

## Third Sunday of Easter — April 26, 2009

### Third Sunday of Easter B 1 *Acts 3:13-15, 17-19*

#### Overcoming Blunders

Once in a while we make bad choices. Really bad choices. They make us feel like all is lost. What could make us feel better? We'd feel better if we knew that other people have made worse mistakes than we did, and that they somehow overcame their bad choices.

Surely no one made worse choices than the people subjected to Peter's sermon in Acts of the Apostles. Peter tells them God gave them Jesus, but they handed him over to Pilate and missed the opportunity to grant him freedom. They asked freedom for a murderer instead.

God overcame this blunder with the mightiest act in history: God raised Jesus from the dead. Peter and others witnessed the risen Jesus.

Peter's audience had made some really bad choices. They had the chance to spare Jesus from death, but instead they were responsible for it.

All was not lost. "Repent and be converted," Peter told them, "that your sins may be wiped away." And look who's talking—a man who denied Jesus three times, and who said, "I love you," three times.

We have the same opportunity whenever we make bad choices. We can repent and change our ways. The God who raised Jesus has the power to forgive us. God can raise us up from despair to hope.

#### Readings For Next Sunday

##### May 3

1st Reading...Acts 4:8-12

2nd Reading...1 Jn 3:1-2

Gospel...Jn 10:11-18

#### ALTAR SERVERS

##### (Week of April 27)

Monday	Noon	Joe Thomas, K. Gibson, M. Hamilton
Tuesday	Noon	Norb Wine, B. & G. Gumbel
Wednesday	Noon	Bud Koshewa, H. Hammond & J. Hemme
Thursday	Noon	+Steve Sternberg, C. Hoehler, H. Lane
Friday	Noon	<b>Communion Service</b>
Saturday	4:30pm	<b>No Mass</b>
Sunday	10:00am	+J. Powers, J. Marcum, C. Schrodt

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#### MASS INTENTIONS

##### (Week of April 27)

Monday	Noon	Dec. Mem. of the Thomas & Lally Family
Tuesday	Noon	Dorothy Hill
Wednesday	Noon	Mary Anne Raque
Thursday	Noon	Carol Borst
Friday	Noon	<b>Communion Service</b>
Saturday	4:30pm	<b>No Mass</b>
Sunday	10:00am	Mary Beck & St. Raphael Community

#### HOSPITALITY MINISTERS

##### (May, 2009)

4:30pm....David Worland, *Cpt*, Joe O'Toole, Norb Wine, Richard & Mary Anne Stamp, Marty Ernst

10:00am... Mark (cpt) & Donna Kaelin, Gerry Cambron, John Sullivan, Mike Henry, Pet Markwell, Mart T Clements (sub), Brian Hickey (sub)

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

##### (May 2 & 3)

4:30pm...No Mass

10:00am...**Team A...Charlie Roth, *Cpt.***, Joe & Judi Brashear, Sharon Roberts, Bob & Susan Meyer, John Werkman

#### LECTORS

##### (May 2 & 3)

4:30pm...No Mass

10:00am....Tom Lane & Bill Stangel

#### GIFT BEARERS

##### (May 2 & 3)

4:30pm...No Mass

10:00am...To Be Contacted

## *Stewardship Reflection*

Tithing for April 19.....\$11,833

Christ loved us in the flesh. Similarly our love for each other should be in the flesh. Our good intentions need to be translated into concrete actions.

### **YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

#### **Junior High:**

Junior High will have a "Water Wars Night" on Monday, April 27th from 7 until 9pm. Come get wet and wild as we enjoy some water game fun. Our reflection afterwards will be on the symbol of water as used in the Church.

#### **Senior High:**

Senior High's "Movie Night" will be on Thursday, April 30th from 7 until 9pm. We will be watching the Movie "Zoolander" and discussing eating disorders.

#### **Opportunity to Travel:**

National Catholic Youth Conference or **NCYC** will be held November 19-22, 2009 in Kansas City, MO. Our parish is allowed to take up to **6 youth group members**. NCYC is for High School Youth Group members that **actively participate** in their parish programs. Two years ago the Archdiocese of Louisville took 300 hundred youth to Columbus, Ohio. We joined 20,000 other young Catholics in prayer, mass, small group sessions, and worship. More information about NCYC will be available at High School youth nights on Thursdays from 7 to 9 pm.

#### **Many Thanks:**

Many thanks to all the High School youth who came out to play miniature golf at Putt Putt on Bardstown Road. Everyone had a blast!

For more information about any of the above info, contact Nick Cummins at: 458-2500 ext 141 or write to [nkcummins@bellsouth.net](mailto:nkcummins@bellsouth.net).

### **PLEASE TAKE NOTE**

**May 1...Oaks Day...Parish Office & School Closed**

**May 2...No Mass on Derby Day**

**May 3...Mass at 10am**

**Congratulations** to our school children who made their First Communion on Saturday. We ask that you keep each one in your prayers as they continue their faith journey

A new 30-minute television show, **Conversations**, features an ongoing conversation with Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz about the Archdiocese of Louisville, his involvement with the larger Church, both nationally and globally, and issues of faith in general. Viewers will have the opportunity to send questions and comments that can be incorporated into the conversation by emailing [conversations@archlou.org](mailto:conversations@archlou.org). Two pilots of the program are airing in April and May of 2009. The show will be made available on a variety of platforms including Channel 19 television, streaming video and podcasts on the Archdiocese of Louisville's website, and WLCR Radio. Go to [www.archlou.org](http://www.archlou.org) for streaming video or podcasts. **Conversations** will air on Channel 19 on Fridays at 7 p.m., Saturdays at 4 p.m., Tuesdays at 7 p.m., and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Audio of the program will air on WLCR Radio on Sundays at 11 a.m. and Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. Over the summer, set design and graphic refinements will be made, and a regular monthly series will begin airing in September of 2009 through May of 2010.

### **Wedding Anniversary Mass**

Archbishop Thomas Kelly, Retired Archbishop of Louisville, warmly invited couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 20th & 25th anniversaries in 2009 to join him in celebrating an Archdiocese Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Margaret Mary, 7318 Shelbyville Road on Sunday, June 7 at 2:30pm. Family Members are also invited to the celebration. Each couple celebrating will receive a certificate commemorating the occasion. Registration is required. Call the parish office at 458-2500 to register. Registration deadline is Tuesday, May 19. An ASL interpreter is available on request.

### **SRS Football Sign-ups for 2009-2010 School Year**

<http://www.quia.com/sv/290958.html>

Open through May 17

Questions call Travis Spalding 473-4764

Members of the parish will be offering beautiful long-stemmed roses after each Mass on Mother's Day. The requested donation for the roses is \$2.00 per rose or \$20 per dozen. The proceeds will benefit Pregnancy Resource Center at 1143 S. 6th Street in Louisville. This non-profit organization, which served over 1800 clients in 2008, offers alternatives to abortion, referrals, friendship, and prayers to those facing crisis pregnancies. By participating in the Mother's Day Rose Sale, you can honor your Mother, or someone who has loved you with a mother's love, and help PROMOTE LIFE at the same time.

Stewardship renewal season has ended. Thanks to the 625 families who returned their card. If you signed up to volunteer for a ministry, your name was recorded and the lists have been mailed to the appropriate person who will make contact with you.

**Attention Seniors & Caregivers:** Are you considering downsizing your home or moving because of health or access concerns? Be sure to see the different types of senior housing available in the Louisville area by ordering the 2009 **Choices: Senior Housing Alternatives for the greater Louisville Area**. Call Jackie Gahlinger at Catholic Charities Senior Social Services at 637-9786, ext 133 to order. Each copy is \$3, check or money order payable to Catholic Charities, to cover postage & handling. Send request to: "Choices" 2911 South Fourth Street, Louisville, Ky 40208.

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

*Bernadine Allbritten, Bob Bethards, Helen Bethards, Charles Bauer, Lucille Bauman, Katherine Boone, Jo Ann Carroll, James Caudill, Richard Chandler, David Charmoli, Victoria Clark, Robert Coury, Martha Creed, Marcia Davis, Connor Day, Matthew Day, Ruth Deatrick, Mary Jeannette Durham, Pam Eckert, Sara Fante, Daniel Flynn, Kay Forsthoefel, Frances Gibson, Sue Harris, Linnie Holland, Marcella Horney, Mary Kautzman, Damion Kline, Albert Knabel, George Koestel, A.C. Leonhardt, Cleo Leonhardt, Phyllis Lippy, Marilyn Malone, Andrew McKinley, Tom Meyer, Bob Moore, Charlotte Nail, Ron Parrino, Patricia Passanisi, Connie Peters, Dr. Richard Phelps, Donna Pohl, Tina Ray, Jean Reinstedler, Joesph Sauter, Trenton Seaton, Elfriede Smith, Elmer Smith, Dorothy Thomas, John Tichenor, Anna Maria Verwest, Carol Walls, Mary Warken, Lillian Werkman, James Whelan, Dorothy Williams, Dorothy Wimsatt,*

**(In an effort to keep the prayer list up-to-date, please notify the Parish Office of any additions or deletions.)**