

**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time B 1**  
***Isaiah 53:10-11***

Communion in Suffering

The mystery of human suffering haunts every life. No one likes to endure suffering. We feel better about it if it produces some good. But for those who suffer needlessly and pointlessly, life seems bitter.

The prophet Isaiah speaks words that offer little consolation. "The LORD was pleased to crush him in infirmity." That sounds like our worst nightmare. It sounds like God took pleasure in crushing someone with illness. It appears to support the perverse belief that God takes delight in human suffering.

But Isaiah goes on. God has given a task to those burdened with miseries. If they give their lives as an offering, they shall obtain their reward. God can work wonders through the heavy-hearted who place themselves at the service of others.

If someone else has the same sorrows we have, we can give them hope. Our weakness shows them that they are not alone. All humans share the same condition, a condition that leads to life through death.

Not everyone can bear burdens with hope. But infirmity need not bring despair. It can be a source of connection with others, an occasion for insight into the meaning of life, and a glimpse at the pleasure of God.

**Readings For Next Sunday**  
**October 24 & 25**

1st Reading...Jer 31:7-9  
2nd Reading...Heb 5:1-6  
Gospel...Mk 10:46-52

**ALTAR SERVERS**  
**(Week of October 19)**

**Monday Noon** Jim Gates, H. Lane, M. O'Hara  
**Tuesday Noon** To Be Contacted, M. Marti, E. Twyman  
**Wednesday Noon** Bud Koshewa, A. McCormick, D. McFarland  
**Thursday Noon** Steve Sternberg, S. Tedder, A. Halverson  
**Friday Noon** **Communion Service**  
**Saturday 4:30pm** +D. McFarland, L. Sturgill, E. Boyce  
**Sunday 10:00am** +K. Gibson, H. Lane, M. Crawford  
+denotes Crossbearer

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**(Week of October 19)**

**Monday Noon** Thomas Evans  
**Tuesday Noon** Virginia Johmann  
**Wednesday Noon** Phoebe Mattingly  
**Thursday Noon** Mathilda & A. C. Silliman  
**Friday Noon** **Communion Service**  
**Saturday 4:30pm** Henry J. Schoo  
**Sunday 10:00am** St. Raphael Community

**HOSPITALITY MINISTERS**  
**(October, 2009)**

**4:30pm....**David Worland (cpt), Joe O'Toole, **Need 4**  
**10:00am...** David & Joan Winkler (cpts), Steven & Grace Sternberg, Karen Willinger, Richard Link, Roland & Nubia Miracle

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**  
**(October 24 & 25)**

**4:30pm...Team A...** George Gates, Cpt., Mike Armes, Judy Fieldhouse, Don Bayers, Joan Raap, Cleo Leonhardt, Marty Purcell  
**10:00am...Team B...** Horace Lynch, Cpt., David Meyer, Lisa Stearns, Mike Littell, Carolyn Bell, Karen Willinger

**LECTORS**

**(October 24 & 25)**

**4:30pm...**Sandy Cundiff & Elise Gibson  
**10:00am....**Danny McFarland & Frank Coffey

**GIFT BEARERS**  
**(October 24 & 25)**

**4:30pm...**Sara Fante  
**10:00am...**Sandra & Amanda Forsthoefel

## Stewardship Reflection

Tithing for October 11.....\$13,085

Stewardship is an expression of our practical faith. It is not just about how we spend our money, but about how we spend our lives. We are called to spend out lives in service to others.

### YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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

**Halloween Game Night-** Will be having game night in the youth basement on **Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**. Some of the games will include: best dressed mummy, pumpkin bowling and bobbing for apples.

#### High School

**High School Game Night:** We will be playing board, video and group games on **Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**. We will meet in the youth basement at 6:30PM

#### 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.

The weekend of October 24-25 will be the last weekend that Don Watson, our Music Director, will be with us. There will be refreshments after the Saturday and Sunday Masses to give parishioners the opportunity to thank and wish Don God's blessings in his new endeavors.

A comprehensive program that will teach helpful skills to those seeing employment will be held at St. Peter the Apostle in November and December. Registration is limited to 35 people. Topics to be covered include: secrets to online applications; being "googled"; common resume mistakes; cover letters; tough interview questions; negotiating salary; and if you've lost your job: obtaining unemployment benefits, health insurance; and much more. The program is free. To register, call St. Peter the Apostle Parish 937-5920, ext. 10, or email us at [bcolyer@saintpeterapostle.org](mailto:bcolyer@saintpeterapostle.org). Each week a different topic will be covered and will be held Nov. 5, 12, 19, Dec. 3, 10, 17 from 6:00-9:00 PM in the Parish Life Center on Columbine Drive. Deacon Dan Parker and a team of professionals from St. Bernadette's parish will be the presenters.

**On With Life**, a support group for the widowed, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 20 at Mary Queen of Peace Church's St. Denis campus, 4205 Cane Run Road.



### 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.**

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Congratulations to our parishioner George Gates who was a recipient of a 2009 Bell Award.

**Bridal Announcement....**THE RECORD will publish the First Bridal Issue of 2010 on January 28, 2010. If you are planning your wedding between January 28, 2010 and July 28, 2010 and would like your announcement in THE RECORD, fill out and send the form currently appearing in the paper. You may also go online at [archlou.org/therecord/bridalannouncements](http://archlou.org/therecord/bridalannouncements) and complete your form via the internet. For additional information or questions contact Rachell Rauh at 471-2125 or email: [rrauh@archlou.org](mailto:rrauh@archlou.org). The deadline is Friday, January 8, 2010 at 10am.



**Cub Scout Pumpkin Sales...**Help support the Cub Scouts of St. Raphael by purchasing a pumpkin from them. They will be on the front lawn of church after the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday and 10:00am Mass on Sunday.

### 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

**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.)**