

DATE: MAY 8, 2005
"ASCENSION OF THE LORD"

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF: May 9, 2005

MON, 8:00 AM Mary Lou Livengood
 TUES, 8:00 AM Joe Neier
 WED, 8:00 AM Children of the Church
 THURS,
 FRI, 8:00 AM Ida Fortner
 SAT, 5:30 PM Glen & Laberta DeClue
 SUN, 8:00 AM The People of the Parish
 10:00 AM Craig Warden & Those Who Love Him

**SPECIAL MINISTRIES FOR WEEK OF:
 MAY 14TH & 15TH**

Eucharistic Ministers

SAT, 5:30 C. Leroy Jarvis
 L Faye Jarvis
 R. Jeanne DeGonia
 SUN, 8:00 Marvin Wright
 Susan Mathis
 Scott Smith
 SUN, 10:00 Linda DeClue
 Phyllis Partney
 Jan Coleman

LECTORS

SAT, 5:30 Jeanne DeGonia
 SUN, 8:00 Peter Zinecker
 SUN, 10:00 Jan Coleman



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



! SERVERS!
 SAT 5:30-Tim Battreal & Kody Heifner
 SUN 8:00-Jinnger Rogers & MaryBeth DeClue
 SUN 10:00-Kristin Eye & Zach Gibson



DRIVERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
 SATURDAY: Ken Missey
 SUNDAY: John Polittle

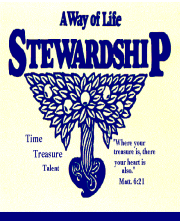


GIFT BEARERS
 5:30 Mr. & Mrs. Tom Knott
 8:00 Mr. & Mrs. George Lalumondiere
 10:00 Mr. & Mrs. Chad Long



HEAVENLY DUSTERS
 Zena Partney & Sarah Partney

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



ENVELOPES\$2,566.00
LOOSE.....\$142.00
CHILDREN(1) ... \$1.00
VOTIVE LIGHTS.....\$29.50
Gift Shop \$392.55
Catholic Communications. \$10.00
Ascension..... \$35.00
ST. VINCENT DEPAUL.\$98.50

**FOR THE WEEK OF:
 May 1, 2005**

NEEDED for Expenses \$2300.00
RECEIVED: \$2,708.00



**ST. JAMES PSR CARNIVAL
 WEDNESDAY, MAY 11TH
 6:30 P.M. TO 8:15 P.M.**

As the conclusion to our PSR 2004-2005 school year, we have planned a Carnival for our PSR students (Sorry no guests). There will be lots of food, games, prizes and especially fun for all.



PARISH COUNCIL The regular monthly meeting of the Parish Council will be Tuesday, May 10th at 7:00 P.M. in the Rectory Basement.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Dallas Thompson, Mr. & Mrs. Chad Long, Mr. & Mrs. Corey Coleman, and Mr. & Mrs. Shannon Jarvis on the occasion of the Baptism of their children:

- Kalie Rae Thompson**
- Zoey Alanna Long**
- Eli Shannon Long**
- Jacob Thomas Coleman**
- Kennedy ReAnne Coleman**
- Luke Michael Jarvis**
- Jayleigh Paige King**

READINGS:

Monday: Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-7 Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:1011,20-21 Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30,33-36b Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30;23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11 Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20b Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 1:15-17,20-26 Ps 113:1-8 Jn 15:9-17
NEXT SUNDAY: Gn 11:1-9 Ps 104:1-2,24,27-28,29-30
 Rom 8:22-27 Jn 7:37-39

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life..." (Mk 10-45).

Serving others is the theme of the Annual Catholic Appeal. This service is a reflection of the life of Jesus who came to serve. The Annual Catholic Appeal (formerly the Archdiocesan Development Appeal) is an appeal to make a sacrifice, to offer a gift that will provide hope for others. When you make a pledge you give witness to our unity and our solidarity in Jesus Christ and his message. Through your gift you *serve others* —the homeless, those without work, the sick, the elderly and the handicapped.

During these last few days of the Appeal, please prayerfully consider a gift to serve others. Your pledge will help ensure the vitality of the schools, parishes, programs, ministries and apostolates, throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Please respond by going over to our Parish Hall this weekend after Masses or by mailing in your pledge. You may make the gift now or spread payments out throughout the year. Your gift will truly be used to *serve others*.

**ST. JAMES PARISH PICNIC
 JUNE 12, 2005**

ONLY 5 WEEKS UNTIL OUR PARISH PICNIC!!!
 Don't wait to be called. Call and Volunteer. We are in need of lots of helping hands in the booths and in the kitchen. We will need more help in all areas because, we will again this year make our shifts shorter, so that all may enjoy the Picnic.

CEMETERY CARE

We ask that all old flowers be removed from the graves, so that the grass may be cut and trimmed. All old holiday flowers (Christmas, etc.) will be removed this upcoming week.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR SUMMER

Usually, when you see this headline, you know it means a shorter schedule. That's not the case with your St. Vincent de Paul Society. We will be around during all the summer months. Don't forget your donations.

A MEDITATION FOR THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Imagine you are at the Ascension (Acts 1:1-11). How does it feel to watch Jesus leave?

It was probably difficult for the disciples to see Jesus go. Yet, if he stayed, they would not receive the promised baptism with the Holy Spirit. We must surrender our "treasures" to God before we can open ourselves to faith and trust.

Here is a meditation on letting go from "Nine Ways to Reach God" by Bridget Meehan, SSC, D.Min.:

If you see life and people as being on loan to you, you can see all as gifts. It is not good to cling tightly to relationships or to hoard earthly treasures. Revere all that you have with deep gratitude, and hold everything in open hands.

Reflect on the symbol of open hands. During your prayer time, open your hands and surrender all the important treasures and relationships of your life to God. Do you experience any obstacles in letting go and giving everyone and everything to God? Be aware of your feelings. Are you joyful? Anxious? Sad? Afraid? Share these feelings with God. Spend time expressing your gratitude to God for each gift and relationship.

What does the perspective of "all is on loan" say to you in your present relationships and in your present circumstances? Find concrete ways to express your love and gratitude to people you often take for granted, including Jesus.