Balanced Life

March 26 - God's Gift to Us

April 30 - Amen, Alleluia - Sharing God's Word

## MEETINGS

**Senior Men's Breakfast: Monday, February 13** in the office/rectory following the 7:30 a.m. Mass and rosary.

**Leadership Night:** the Parish Council will meet **Monday, February 13** at 7 p.m. in the Parish Life Center.



## CONFIRMATION

The second Confirmation meeting will be held next **Sunday, February 12** from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the church. Attendance is required for all confirmandis.

## PRIME TIMERS

Our next get together will be on **Tuesday, February 14** from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center. We will celebrate Valentine's Day by helping others. We will join forces with HUGS and make blankets for kids. Bring a pair of sharp scissors. We will provide the fleece for the Prime Timers. Box lunches are available. Send a check for \$10 to: **Connie Sigmund, 29 Portland Drive, St. Louis, MO 63131**. Connie needs your check by this Tuesday, February 7.

Future Prime Timers meetings will be held on March 21, April 25 and May 16, so mark your calendars and get ready for History, Mystery and Glossy!! Come have some fun. All are welcome!

## SAINTS OF THE WEEK

February 5 - St. Agatha, virgin and martyr

February 6 - Sts. Paul Miki and Companions, martyrs

February 8 - St. Jerome Emiliani

February 10 - St. Scholastica virgin and the twin sister of St. Benedict

February 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"Then the fever left her and she waited on them."*

*Mark 1:31*

Can you imagine the joy and gratitude that filled Simon's mother-in-law as she waited upon the Lord after He had cured her? The Lord has done great things for each of us. Do we get up and wait on Him in gratitude? Or do we take His blessings without ever giving back in return?

## PARENT NETWORK OF CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

**"The Good News About Our Teens:  
Growing Faith Through Service"**  
Tuesday, March 7 at 7 p.m.

**Cor Jesu Academy**

Join us for an enjoyable and encouraging evening learning about the growing trend among teenagers to open their hearts and minds to the teachings of the Church, her rich history of service to others, and their role in her future. The evening will include the personal testimonies of teens; and a panel of educators and youth ministers will present what they have witnessed in working and praying among today's teens.

## LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

**"BIG NIGHT FOR THE LITTLE SISTERS"**

An evening of elegant dining at Kemoll's one of St. Louis' most treasured restaurants while helping the Little Sisters of the Poor. Choose from one of three evenings; **February 27, March 9 or April 27**. Hors d'oeuvres begin at 6:30 p.m. Donation is \$125 per person. For more information call **421-6022**.



**Back by Popular Demand!!!**

Our Lady of the Pillar St. Patrick's Party  
Sunday, March 19, 2006  
Save the date!!

If anyone would like to help with this popular parish event, please call **Jamie Griesedieck 567-7363**, or **Lynn Rodway 432-5388**. We can use help in several areas.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Weekend of February 11 and 12**

### LECTORS:

5:00 p.m. Phil Berra, Mardi Spraul

7:00 a.m. Shawn Dolan

8:30 Marge DiLeo, Nancy Freeman

10:30 Bob Hoemeke, Dawn Dixon

5:00 p.m. Dria Curci, Anna Rose Rodway

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 p.m. Susan Devereux, George Gagen, Bob and Karen Sczepanski, Carol Maddock, Diane Gorris, Madonna Atwood

7:00 a.m. Nita Solomon, Parker and Margot Condie

8:30 Deacon Werner, Carol Craddock, Nette Fann, Marge DiLeo, Jo-Lynn Winer, Judy Meyerkord, Elizabeth Mosley

10:30 Robb Wolken, Juan Arhancet, Christie Mill-sap, Ed Hamilton, John Denneen, Ann Geraty, Anita Dolan

5:00 p.m. Allison Rockamann, Steve and Kathleen Anton, Steve and Lynn Hurster

### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

5:00 p.m. Mark Koors Family

8:30 a.m. TBA

10:30 James Griesedieck Family

### ALTAR SERVERS:

5:00 p.m. Zach Wise, Alex Wise, Brianna Wise

8:30 a.m. D.J. LaPoint, Abby Dolan, John Sullivan

10:30 Brittany Millsap, Olivia Ricci, Patrick Bick, Maddie Brungard

5:00 p.m. Max Sommers, Adam Jones, Liam Staple-  
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**ALTAR SOCIETY: Group 5 (February 10):** Mary Werner, Maureen Baine, Helen Capps, Emma Rita Einig, Pat Eschbacher, Dottie Gorman, Ginnie Hughes, Adele O'Neil

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Have you always wanted to make a Marriage Encounter and join thousands of couples who have made their marriage a priority in their lives? Marriage Encounter is designed to deepen and enrich the joys a couple shares together, whether they have been married for only a short time, or many years. Many people are not able to get away for a traditional Encounter Weekend so an alternate format has been devised that does not require an overnight stay. This Marriage Encounter Experience will take place on February 26, 28, March 1, 5, at St. Cletus Parish in St. Charles. Why not give your kids the best gift that they can get...Parents with a great Marriage! Register today by **calling 469-7317**.

## PROLIFE REFLECTION

Roe is utterly indefensible as a matter of constitutional text. ... In fact, I know of no serious scholar, judge, or lawyer who attempts to defend Roe's analysis on textual or historical grounds. A first-year law student who argued for such a position would likely get a "C-" in any good Constitutional Law course, and that's only because of grade inflation.

*Michael Paulsen, "The Worst Constitutional Decision of All Time"*