

Third Sunday in Lent — *March 7, 2010*

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God Answers

We all want to have our prayers answered. We think it would make life easier. But sometimes God answers them in a way that makes life more challenging.

Young Moses was minding his own business, tending the flock of his father-in-law, when God decided it was time to answer some prayers. For years the chosen people had been held in Egypt in conditions of slavery. They longed to return to their own land, the land that God had given them. They prayed for release.

God answered their prayers by appearing to Moses in a bush that was flaming but not consumed. God asked Moses to lead the people out of slavery into freedom.

This was probably not the answer Moses had in mind. Moses would have been content to let someone else lead the people to freedom. He wanted an end to slavery as much as anyone else. But he never envisioned that he would lead the exodus. God was answering his prayers, but in a way that caused anxiety for Moses.

When we want something done, God hears from us. When God wants something done, we hear from God. It may come as a surprise, but God may have us in mind to answer someone else's prayer.

Readings For Next Sunday March 13 & 14

1st Reading...Jos 5:9a, 10-12
2nd Reading...2 Cor 5:17-21
Gospel...Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

ALTAR SERVERS (Week of March 8)

Monday Noon Jim Gates, S. Davis, C. Vining
Tuesday Noon To Be Contacted, M. O'Hara, T. Clark
Wednesday Noon Bud Koshewa, E. Twyman, A. Bland
Thursday Noon Steve Sternberg, A. Halverson, A. Clemons
Friday Noon **Communion Service**
Saturday 4:30pm +A. O'Shea, J. & C. Vining
Sunday 10:00am +A. Clemons, E. Twyman, A. Durbin
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MASS INTENTIONS (Week of March 8)

Monday Noon Catherine Boone
Tuesday Noon Mary Louis Lynch
Wednesday Noon Maria Gallitelli
Thursday Noon Theresa M. Hans
Friday Noon **Communion Service**
Saturday 4:30pm Fr. Jim Hendrick
Sunday 10:00am St. Raphael Community

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS (March, 2010)

4:30pm....David Worland (cpt), Joe O'Toole, Chuck Armes, **Need 3**
10:00am...The Meyer Family (Leonard, Mary Lou, Howard, Marlene, Bob, Susan, Angela)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (March 13 & 14)

4:30pm...Team C...Kathleen Gumbel, *Cpt.*, Kevin Raque, Bud Koshewa, Carolyn Marcum, Carolyn Halvarson, Katie Monarch
10:00am...Team D...Dolores Lally, *Cpt.*, Frank Lally, Mary Lou Craven, Pet Markwell, Bill Wagner, John Mudd, Joan Cissell

LECTORS (March 13 & 14)

4:30pm...Cele Sauter & Tony Nall
10:00am....Mary Henry & Bob Massey

GIFT BEARERS (March 13 & 14)

4:30pm...Tina & Bridget Ray
10:00am...JoAnne Reverman

Stewardship Reflection

Tithing for February 28.....\$18,105

As the vinedresser cultivated the fig tree, we are all called to cultivate the talents of each other. The sobering truth is talents not used are lost to us and others.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

7th and 8th Graders

Card Game Night: On Monday, March 8th, Junior High Youth Group will be playing cards from 6 to 8 pm. The games will include: speed, war, spades, and many more. Prizes will be awarded to winners.

High School

High School Youth Mass: On Sunday, March 7th, Saint Patrick's Parish is hosting a Youth Mass at 5 pm. The Mass is open to High School Students from across the Archdiocese. The event will feature activities after the Mass.

Our youth group will be car-pooling to the event and will meet in the youth basement at 4:30 pm. You must have a permission slip to attend.

Special Thanks

The Youth Ministry Department would like to thank all the youth that participated in our Mission to the Homebound on Valentine's Day. You really helped brighten a lot of people's day!

Please contact Nick Cummins at nkcummins@bellsouth.net or 458-2500 for more info on any of the above mentioned events.

Next week, our parish will take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection**. This Collection helps to fund six Catholic organizations that improve the quality of life and protect human dignity, including Catholic Relief Services, which has committed more than \$25 million to disaster relief in Haiti. Your gift will support agricultural development to strengthen economies and create good sustainability, provide outreach services to survivors of human trafficking, and supply pastoral care and advocacy for immigrants and refugees. By helping the marginalized and impoverished, you give hope to Jesus in disguise. Please be charitable in next week's Collection.

Mass Cancellation During Inclement Weather...

As a reminder, when Catholic Elementary school classes are canceled due to inclement weather (Monday-Friday), masses for that particular day(s) will also be canceled.

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The next **Retrouaille program** in the Louisville area will begin the weekend of March 19-21. Retrouaille, a peer ministry for troubled marriages, consists of a weekend and six four-hour post-weekend sessions. For information or to register, call 800-470-2230 or 502-479-3329.

Hand in Hand Ministries invites you to join an Immersion Trip to Belize to work on behalf of the poor. May 30 - June 6, 2010 or Nov. 21-28, 2010. Please call 459-9930 or e-mail maryhelen@hhministries.com for more information.

Highlands Community Ministries Ecumenical Good Friday Service Noon, April 2nd Bellarmine Our Lady of the Woods Chapel 2001 Newburg Rd.

Please patronize the sponsors of our bulletin. Their support makes this bulletin possible. This week's bulletin sponsor is **Roofing Solutions, Inc.**

TAKE NOTE

"There is **NO PARKING** along Bardstown Road from about the church parking lot up to Lancashire Avenue; it is clearly posted with a sign. It is very dangerous for other drivers and pedestrians to do so as well as the fact that you may be ticketed. Please be safe and courteous."

The small strip of businesses across from the church IS **NOT** church parking. Signs are posted. If you park there they may have you towed.

Lenten Schedule

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| Penance Service | March 21, 2010 — 3:00pm |
| Holy Thursday | 1:30pm with kids (Liturgy of the Word) 7:00pm Parish Mass |
| Good Friday | 11:00am School Passion Play 3:00pm Stations of the Cross 7:00pm Parish Prayer Service |
| Easter Vigil | 8:30pm Mass |
| Easter | 9:00am & 11:00am Mass |

SARAFUN MEMBERS...The Sarafun Monthly Meeting will be held Sunday, March 14, 2010 in the blue room immediately following the 10am Mass. Our guest speaker will be Linda Brashear, who served as a Service Personnel in Iran during the war. Come join us for a fun time.

Get Information 24/7 @ www.saintraphaelchurch.org

We remind everyone that you can find a lot of helpful information on the Parish website. There is general parish information, as well as Parish Council Committee and Sub-Committee contacts. You can find links to our school website and the Archdiocese of Louisville website.

With a single click, you can get copies of current and past issues of the weekly bulletin, homilies and the parish newsletter. Put it in your favorites and visit us at www.saintraphaelchurch.org.

Assumption High School senior class will be hosting a **"Senior Prom"** for senior citizens at Assumption High School on Saturday, March 13, 2010 from 2-4pm. The Bob Holt and Prime Time Band will play music enjoyed by the seniors. There is no cost, but please call in advance to reserve your place: Patty King 454-8402 ext 2594.

Please offer your prayers for our sick family & friends in the St. Raphael Parish community:

Bernadine Allbritten, Mary Lee Anderson, Helen Bethards, Charles Bauer, James Caudill, Richard Chandler, David Charmoli, Victoria Clark, Pat Conner, Robert Coury, Martha Creed, Connor Day, Mary Jeannette Durham, Sara Fante, Daniel Flynn, Frances Gibson, Sue Harris, Marcella Horney, Rosemary Johnson, Mary Kautzman, Damion Kline, George Koestel, Henry Krebs, Andy Latkovski, A.C. Leonhardt, Cleo Leonhardt, Charles Lucas, Marilyn Malone, Andrew McKinley, Tom Meyer, Malinda O'Daniel, Ron Parrino, Connie Peters, Dr. Richard Phelps, Angelo Rappa, Tina Ray, Jean Reinstedler, Joesph Sauter, Elfriede Smith, Elmer Smith, Dorothy Thomas, John Tichenor, Anna Maria Verwest, Jane Wagner, Carol Walls, Mary Warken, Joe Welch, Lillian Werkman, James Whelan, Marty Wiehebrink, Dorothy Wimsatt,
(In an effort to keep the prayer list up-to-date, please notify the Parish Office of any additions or deletions.)