

Fourth Sunday in Lent — *March 14, 2010*

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Simple Blessings

Unleavened cakes and parched grain do not sound like much of a menu. But it was a banquet for the Israelites of long ago.

Freed from their slavery in Egypt, they made the long trek through the desert to reach the Promised Land. They trudged a long, tiring, and dangerous journey. Moses, their leader, had died. Now Joshua, his successor, had brought them to their homeland.

It was Passover, the festival commemorating their departure from Egypt. So the people celebrated the feast with food from their new home: unleavened cakes and parched grain. They no longer ate the food of Egypt. They no longer ate the manna from the desert. Now, camped on a plain in Gilgal, they ate the food of their new home, the food of freedom.

You appreciate things more if you have had to go without them. Food tastes better if you are hungry. Employment satisfies more if you were unemployed. Shelter feels safer if you have been without a home. God's presence feels stronger when you re-discover prayer.

It may not seem like much—unleavened cakes and parched grain, but for the Israelites it was a banquet. They may not seem like much—the little blessings God gives us, but for those who experience God's mercy, they are heaven.

Readings For Next Sunday March 20 & 21

1st Reading...Is 43:16-21
2nd Reading...Phil 3:8-14
Gospel...Jn 8:1-11

ALTAR SERVERS **(Week of March 15)**

Monday	Noon	Jim Gates, A. Eisert, A. Cherry
Tuesday	Noon	Communion Service
Wednesday	Noon	Bud Koshewa, M. Wilkinson, K. Conway
Thursday	Noon	Steve Sternberg, M. Graft, M. Crawford
Friday	Noon	Communion Service
Saturday	4:30pm	+M. Wilkinson, H. Lane, M. Marti
Sunday	10:00am	+J. Bowen, A. Judge, C. Buchart

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MASS INTENTIONS **(Week of March 15)**

Monday	Noon	Phoebe Mattingly
Tuesday	Noon	Communion Service
Wednesday	Noon	Clara & Vic Brizendine, Sr.
Thursday	Noon	Louise Lynch
Friday	Noon	Communion Service
Saturday	4:30pm	St. Raphael Community
Sunday	10:00am	Dec. Mem. of Clements & Duane Families

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 20 & 21)**

4:30pm...Team D...George Gates, *Cpt.*, Mike Armes, Judy Fieldhouse, Don Bayers, Joan Raap, Cleo Leonhardt, Marty Purcell
10:00am...Team E...Bee McCormick, *Cpt.*, Tom McCormick, Jeff Spoelker, Gerry Cambron, Ann Spencer, Jan Pardieu, Jack Sullivan

LECTORS

(March 20 & 21)

4:30pm...Don Bayers & Debbie Chandler
10:00am....Tom Lane & Bill Stangel

GIFT BEARERS **(March 20 & 21)**

4:30pm...Schroering Family
10:00am...Robert & Pat Sheehan

Stewardship Reflection

Tithing for March 7.....\$18,257

The father practiced God's version of generosity - unearned and unconditional. A steward sees a need and responds without asking questions about whether it is deserved or not.

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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.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

7th and 8th Graders

Selection Monday—We will be selecting our favorite teams in the NCAA tournament brackets on **Monday, March 15th**. Prizes will be awarded to the winners. Come and enjoy a little March madness!

High School:

Mall Scavenger Hunt-- Join us at FYE in Saint Matthew's Mall at 4:30 on **Sunday, March 21st** as we go in search of pop culture items that either affirm or contradict our faith. A discussion on Catholicism as a counter-cultural religion will follow. Please bring money to eat in the food court and a signed permission slip.

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

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Lenten Schedule

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.

Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass...Couples celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20 & 25 years of marriage in 2010 are invited to a Diocesan Mass of Thanksgiving, celebrated by Archbishop Joseph Kurtz. Family members are also invited to this celebration on Sunday, April 25, 2:30pm at St. Margaret Mary. Call your parish secretary to register. **Registration deadline is Wednesday, April 14.**

The 37th Annual Celebration of Life Banquet, featuring former U. S. Senator Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania, will be held on Friday, April 16 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel (830 Phillips Ln.). **Join us to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Right to Life of Louisville.** Meet Sen. Santorum and other distinguished guests at the 6 p.m. reception; dinner will be served at 7 p.m. For reservations, call (502) 895-5959; Cost: \$35 adult; \$25 student.

L E N T E N The **March of Dimes** is looking for volunteers to help with the 2010 March for Babies Event on Saturday, May 8. The walk begins at Louisville Slugger Field, with registration beginning at 8am. The March of Dimes' mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality. The March of Dimes carries out this mission through programs of research, community services, education, and advocacy that saves babies' lives. Please call Sandy Bowling, Family Team Specialist, 895-3734 for more information.

Stewardship Intention Cards

Please remember to turn in your Stewardship Cards. Each year they are being used more and more to help identify volunteers and prepare the parish budget. It is also important to make any corrections to your address and phone number. Many times volunteers cannot be reached because parishioners have changes in address or phone numbers and do not relay this information to the Parish Office.

The **St. Raphael Football** Program is conducting a PRELIMINARY sign up period for the 2010 season. All boys in grades 2nd grade through 7th grades this year can sign up. No money is needed at this time. OFFICIAL sign ups for the 2010 season will occur from April 19th to May 16th. The survey link can be found on Edline or www.straphaelschool.org. It is located under the athletics tab/news. If you have any questions you can contact Brendan O'Shea at oshea15@bellsouth.net or John Plumeri at j.plumeri@insightbb.com.

The family of Lena Murrow would like to thank the St. Raphael Parish for the prayers and support during their mothers illness and at the time of her death. A special thanks to the bereavement committee for the nice food and the choir for the beautiful music.

Sincerely,
Danny Murrow, Ellen McCoskey & Families

Please patronize the sponsors of our bulletin. Their support makes this bulletin possible. This week's bulletin sponsor is **The Pain Institute**.

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.)