

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time B 1**  
***Jeremiah 31:7-9***

Homecoming

The survival of the fittest is a merciless principle of life. It bestows worthiness on those who are stronger, swifter, and smarter.

In the lives of species, this principle eliminates those who cannot compete. In the marketplace, it impoverishes those who can be duped. But in the spiritual life, it does not work at all. In the eyes of God, the fit and the lame both survive.

When Israel went into exile, they lost homeland and hope. After years of suffering, they reflected more deeply on their covenant, and eventually God brought them back.

But God brought back not only the fittest. The healthiest of mind, body, and spirit did not return to Jerusalem alone. It must have been quite a procession. The blind and the lame marched in the midst of the remnant who returned. Those offering care and those needing care took their place within the immense throng. God brought them all back on a level road, so that none might stumble.

In many ways we are all unfit to enter the house of God. Our sins make us feel unworthy.

But God has opened the doors. We may be blind to grace. We may be lame in charity. But God has made us pregnant with hope in receiving the love that heaven so bountifully bestows.

**Readings For Next Sunday**  
**October 31 & November 1**

1st Reading...Rv 7:2-4, 9-14  
2nd Reading...1 Jn 3:1-3  
Gospel...Mt 5:1-12a

**ALTAR SERVERS**  
**(Week of October 26)**

**Monday Noon** Jim Gates, C. Schrodt, M. Wilkinson  
**Tuesday Noon** To Be Contacted, T. Spalding, A. Eisert  
**Wednesday Noon** Bud Koshewa, N. Spoelker, M. Graft  
**Thursday Noon** Steve Sternberg, L. Sturgill, A. Grant  
**Friday Noon** **Communion Service**  
**Saturday 4:30pm** +M. Marti, A. Clemons, M. Poole  
**Sunday 10:00am** +C. Schrodt, J. Powers, A. Eisert  
+denotes Crossbearer

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**(Week of October 26)**

**Monday Noon** Lucille Fante Koshewa  
**Tuesday Noon** Kenine Hardt  
**Wednesday Noon** Joseph Newton  
**Thursday Noon** Louis Preher  
**Friday Noon** **Communion Service**  
**Saturday 4:30pm** Linnie Holland  
**Sunday 10:00am** St. Raphael Community

**HOSPITALITY MINISTERS**  
**(November, 2009)**

**4:30pm....**David Worland (cpt), Joe O'Toole, Jim & Ruth Mueller,  
**Need 2**  
**10:00am...** Tom & Millie Fleischer (cpts), Charlie & Nancy Roth,  
David & Sharon Smith, David Ernstberger, Jenny Madden-Martin

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**  
**(October 31 & November 1)**

**4:30pm...Team B...** Dolores Gillahan, Cpt., Carol Cornell, Bob Massey, Lloyd Vest, Cele Sauter  
**10:00am...Team C...** Steve Alvey, Cpt., Katie Turpen, Clara Jacob, Willa Schaeffer, Jenna Wilkins, Dennis Cowhig, Angela Dutton

**LECTORS**

**(October 31 & November 1)**  
**4:30pm...**Cele Sauter & Tony Nall  
**10:00am....**Mary Henry & Bob Massey

**GIFT BEARERS**

**(October 31 & November 1)**  
**4:30pm...**David & Kelly Gates  
**10:00am...**Maureen & Lauren Gibson

## Stewardship Reflection

Tithing for October 18.....\$14,225

The healing and gifts we share with others are based on the healing and gifts we have first received from God. Our generosity is a response to God's generosity.

### YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

#### 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

Dinner with the Archbishop - This is a dinner event that centers on vocations with guest speakers and workshops. The dinner is on **Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>** from 5PM to 9PM. If interested contact Nick Cummins for more info. RSVP by: Oct. 30

#### High School

Game Night: We will be playing board, video, and group games. We will meet in the youth basement. This event is on **Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30 until 8:30PM.

#### Many Thanks!

Many thanks to all the High School Youth who participated in the Bardstown Road Scavenger Hunt. The event was a lot of fun.

### Save the date for the 3rd Annual Taste of St. Raphael Saturday, January 23, 2010

Silent auction items are now being accepted, please consider making a donation (via a themed basket, your creative skill, your access to fun destinations, dinners, ball game tickets, sports memorabilia, etc.) towards this fun event that benefits St. Raphael School classrooms and facilities. Contact Jennifer Neal, Auction Chair at [1234neals@insightbb.com](mailto:1234neals@insightbb.com) and/or visit [www.tasteofsrs.org](http://www.tasteofsrs.org) to view photos from last year's full event and watch the 2010 event glow!

### All Souls' Day Mass

On this most special Feast Day of faith, prayer and remembrance, we invite you in the words of the Servant of God, Pope John Paul II... "it is the pious tradition during these days for the faithful to go visit the graves of their dear loved ones and pray for them."

Archbishop of Louisville, Joseph E. Kurtz and Rev. Thomas A. Smith will celebrate the annual All Souls' Day Mass for all of the deceased members of the Archdiocese.

Archbishop Kurtz and Rev. Smith invite everyone to join them at Calvary Cemetery **on Monday, November 2, 2009 at 11am.**

### ACCOMMODATE 2009

"The Archdiocese of Louisville's Office of Lifelong Formation and Education is sponsoring the annual **"ACCOMMODATE 2009"** at Trinity High School on Thursday, **November 12, 2009** from 7:00 P.M. until 8:30 P. M. in Shamrock Gym. This event is a college night for any high school students and their parents who are interested in an opportunity to talk to representatives from colleges and universities about how they address special learning needs. No advance registration is required. Please contact any Catholic high school for more information."

"They Heard the Call" - Louisville Young Catholics (LYC) welcomes all young adults to join us on Tuesday, November 3rd at The Sky Bar at Saints, 131 Breckenridge Lane in St. Matthews, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. A Religious Life panel to include a Priest, a Brother, a married Deacon and a Sister will share precious insight into their lives and their work. Please join us for this great event! [www.louisvilleyoungcatholics.org](http://www.louisvilleyoungcatholics.org)

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After the Saturday and Sunday Masses this weekend there will be refreshments after Mass to give parishioners the opportunity to thank and wish Don God's blessings in his new endeavors.

### High School Placement Test

**Saturday, December 12, 2009**

**9am to 12:30pm**

Taking the Placement Test at the Catholic high school you plane to attend is a required step for incoming freshmen. It is also necessary for many tuition assistance programs. Please bring \$15 to cover the cost of testing, two #2 pencils, and your elementary school code.

### Open House Dates

Bethlehem High School	November 8	1:00—3:00pm
St. Xavier High School	November 15	12:00—4:00pm
Trinity High School	November 15	12:00—5:00pm
Mercy Academy	November 21	1:00pm
Holy Cross High School	November 22	3:30—5:30pm
DeSales High School	November 22	1:00—3:00pm
Presentation Academy	November 22	12:00—3:00pm
Assumption High School	December 3	7:00pm
Sacred Heart Academy	December 9	7:00—8:30pm

### A Light of Hope

**Seminar & Remembrance Service**

**Sunday, November 22, 2009**

**2:00—4:00pm**

**Ratterman Funeral Home Chapel (3800 Bardstown Road)**

For the 25th year. Jim Ratterman and his staff are proud to offer a free seminar as a community service project. This program is designed to help individuals who are facing the holidays after experiencing the death of a family member or friend. There will be a special children's program for ages 5-12 offered concurrently. Please contact Vicki at 459-3800 for more information or for reservations (requested, but not required).

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

*Bernadine Allbritten, Mary Lee Anderson, Helen Bethards, Charles Bauer, Mary Rose Brizendine, Jo Ann Carroll, James Caudill, Richard Chandler, David Charmoli, Victoria Clark, Pat Conner, Robert Coury, Martha Creed, Connor Day, Mary Jeannette Durham, Sara Fante, Daniel Flynn, Kay Forsthoefel, Frances Gibson, Sue Harris, Marcella Horney, Mary Kautzman, Damion Kline, George Koestel, Henry Krebs, A.C. Leonhardt, Cleo Leonhardt, Phyllis Lippy, Charles Lucas, Marilyn Malone, Andrew McKinley, Tom Meyer, Malinda O'Daniel Ron Parrino, Connie Peters, Dr. Richard Phelps, Tina Ray, Jean Reinstedler, Joesph Sauter, Elfriede Smith, Elmer Smith, Scott Spalding, Dorothy Thomas, John Tichenor, Anna Maria Verwest, Jane Wagner, Carol Walls, Mary Warken, 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.)**