

DATE: FEBRUARY 19, 2006
THE 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.
 MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF: Feb. 20, 2006

MON, 8:00 AM Lucy Politte
 TUES, 8:00 AM Betty Mercille
 WED, 8:00 AM Earl Collins
 THURS,
 FRI, 8:00 AM Dorothy "Bust" Price
 SAT, 5:30 PM Edward Farrell
 SUN, 8:00 AM The People of the Parish
 10:00 AM Frank Cabrillac

**SPECIAL MINISTRIES FOR WEEK OF:
 FEBRUARY 25TH & 26TH**

CHRISTIAN MINISTERS

SAT, 5:30 C. Faye Jarvis
 SUN, 8:00 Geraldine Skiles
 SUN, 10:00 Robert Mills
 L MaryJane Leonard Marvin Wright
 R. Leroy Jarvis Susan Mathis
 Maureen Mills
 Stephanie Bone

LECTORS

SAT, 5:30 Mary Jane Leonard
 SUN, 8:00 Susan Mathis
 SUN, 10:00 Stephanie Bone



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



! SERVERS!
 SAT 5:30-Andrew Neier & Stephen Johnson
 SUN 8:00-Josh Mathis & Jake Mathis
 SUN 10:00-Dillon Cordia & Todd Thebeau



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



GIFT BEARERS
 5:30 Helen Brewer & Don Pashia
 8:00 Mary Ann Cain & Virginia Camillo
 10:00 Edward Bust & Joe Bust

HEAVENLY DUSTERS
 Laura Partney & Phyllis Partney

ST. JAMES GIFT SHOP OPEN
 1st Sunday of Every Month
 SUZANNE SHORT 438-4787



ENVELOPES\$2,856.00
 LOOSE.....\$136.26
 CHILDREN(2)..\$2.00
 VOTIVE LIGHTS.....\$32.00
 ST. VINCENT DEPAUL.\$58.00

**FOR THE WEEK OF:
 Feb. 12, 2006**

**NEEDED for Expenses \$2300.00
 RECEIVED: \$2,992.26**

P The St. James Parish School of Religion will meet this Wednesday, February 22nd at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

S The 2nd Grade, First Reconciliation will be this evening. Please remember your assigned times.

R.C.I.A. The Adult Convert class will meet this Tuesday, February 21st at 7:00 PM in the Rectory Basement.

THANK YOU

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

Thank You, Father George

SCRIPTURE STUDY CLASS

The Scripture Study class will begin on February 23, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

First Week: What it Means to Believe. What is the difference in "believing that" God exists and "believing in"?

**ASH WEDNESDAY
 MASS SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday, March 1, 2006
 8:00 AM - 12:00 (Noon) - 7:00 PM**

READINGS:

Monday: Jas 3:13-18 Ps 19:8-10,15 Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10 Ps 55:7-11,23 Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 16:13-19
Thursday: Jas 5:1-6 Ps 49:14-20 Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Jas 5:9-12 Ps 103:1-4,8-9,11-12 Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Jas 5:13-20 Ps 141:1-3,8 Mk 10:13-16
NEXT SUNDAY: Hos 2:16b,17b,21-22 Ps 103:1-4,8,10, 12-13
 2 Cor 3:1b-6 Mk 2: 18-22

ST. JAMES LENTEN FISH FRIES

March 10—March 24—April 7

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 Kathy Thompson (438-4138) or the Rectory and volunteer. (438-4686).

Week In and Week Out

To those of you who, Sunday after Sunday, contribute to the St. Vincent de Paul Society .. Thank you. We appreciate your allowing us to be a channel of your charity. A special thank you to the children for the canned goods you bring week after week. On behalf of the poor you assist. We thank you.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 PANCAKE BREAKFAST
 ALL YOU CAN EAT: \$4.00
 Sunday, February 26, 2006
 Serving from 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM
 Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs
 Biscuit & Gravy**

MARRIAGE PREPARATION FACILITATOR TRAINING

Who: Couples who would like to give Marriage Preparation
 What: Training using the *Today and All the Days of your Life* Program.
 Where and When: Saturday, May 13, 2006 at the Cardinal Rigali Center from 9AM-3PM
 Call Gail at the Office of Laity & Family Life for more information or to sign up 314-792-7178 or email gailmcc@archstl.org

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 LENTEN FISH FRY
 K. C. Hall in Old Mines
 Friday, FEBRUARY 24, 2006
 Serving From 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM
 WHITING – COD– CATFISH - SHRIMP**

GOOD NEWS John Craghan, Th.D.,S.S.L.
 Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time
 Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22,24-25; Psalm 41; 2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Mark 2:1-12

"See, I am doing something new!" All three of this day's readings speak of newness, of hope.

The first reading from the book of Isaiah announces liberation for the Jewish people held captive in Babylon. Cyrus the Great of Persia was in the process of overtaking the Babylonian forces, and deliverance was at hand. The people could not know what their future held, but they hoped for freedom -- freedom to repossess their land, freedom to once again worship Yahweh in the Temple. Even though they had forgotten Yahweh, Yahweh had not forgotten them.

Paul also reminded the Corinthians of Yahweh's faithfulness. Paul's arguments pointed to Jesus as the fulfillment of God's Word, but the early Christian community must have had many questions regarding this person, Jesus of Nazareth. Never before had God become a human. Never before had God been truly one among them. This was something new, beyond their experience.

In struggling to define Jesus of Nazareth as the person of God among us, the writers of the gospels sought examples from his earthly life in order to document their claims. In today's story not only did Jesus heal the paralytic, but he forgave his sins -- an action that was reserved for God alone. Thus the writer of the gospel used this instance to equate Jesus with God, and also to associate forgiveness of sins with faith.

While the scribes and Pharisees believed that only God could forgive, the theology of the New Testament gave each member of the community the power to forgive one another's sins. While sacramental forgiveness is still reserved to the clergy, the power to heal broken relationships is given to all. It is with the same faith of the paralytic who came before Jesus that we present ourselves to one another. It is our willingness to make ourselves receptive to the healing Word of God -- our willingness to make ourselves vulnerable to the forgiving power of another person -- that allows God to re-create the Word made flesh among us once again.