

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time B 1**  
***Isaiah 50:5-9a***

Drilled Ears

Listening can get you into trouble. Sometimes we hear things without paying much attention to them. But when we really listen, we find out what is going on.

Of course, not listening can get you into trouble too. You won't hear the directions clearly. You won't get the question right and will give the wrong answer. You won't appreciate what is very important to someone you love. And you may hear about it later.

But listening is also troublesome. When we really hear, we understand. And understanding may cause us to make a decision we'd rather not have to make. That decision may force us to pick sides. It may turn some people against us. Listening can get you into trouble.

Isaiah explains how he listens. It seems like he isn't even interested in listening because he says, "The Lord GOD opens my ear that I may hear." More literally, God "drills" open Isaiah's ear. God wants to make sure this prophet is listening.

And the message got Isaiah into trouble. People beat him, plucked his beard, buffeted and spat upon his face. What did the prophet do? Nothing. Isaiah says, "I have not rebelled, have not turned back." Why not? "The Lord GOD is my help." Hearing God's word satisfied him more than fleeing from his enemies.

It takes courage to really listen, and it takes trust that God will protect us after we do.

**Readings For Next Sunday**  
**September 19 & 20**

1st Reading...Wis 2:12, 17-20  
2nd Reading...Jas 3:16-4:3  
Gospel...Mk 9:30-37

**ALTAR SERVERS**  
**(Week of September 14)**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	Joe Thomas, A. Reed, C. Schrodt
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	To Be Contacted K. Shaughnessy, T. Spalding
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	Bud Koshewa, N. Spoelker, L. Sturgill
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	Steve Sternberg, S. Tedder, H. Thiersch
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>	+A. Durbin, M. Crawford, H. Thiersch
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	+J. Vining, J. Powers, D. Flynn

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**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**(Week of September 14)**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	Louise Manger
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	Dec. Mem. of the Altar Society
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	Ray Fogarty
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	Louise S. Lynch
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>	Phoebe Mattingly
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	St. Raphael Community

**HOSPITALITY MINISTERS**  
**(September, 2009)**

**4:30pm....**David Worland (cpt), Joe O'Toole, **Need 4**  
**10:00am...** Marcia Montgomery (cpt), Ann Massey, Frank Hutchins, Julie & Jimmy Morley, the McFarland's, the Shroering's

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**  
**(September 19 & 20)**

**4:30pm...Team B...** Dolores Gillahan, *Cpt.*, Carol Cornell, Carmel Davis, 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**

**(September 19 & 20)**

**4:30pm...**Sr. Paulanne Diebold & Tom Hamilton  
**10:00am....**Bob Massey & Michael Tedder

**GIFT BEARERS**

**(September 19 & 20)**

**4:30pm...**Kaitlyn Conway  
**10:00am...**Michael & Julie Corbell

## Stewardship Reflection

Tithing for September 7.....\$18,537

St. James poses this bold question because he believes this basic tenant of Christian stewardship—all are called to share their gifts in love and justice with others to build up God's kingdom.

### YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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

Junior High Youth Group will be heading to Stony Brook Cinemas on Hurstbourne on **September 19** for a movie. Continue to check the parish website for more information on times.

#### High School

High School Youth Group will be heading to Stony Brook Cinemas on Hurstbourne on **September 17** for a movie. Continue to check the parish website for more information on times.

#### Saint Vincent De Paul's "Friends of the Poor Walk"

Saint Vincent De Paul's walk for the poor is Saturday, **September 26<sup>th</sup>** at **Churchill Downs**. Registration for the event starts at 9AM and the walk begins at 10AM. There are no fees to participate, but sponsorship is required. To get more information on the sponsorship and the event please contact Nick Cummins at: [nkcummins@bellsouth.net](mailto:nkcummins@bellsouth.net) or 458-2500 ext. 141.



#### BASKETBALL COACHES NEEDED!

St. Raphael School is now taking applications for Basketball Coaches. Please fill out and submit the following online application: <http://www.quia.com/sv/338169.html>. The application can also be found on [edline/athletics](http://edline/athletics).

**ST RAPHAEL MEN'S CLUB NEWS...**Please join us at our September **General Meeting** Monday, September 14, 2009 7:30pm. Doc Karibo Award Presentations. Special Guest Speakers: St. Xavier and Trinity High School Football Coaches. Buffet served immediately after our guest speaker. See You in the School Cafeteria for some Food, Fun, & Fellowship!

**Children Wanted...**All children, grades 1-12, are invited to participate in the 58th Living Rosary Procession to be held at Assumption High School Gym on October 11, 2009 at 3pm. There will be one practice for the children. For more information, please call Becky Glasser at 267-6650. Please note this is a change in the location for the Living Rosary Procession.

Thank you for your support of **Market Day & St. Raphael School**. Our profit for 08-09 was \$2,548.27. This money is given to the PTO to directly benefit our students & teachers. As we kick off a new year, I ask you to visit [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com) & place an order each month. You can also find order sheets at all the church entrance doors. September orders are due Fri., Sept. 18th. Our sale will be Wed., Sept. 23rd from 6:30-7:30pm in the school cafeteria. If you have questions, please call Jennifer Neal 452-9805.

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This week's bulletin sponsor is **John E's**.*

**Weekend Ministers of the Word...**The new lector schedule is available for pick up in the Sacristy desk drawer. The new schedule takes effect Saturday, September 19, 2009 and continues through January 24, 2010. Please email or call Tony or Carol Nall at 742-7570 or 643-2810, [t.nall@insightbb.com](mailto:t.nall@insightbb.com) if you would like us to email a schedule to you. There are some 4:30 openings available for anyone who would like to lector more than once during the four month schedule. We welcome new lectors, no experience required, training provided. As always, thank you to our current lectors for their gift of time in proclaiming the word.

**SARAFUN MEMBERS...**It's time again for our **Anniversary Brunch** to be held in the cafeteria on September 13 following the 10am Mass. We're looking forward to having a good time!

**Catholic Higher Education Collection...**The annual collection for Catholic Higher Education will be taken up in our parish next weekend. The beneficiaries of the collection are Bellarmine University, St. Catherine College, Spalding University, and the Catholic University of America. Tuition and fees paid by the students cover only part of the operating expenses of these institutions, and they are dependent upon gifts from the broader community to their fine tradition of service and excellence. Please be generous.

### 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.tasteofsr.org](http://www.tasteofsr.org) to view photos from last year's full event and watch the 2010 event grow!

Highlands Cup 5K Run/Walk and Pancake Breakfast, Saturday, October 3. For more information please contact Stan Esterle at HCM – (502) 451-3695

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

Bernadine Allbritten, Mary Lee Anderson, Helen Bethards, Charles Bauer, Lucille Bauman, 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, Albert Knabel, 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, 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.)*