

**DATE: FEBRUARY 6, 2005**  
**THE 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF: Feb. 7, 2005

MON,	8:00 AM	Peter Howanitz
TUES,	8:00 AM	Virginia Garrett
WED,	8:00 AM	Alonzo "Shorty" Jarvis
	NOON	Mary Lou Livengood
	7:00 PM	The Children of the Church
THURS,		
FRI,	8:00 AM	Ida Fortner
SAT,	5:30 PM	Minnie Allen
SUN,	8:00 AM	The People of the Parish
	10:00 AM	Thomas M. DeGonia Family

**SPECIAL MINISTRIES FOR WEEK OF:  
 FEBRUARY 12TH & 13TH**



SAT, 5:30	SUN, 8:00	SUN, 10:00
C. Phyllis Vance	Marvin Wright	Robert Mills
L G. Lalumondiere	Mahlon McNabb	Charlie Schloemer
R. Nadine Morgan	Sharon Forrester	Maureen Mills

**LECTORS**

SAT, 5:30	SUN, 8:00	SUN, 10:00
Jeanne DeGonia	Dan DeClue	Charlie Schloemer



SAT 5:30-Chala Short  
 SUN 8:00-Rebecca Richards  
 SUN 10:00-Anita Govero



SAT 5:30-Lindsey Logsdan & Dylan White  
 SUN 8:00-Josh Mathis & Jake Mathis  
 SUN 10:00-Dillon Cordia & Cole Politte



**DRIVERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**  
 SATURDAY: Aaron East  
 SUNDAY: Kim Coleman



**GIFT BEARERS**  
 5:30 Linda Emily & Lena Emily  
 8:00 Mr. & Mrs. Greg Edgar  
 10:00 Mr. & Mrs. Felix Eye



**HEAVENLY DUSTERS**  
 Phyllis Vance & Bess Lalumondiere



ENVELOPES .....\$2,440.75  
 LOOSE.....\$124.00  
 CHILDREN .....(2)... \$3.00  
 VOTIVE LIGHTS.....\$30.00  
 St. Louis Review ..... \$46.00  
 ST. VINCENT DEPAUL.\$101.00

**FOR THE  
 WEEK OF:  
 Jan 30, 2005**

**NEEDED for Expenses \$2300.00  
 RECEIVED: \$2,564.75**

**P** The St. James Parish School of Religion will meet this Wednesday, (Ash Wednesday) at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Classes will run late this evening because all students will be attending Mass. Students will be dismissed from their class rooms.

**PARISH COUNCIL** The regular monthly meeting of the Parish Council will be Tuesday, February 8, 2005 at 7:00 PM in the Rectory basement.

**ST. JAMES LENTEN FISH FRIES  
 February 18 – March 4 – March 18**

Volunteers will be needed! For greater organization and ease of planning could you please let us know if you plan to help out at the Fish Fries. This year we are going to have 2 shifts, Morning 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM and Evening 2:00 PM to 6:30 PM .Please call Gail at the Rectory and volunteer. (438-4686).

**THANK YOU**

To those who prepared chili and soup for our dinner and for those who cam to eat. Thanks to you, those that attended enjoyed their meal.

*Thank You, Father George*

Scripture Study Class begins February 10, 2005

**READINGS:**

**Monday:** Gn 1:1-19 Ps 104:1-2,5-6,10,12,24,35 Mk 6:53-56  
**Tuesday:** Gn 1:20-2:4a Ps 8: 4-9 Mk 7:1-13  
**Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6a,12-14,17 2Cor 5:20-6:2  
 Mt 6:1-6,16-18  
**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 9:22-25  
**Friday:** Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-6a,18-19 Mt 9:14-15  
**Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Lk 5:27-32  
**NEXT SUNDAY:** Gn 2:7-9,3:1-7 Ps 51: 3-6,12-13, 17  
 Rom 5:12-19 Mt 4:1-11

**ASH WEDNESDAY  
 MASS SCHEDULE  
 Wednesday, February 9, 2005  
 8:00 AM - 12:10 (Noon) - 7:00 PM**

**CHICKEN & BEEF DINNER**

The Knights of Columbus of Washington County will be having a Chicken & Beef Dinner Today, Sunday, February 6th from 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM at the K. C. Hall in Old Mines.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
 LENTEN FISH FRY  
 K. C. HALL IN OLD MINES  
 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH  
 Serving from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

**VALENTINE'S DANCE  
 Knights of Columbus  
 K. C. Hall in Old Mines  
 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH  
 8:00 PM to Midnight  
 FEATURING: The Tom Sampson Band**

**MARRIAGE DAY OF RENEWAL  
 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2005  
 1:30 – 8:00 PM  
 The National SHRINE  
 Of Our Lady of the Snows  
 Afternoon Presentations: 1:30 PM  
 Mass with Renewal of Vows: 5:00 PM  
 Candlelight Dinner: 6:30 PM**

Reservations are required. For more information, contact Sally Ross, 314-241-3400, Ext, 6294

**INTERCESSION FOR LIFE  
 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For all who are defenseless against the forces of violence and hate,  
 And especially for the littlest of children in their mothers' wombs,  
 That God will protect them from evil;  
 We pray to the Lord:

**GOOD NEWS** John Craghan, Th.D.,S.S.L  
 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Isaiah 58:7-10; Psalm 112; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16  
 Specially trained individuals are often asked to shed light on areas of confusion and uncertainty. Light eliminates our darkness and eases our tension. The metaphor of light goes all the way back to the first chapter of Genesis when the creation of light means the end of chaos. This same imagery is found in today's Scriptures.

Around 500 B.C. the author of Isaiah 56-66 confronted the post-exilic community in Judah. They complained that their fasting did not have any positive results. In response the prophet points out that a genuine fast means someone has benefited. For example, if bread is shared with the hungry "then your light shall break forth like the dawn" (Isaiah 58:8).

Psalm 112 is constructed around this proverb: The righteousness of the just lasts forever but the desire of the wicked is frustrated. The psalmist sees great blessing for the righteous, "They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright" (Psalm 112:4). The image of light clarifies the thrust of graciousness, mercy, and justice.

Matthew sees the persecuted as the world's benefactors. Harassed Christians are commissioned to enlighten humanity, "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). Matthew develops this dimension of Christian discipleship by comparing Christ's followers to a city perched on a hill, clear and visible. Disciples shed light on darkness; to renege on this task would be to hide a lamp under a bushel basket.

The narrow constraints of ego often focus the spotlight on self. Society encourages this kind of individualism. Light is made into a personal commodity. The sacred writers today urge us to reassess our gifts and talents -- our lights -- as property of the community. Our sisters and brothers are truly human subjects within range of our generosity and compassion. To enlighten the path of these fellow humans is to magnify the presence of our God. Darkness cedes to light, and chaos gives way to order.

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