

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time B 1
Isaiah 35:4-7a

Fear Not

The uncontrollable forces of nature cause uncontrollable fear. Illness is an inconvenience. If we cannot overcome it, it can make us fear the future. A natural disaster can cause destruction and harm. If we cannot control it, we fear it could happen again.

We experience fear when we do not understand the sources of infirmity, or when we cannot control the future.

God spoke through Isaiah to Israel, "Fear not." The blind, the deaf, the lame, and the mute suffered uncontrollable infirmities. But God is stronger than disability, and God is coming to save.

The desert yielded no water. It offered no chance for crops to grow or life to thrive. But God is stronger than death, and God is coming to save.

In moments of fear, it may help to remember the source of our strength. God is the author of creation. God is our destiny in redemption. All creation suffers weakness, and imperfection causes fear. But creation is not equal to the Creator. The Creator knows no weakness. The Creator knows no fear.

The fear we feel need not overpower us. The one who made us, sustains us, and calls us home gives us strength when we are weak.

Readings For Next Sunday

September 12 & 13

1st Reading...Is 50:5-9a
2nd Reading...Jas 2:14-18
Gospel...Mk 8:27-35

ALTAR SERVERS

(Week of September 7)

Monday	Noon	Joe Thomas
Tuesday	Noon	To Be Contacted S. Olshandy, D. McFarland
Wednesday	Noon	Bud Koshewa, E. Raque, J. Raque
Thursday	Noon	Steve Sternberg, H. Lane, J. Marcum
Friday	Noon	Communion Service
Saturday	4:30pm	+L. Sturgill, J. Gates, S. Tedder
Sunday	10:00am	+D. Judge, M. Gumbel, B. Gumbel

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MASS INTENTIONS

(Week of September 7)

Monday	Noon	Lucille Fante Koshewa
Tuesday	Noon	Ray Fogarty
Wednesday	Noon	Virginia Johmann
Thursday	Noon	Louis Preher
Friday	Noon	Communion Service
Saturday	4:30pm	St. Raphael Community
Sunday	10:00am	Mary Louis Lynch

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 12 & 13)

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 Willenger

LECTORS

(September 12 & 13)

4:30pm...Cele Sauter & Debbie Chandler
10:00am....Tom Lane & Bill Stangel

GIFT BEARERS

(September 12 & 13)

4:30pm...Mary Clements
10:00am...Clemons Family

Stewardship Reflection

Tithing for August 30.....\$12,552

We should show no favoritism to those we serve and we should show no favoritism in how we serve. All of our talents are equally important, no matter how humble. Our small acts of kindness to others make more of a difference than our grandiose efforts.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

7th and 8th Graders

Junior High Youth group will be playing Frisbee Golf on the softball field, on Tuesday, **September the 8th**. Food and refreshments will be served. This event is from 6 to 8 PM.

High School

High School Youth Group will be having Movie Night on Thursday, **September the 3rd**. We will be watching the movie "17 Again" and discussing tough decisions to make in High School. This event is from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

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

Saint Vincent De Paul's walk for the poor is Saturday, **September 26th** 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 or 458-2500 ext. 141.

Ministry Opportunity...additional Eucharistic Ministers are needed to distribute Communion to the sick and shut-in on Sundays following the Mass. Diocesan training is required for everyone who is a Eucharistic Minister. If you are interested please call Dolores Lally, coordinator for the ministry at 459-5953. This is one of the most rewarding ministries available in our parish.

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 & 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.

Join the 31th Annual KRLA (5K/3 mile) **Walk for Life**, Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009 beginning at St. Martin of Tours Church, 639 South Shelby Street. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and an ecumenical prayer service at 9:15 a.m.; Walk begins at 10 a.m. Walkers are encouraged to enlist sponsors for this major fundraiser. Monies raised will enable KRLA to fight for mothers, babies, the elderly and the disabled throughout the year. For additional information or Sponsor Pledge Forms visit www.krla.org or call (502) 895-5959.

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Extend An Invitation...All of us are called to share our faith with others. We do this through the way we live and also by talking about the significance of our faith and our church with other people. If you know someone who is not involved in any church please take a few moments and encourage him or her to consider becoming part of our church. Invite them to call Deacon Robert Dever, our RCIA Coordinator at 458-2500 to begin to explore the possibility of becoming Roman Catholic. Our Catholic Church is a wonderful community full of grace and truth.



The Parish Office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.

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

Jobs Ministry is offering a series of FREE Job Search Workshops Volunteers with expertise in job search strategies from Catholic parishes throughout the Louisville area have come together to offer this workshop to anyone who is in need of employment assistance. Classes are FREE and will meet at St. Athanasius in Okolona (5915 Outer Loop) from 6-9 pm for 5 consecutive Thursdays; Sept 10th, 17th, & 24th, and Oct 1st & 8th. We invite participants to bring snacks or drinks to share. A few examples of topics that will be covered include; Dealing with Job Loss, Obtaining Unemployment Benefits and Health Insurance, Secrets to Online Applications, Networking, Developing a Resume, Job Search Correspondence, Interviewing and Negotiating Salary. For more information, please contact Shelly Trent at shelly@miltontrent.dyndns.org and visit our website at <http://ijtm.dyndns.org>.

September 9 is Grandparents Day, but what can you buy your grandparent. Most grandparents appreciate appreciation more than tangible gifts. Tell your grandparents why you love them and how much they mean to you. If they are no longer living, tell them in prayer. Grandparents are the carriers of history. As them what they've learned and how the world has changed. Listen.

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.)