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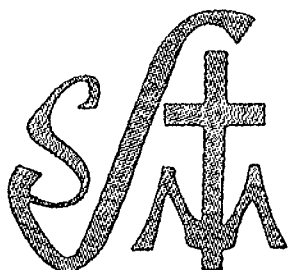
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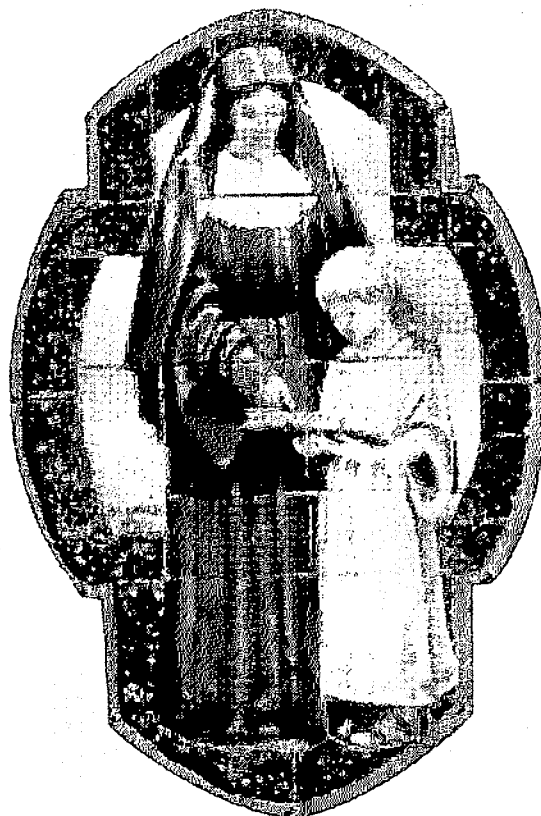
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They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

Readings for the Week of January 4, 2004

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
 Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19--5:4; Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
 Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Dear Parishioners,

What magnificent gifts we have celebrated together thus far this Christmas Season! We had great spirit and joyful gatherings so often: the School Christmas Program, which many parents and grandparents attended; our parish Christmas Caroling, led by our choirs and with the living Nativity scene by some of the young people in the CCD program; class parties in school; the gatherings in the rectory for our school faculty and staff and another for parish lay leaders on our Pastoral and Finance Councils and the School Board. Add to that the beauty and joy at all of our Christmas Masses and the great ministry provided by church decorators, choirs, musicians, servers, ushers, readers and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. We truly opened our hearts in joy, praise and prayer as we welcomed the coming of Christ into our hearts and our lives at Christmas. There were dinners prepared for and served to the needy in our area by the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Kitchen Crew. This was, of course, my first Christmas as your pastor, and I thank you for making it so special, so warm and so joyful! There is a wonderful family spirit in this parish, and I am increasingly happy to be part of it with you. I extend special words of thanks, in your name and for myself, to our parish Pastoral Team for their extra work all during these busy but exhilarating days. Let us all strive to make certain that we nurture the gift of Christ-life entrusted to us as we allow it to grow in our own hearts, in our own homes and then bring it into each others' lives, hearts and homes as well.

We remain mindful that these festive seasons are very challenging for those who have lost loved ones in death, for those whose loved ones live far away and where visiting is not possible. We continue to hold all of these people in our hearts and pray that this New Year of 2004 will find them filled with extra portions of the Lord's own consolation, care and hope.

I offer my sincere thanks to all of you who shared with me Christmas greetings and Christmas goodies. If I ate all the sweets so generously given to me, I'd add serious weight to my already over-weight body, so I've been sharing them with family and friends who visit the rectory. So, thanks for adding to the refreshment of many!

The Christmas Season lasts all the way through the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, so our Christmas decorations and our Christmas music extends all the way through that feast. At Christmas, we remember that Jesus was revealed as the long-awaited Messiah for the people of Israel; on the Epiphany, he is revealed as the light of all nations, Gentile and Jew alike; on the Feast of his Baptism, the direction of his life, his mission and his ministry are revealed and he accepts these challenges as an adult, seeking now every day to fulfill the mission given him. We make that same journey these days, as we too consider the special mission entrusted to each of us by God and seek to have that same dedication and deliberate response to the call of our own Baptism. May this New Year find us eager to give our most generous response to this call!

At the next meeting of our Pastoral Team and at the next meeting of our parish Liturgy Committee, we will be taking some time to review and evaluate our celebrations of Advent and Christmas, and of all the parish liturgies, services and activities during these seasons. If you have observations you wish to share with us during our considerations, please take the time to let any member of our Pastoral Team (Deacons Nick, Ray and Gil; Claudette Craven, our DRE; Colleen Remont, our School Principal; Jackie Appleton, our Business Manager; Peter Weilbaecher, our parish Music Director; and me) know your thoughts so that we can add them to the mix.

A special word to all those who serve in our parish as extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion: If you did not participate in one of the re-delegation sessions sponsored recently by the Office of Worship in the revised General Instruction on the Roman Missal, the Office of Worship is offering three make-up sessions. You may attend any one of these: Saturday, Jan. 10 at Christ the King Church in Terrytown, from 9:00 a.m. until Noon; St. Philip Neri Church in Metairie on Tuesday, Jan. 20, from 7:00-9:00 p.m.; St. Margaret Mary Church in Slidell on Saturday, Jan. 31, from 9:00 a.m. until Noon. You must bring with you the registration form I mailed to you some weeks ago. All ministers are required by the Archbishop to have attended one of these sessions to continue in this ministry.

Also, a special word to all those who serve in any liturgical ministry here in our parish: If you did not attend one of the sessions I conducted here in the parish, we will have ONE make-up session. This will be on Saturday, January 17, from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. All readers, special ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, servers and music ministers who missed one of the sessions already conducted should make plans to attend on January 17 in order to continue in parish liturgical ministry.

I thank all those who have already participated in these workshops for their cooperation in learning about the changes in Mass based on the revised General Instruction, and I thank all of them for their faithful and generous ministry to our parish liturgical prayer.

Fr. Ken

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, January 3**

8:30a.m.

Cecelia Moore Bergen

Sunday, January 4

4:00p.m. Vigil

Frank Baehr

Anna Carlin Baehr

Jackie Welsch

Scuddy F. Fontenelle, Jr.

Shirley Young

Douroux and Delise Families

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Mary Cressend Macgregor

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Philip J. Rau, Sr.

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Zack Balu

Jacquelyn "Jackie" Matthews

Douglas Leslie

Lena and Frederick Barocco

Merlin Campo

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Baldwin

8:00a.m.

Josefina Lopez

9:30a.m.

Eloise Todaro

11:00a.m.

For the Parish

12:15p.m.

Robert J. Braud, Sr.

5:30p.m.

Lucy Billeo and Rita Maggio

Monday, January 5

6:15a.m.

C. Adrien Bodet

8:30a.m.

Rose Hotard

Tuesday, January 6

8:30a.m.

Deborah Decareaux

Wednesday, January 7

6:15a.m.

Josephine Frese

8:30a.m.

Felix Ciolino

Purgatorial List

Donald Codifer

Dominick M. Saia

Iris Lousteau

Bernadette and Anna Thiele

Marcel Damiens

E. L. "Pete" Lucas

Special Intention

Thursday, January 8

6:15a.m.

Villere and Wattigny Families

8:30a.m.

Nolan Andrew Adoue

Friday, January 9

6:15a.m.

Joseph Esler

8:30a.m.

Vicotr Hoffman

Saturday, January 10

8:30a.m.

Sidney and Alice Serio

**Monday, January 5**

School Resumes

Tuesday, January 6

Bible Study, 9:15-11:00a.m., Annex

St. Angela Merici Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, 7:30p.m.,

Msgr. Kern Center

Wednesday, January 7

Prayer Group, 9:30-11:30a.m., Annex

Thursday, January 8

Senior Citizens, 12 noon—2:30p.m., Msgr. Kern Center.

Cub Scout Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m., Annex

Saturday, January 10

Pinewood Derby, 8:00a.m.-1:00p.m., Msgr. Kern Center



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New Orleans Right to Life

New Orleans Right to Life will conduct a pilgrimage to the National March for Life in Washington, D.C. on January 22, 2004. Departure on Tuesday, January 20 at 3:00pm from Metairie and attend the National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception Mass. On Thursday, we will participate in the March. \$200 cost will include transportation and lodging. Meals not included. Call 504-468-9861 for reservations.

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In your charity please pray for the souls of

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who died recently, and for those who mourn them.
-May all of our beloved dead rest in peace-

**Altar Ladies Team No. 5 will clean
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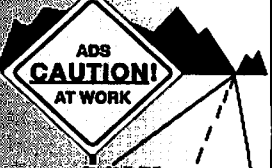
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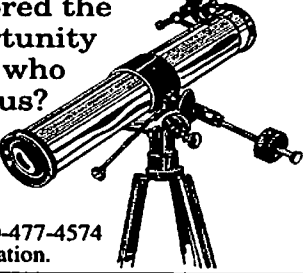

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RETREAT FOR TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS, January 2-4, 2004 with Fr. Beau Charbonnet, Fr. Joe Palermo and Chris and Christine Baglow. Youth Groups are welcome. \$130.

RETREAT FOR WOMEN with Sr. Briege Mc Kenna and Fr. Kevin Scallon, January 16-18, 2004, Cost \$125. Call CCRNO at 828-1368 or see www.ccrno.org to download a registration.

SALA

St. Angela Merici Ladies Auxiliary will meet on Tuesday, January 6, 7:30p.m. in the Msgr. Kern Center. The New Orleans Museum of Art will present a slide show on the Treasures of Ancient Egypt. If you wish, bring an original poem to the meeting to share. SALA's Day at the Races will be on Monday, February 16th.

BLESSED FRANCIS SEELOS BIRTHDAY SERVICE SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2004

There will be a Special Healing Service in observance of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos' Birthday (January 11, 1819) at Saint Mary's Assumption Church on Saturday, January 10, 2004 at 11:00a.m. A sacred reliquary of Father Seelos will be venerated at the closing. Everyone is invited to attend.

Father Seelos was pastor of Saint Mary's Assumption Church in the Irish Channel (at Constance & Josephine Streets) when he died of yellow fever in 1867. He was the only North American declared "Blessed" in the Solemn Jubilee Year 2000 and is one step away from canonization.

JOHANNES HOFINGER CONFERENCE

Our parish staff and teachers of religion in our CCD program and school will be attending the Hofinger Conference on January 9 and 10. The conference provides continuing education and opportunities for enrichment in spiritual and professional life. This annual conference is sponsored by the Archdiocese of New Orleans and participants are from the Gulf Coast region.

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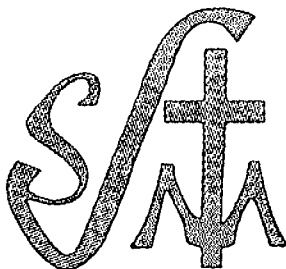
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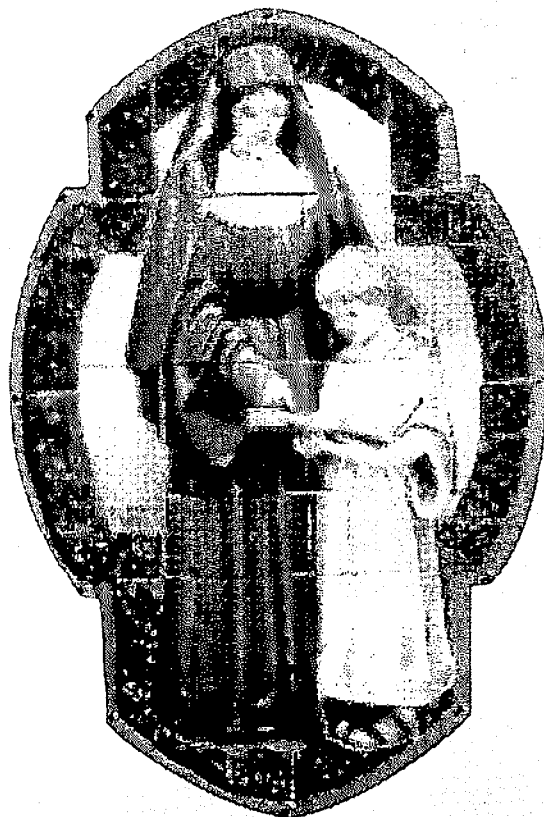
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After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." -Lk 3:21-22

Readings for the Week of January 11, 2004

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
 Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17
 Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

We repeat here the information we provided at Mass last weekend concerning some changes in the Mass called for by the revised "General Instruction on the Roman Missal."

If you recall, on the first Sunday of Advent, all parishes in the Archdiocese were to begin implementation of some changes in the Order of Mass. I had told you at the time that we were delaying that a bit here in our parish because we were still working with our parish liturgical ministers, sharing with them information about these changes. Today, and for the next three weekends, our parish deacons and I will be providing you with information about these changes, which we will begin implementing at Mass today.

These changes come because of a revision in a document called The General Instruction on the Roman Missal, which is the introduction to the book of prayers and readings for Mass. These changes came from Rome and were authorized by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments and ultimately by the Holy Father himself. So, if you have a problem with what you hear during these next few weeks, don't complain to me; write the Pope! The physical and visible changes are not all that major. What is important about this revised document is that it challenges us over and over again to restore greater reverence to our celebration of the Mass and calls us to deeper awe in the great mystery of the Eucharist that we gather here to celebrate. It is also a call for us to recapture one of the essential elements of the Roman liturgy, that is, that when we pray here at Mass, we pray as one body in Christ. Thus the challenge is for us to let go of our own personal preferences, likes and dislikes, and truly to become one body in all the actions that we take, in all of the prayers that we say, in all of the songs that we sing. We are to live that song we sing rather regularly during the ministry of Communion at Mass: "One bread, one body, one Lord, of all; one cup of blessing which we bless; and we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord." This Instruction, then, often focuses on attitudes and actions that promote reverence and awe and call us to act in common gestures, postures and actions. We are already familiar with this. During the "I confess," for instance, when we come to the words, "that I have sinned through my own fault," we join in the gesture of beating the chest, as a sign of our contrition. During the Profession of Faith, when we come to the lines, "by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man," we bow in reverence to this awesome mystery of the incarnation.

Today, we begin to implement some of those common postures and gestures. First, the General Instruction calls for all to STAND after the priest washes his hands and before the priest says, "Pray, brothers and sisters, that this sacrifice of ours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father." The reason for this is that the part of the Mass called the Preparation of the Gifts ends with the washing of the hands and the Liturgy of the Eucharist begins with this invitation to prayer. All, then, would stand as the priest turns back to the altar after he washes his hands. If we are still singing at that time, of course, we would wait until our song is finished and then stand together. Until we get used to this change, the priest or deacon will assist you by offering a gesture of the hands to remind you to stand at the proper time.

Secondly, the General Instruction states that the common posture for receiving Holy Communion is standing. It also calls for a common gesture of reverence by each individual before he or she receives Holy Communion. The Bishops of the United States have decided that this common gesture is a BOW OF THE HEAD. So, when you come to Communion, as you stand before the priest, deacon or lay minister, you bow your head. If you are coming up in a double line, you bow as the person in the other line receives; if there is only one line for that minister, the minister will wait to say, "The Body of Christ" until you have bowed your head. Please note that this is the only proper and approved gesture for the reception of Holy Communion. We do not genuflect or sign ourselves with the cross. In this Communion, we assume one common posture and gesture, showing that we are one body in the Christ, whose one body we receive from the altar.

Finally, you will notice that, beginning today, lay ministers of Holy Communion will come to the priest at the altar and, after each has received Holy Communion, will be handed their vessel by the priest before going to their Communion Station to minister Holy Communion to you. This is done to reflect more clearly how Jesus himself fed the multitudes in the story of the multiplication of loaves and fish. Jesus took the bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to his disciples, who then took these gifts to the people. So, at Mass, the priest, ministering as he does in the person of Christ, takes the bread and wine, blesses them, gives them to the assisting ministers and only then, in turn, do they come to you. This is a visual reminder that we are all fed from the very hands of Christ in our journey on earth, just as we will be served by Christ himself at the heavenly banquet table.

We will continue to publish this information in the bulletin to serve as a reminder to you of what we have taught, and we will continue these instructions again before Mass next weekend.

Fa. Ken

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4:00p.m. Vigil

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 Mittie Bourgeois

8:00a.m.

Josefina Lopez

9:30a.m.

Nancy Aucoin Landry &

Wilbert Landry

11:00a.m.

For the Parish

12:15p.m.

Harold J. Reese, Jr.

5:30p.m.

Ethel A. Olsen

Monday, January 12

6:15a.m.

Shirley Young

8:30a.m.

Warren Nunez

Tuesday, January 13

8:30a.m.

Jennie Lavigne

Wednesday, January 14

6:15a.m.

Joan Talamo

8:30a.m.

Felix Ciolino

Frank Baehr

Anna Carlin Baehr

Purgatorial List

Thomas Blanchard

Dan & Katherine Kane

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Ada & Lloyd Aguiard

Thursday, January 15

6:15a.m.

Wayne Schmidt and
 Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ladner
 H. J. Winters, Jr., and
 Tambareau & Netto Families

8:30a.m.

Friday, January 16

6:15a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Majeaux

8:30a.m.

Jules Le Bon

Saturday, January 17

8:30a.m.

Shannon Martin †

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**Saturday, January 10**

Pinewood Derby, 8:00a.m.- 1:00p.m., Msgr. Kern Center

Sunday, January 11

Monthly Scout Mass, 9:30a.m.

Monday, January 12

FAMILA, gather to pray and study scripture, 9:30a.m.—11:00a.m.

RCIA Classes, 7:00p.m., in the Annex Meeting Room

CCD Classes, 6:00p.m., school class rooms

Tuesday, January 13

Bible Study, 9:15a.m.—11:00a.m., in the Annex

Joint meeting of the School Board, the Finance

Council, and the Pastoral Council, in the Annex

Conference room starting at 7:00p.m.

Adult Choir Practice, 7:30p.m. in Church

Wednesday, January 14

Prayer Group, 9:30a.m.—11:30a.m. in the Annex

Thursday, January 15

Principal's Meeting, 10:00a.m., Conference Room

St. Angela Merici School Open House, 7:00p.m., Msgr. Kern Center.

Knights of Columbus, 7:00p.m., Annex Conference Room

Friday, January 16

Senior Citizens Board Meeting, 9:00a.m.—Noon, Conference Room.

Saturday, January 17

Liturgical Ministry Session, 9:30a.m.—11:30a.m. Annex Conference Room



We remind expectant parents that, to prepare for the Baptism of a baby, the parents must make an appointment with the Deacon **prior to Baptism**. It is recommended that you call **well in advance of the delivery date** to be prepared. Baptisms in our parish are usually performed on the second Sunday of the month provided the parents have fulfilled the preparation.

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In your charity please pray for the souls of

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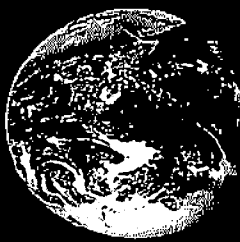
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St. Angela Merici School cordially invites you to the Annual Open House to be held on Thursday, January 15th at 7:00p.m. The evening will begin in the Msgr. Kern Center with a presentation and will conclude with a tour of the school. 2004-05 registration information will be distributed to prospective parents at this time. You will have an opportunity to meet some of the members of the St. Angela Merici School family and to learn more about the excellent curriculum and well-rounded education that is offered in your home parish. Invest a little time in your child's future by coming to learn more about the "good news" of our school. For more information, please do not hesitate to call the school office at 835-8491. New student registration is on February 16, 2004.

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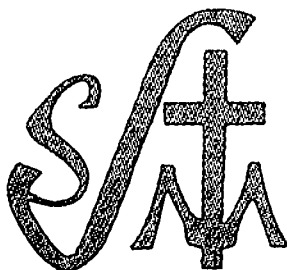
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*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 18, 2004*



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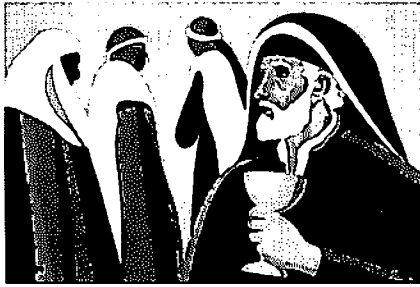
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Readings for the Week of January 18, 2004

Sunday: Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11
 Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6
 Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12
 Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19
 Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21
 Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

We repeat here the information we provided at Mass last weekend concerning some changes in the Mass called for by the revised "General Instruction on the Roman Missal."

Today we continue our instructions for you on some changes in the celebration of the Order of Mass, in accord with the revised General Instruction on the Roman Missal. Today I would like to share with you a few more clarifications on posture and gesture that are in this Instruction.

As we were all taught, the proper gesture when passing in front of the tabernacle is a genuflection. The proper gesture when passing in front of the altar, which is a symbol of Christ, is a solemn bow from the waist. So, when entering or leaving our church, because the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in its chapel on the side, we would instead bow to the altar.

During the praying of the Lord's Prayer, the priest extends his hands in the typical prayer gesture called the "orans" position, where the priest, in this gesture, embraces the prayers the people as one and lifts them up to the Lord. Only the priest assumes this gesture. In early religious art, there are depictions of the bishop at the altar with his hands extended this way and the priests, standing around him, with the same gesture. However, lay people at Mass do not assume this gesture. Similarly, during the praying of the Lord's Prayer, it is not our Catholic custom to hold hands. All remain with their hands in the typical gesture of prayer (folded with fingers pointed upward). What is the reason for this? We separate our hands and join them to the hands of others at the Sign of Peace. It is the sense of this revised Introduction to Mass that to join hands during the Our Father diminishes the gesture of reaching out at the Sign of Peace.

I told you last weekend that part of the spirit of this Instruction is to increase a sense of reverence and awe at Mass. To reflect reverence, and to enter into that spirit of wonder, another challenge for us in these revisions is to slow the Mass down a bit, to give everyone the time that we need to be truly reflective about the great mystery of God's love that we celebrate at Mass, as we hear God's Word in the Scriptures and share in the essential food of the Eucharist. That is why the Instruction calls for several periods of silence during the Mass, to give us time to reflect on what God so graciously and so faithfully shares with us to nourish us on our pilgrim way. Every time the priest says, "Let us pray," there is to be a pause so that you can do just what he invited you to do: pray; that is, to lift up your most sincere personal prayers to God, as we gather to support one another.

After each Scripture reading, there is to be a substantial pause, so that you can reflect on the Word of God you have heard proclaimed, so that you can ask yourself: What did the Lord just tell me that will console me or support me or challenge me or guide me as I try to live a faithful life? Similarly, after the homily, there is to be a substantial pause so that we can again reflect on what we heard in the instruction of the homily, and how we can apply it to our own lives.

Finally, after all have received Holy Communion, there is to be time of reflective silence, so that we can meditate on the awesome gift we have just received in the Body and Blood of the Risen Christ. This reflective time may be accompanied by instrumental music or may be done in complete silence, especially during the season of Advent and Lent, where the liturgy is to be more simple in style. This Instruction also reminds us of several things in regard to music at Mass. First, the Opening Song or, as it is more properly called, the Gathering Song. This song has several purposes. It helps us to focus on the spirit of this Mass or the season or feast we have gathered to celebrate. It should lead us better to understand what we are gathering here to celebrate this day. It also unites us in mind, in body and in spirit as we sing it. It unites us in mind, as we think together about the words of the song, the season or feast it tells us about, or the story it tells in its singing. It unites us in spirit, as we join our hearts together in the joy and peace of the Lord who calls us to this great Eucharistic Feast. It unites us in body, as we stand as one in God's presence and join our voices together in one hymn of praise, just as the angels do in heaven – in other words, this liturgy on earth helps us to consider the heavenly liturgy for which we all long to be part of at the end of our earthly lives. This song does not simply accompany the procession up the aisle; it unites us and directs us and helps to focus us. That is why you have noticed that we sing more of it now.

The Communion Song similarly binds us together around the Eucharistic table. When we sing with one voice, at the same tempo as others, with the same words as others, we are one body. Signing this song is an outward manifestation of what the Eucharist actually does: it makes us one, one with the Lord and one with each other. This song begins immediately after we say, "Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed," for this is when the ministry of Communion begins. We will begin singing the Communion Song a bit earlier than we have been doing in the past, to make us one at the altar as we begin to come forward in one procession to share in the one bread.

We will continue in our instructions before all the Masses again next weekend.

Fr. Ken

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8:30a.m. Shannon Martin †

Sunday, January 18

4:00p.m. Vigil

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9:30a.m.	Mary Danahay
11:00a.m.	For the Parish
12:15p.m.	Felix Ciolino
5:30p.m.	Jackie Welsch

Monday, January 19

6:15a.m.	Angelina & Russell Talamo
8:30a.m.	Josephine P. Morgan

Tuesday, January 20

8:30a.m. Alice and Sidney Serio

Wednesday, January 21

6:15a.m.	Dorthe Wright
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Thursday, January 22

6:15a.m.	Scuddy F. Fontenelle, Sr.
8:30a.m.	Carmen Engel

Friday, January 23

6:15a.m.	Shirley Young
8:30a.m.	Salvador M. Saia

Saturday, January 24

8:30a.m. George Ortolano

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**Saturday, January 17**

Liturgical Ministry Session, 9:30a.m.—11:30a.m., Annex Conference Room.
Knights of Columbus quarterly 4:00 Mass followed by Pot Luck Supper in the Msgr. Kern Center.

Monday, January 19

RCIA Classes, 7:00p.m., in the Annex Meeting Room
CCD Classes, 6:00p.m., school class rooms
7:00p.m.-9:00p.m., Confirmation Meeting for parents and students, Msgr. Kern Center

Tuesday, January 20

Bible Study, 9:15a.m.-11:00a.m., in the Annex
SAMA, 7:30p.m., Msgr. Kern Center
Adult Choir Practice, 7:30p.m., in Church

Wednesday, January 21

Prayer Group, 9:30a.m.-11:30a.m., in the Annex
Parish Finance Council Meeting, 7:00p.m., in the Annex Conference Room.

Saturday, January 24

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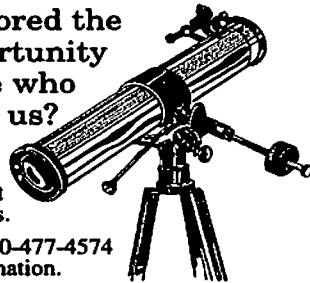
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Adult Converts	5	3	5	5	11



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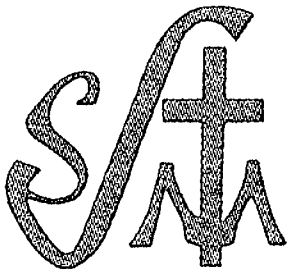
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Readings for the Week of January 25, 2004

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30;
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13;
Lk 4:21-30

We repeat here the information we provided at Mass last weekend concerning some changes in the Mass called for by the revised "General Instruction on the Roman Missal."

We have already shared with you that the greatest emphasis in this current revision of the General Instruction on the Roman Missal is its intention to restore a greater sense of reverence at Mass. Another focus is its desire to reflect, in our common posture and gestures and our singing at Mass, that we are truly one body in Christ as we gather around the altar. But, within this body, there are different roles and ministries, and the Instruction seeks to be clear that these different ministries and roles are respected. Last week, we mentioned that the extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion will no longer come to the altar and take the vessels themselves at Communion time, but will be communicated by and then handed vessels by the priest, for this reflects his role as standing at the altar in the person of Christ, and he reflects how Christ ministered to others in Scripture stories that show him serving others at table.

Lay people who minister do not serve in ministries that are part of the service of those in Holy Orders. That is why, when priests and deacons are present, they are the first ministers of Holy Communion. Lay ministers are used only when there are not enough priests and deacons to minister at all the Communion stations that serve the assembly. During Mass, lay people do not stand at the altar in the places where deacons or concelebrating priests would customarily stand. Again, the purpose of this is to show that there are different roles and ministries of service in our Church, ordained and lay ministries, and they are distinct from one another.

But what also must be underscored in this is that ordained ministers do not take over the roles of lay ministers. You notice that the priest does not lead the singing; that is the role of the cantor. Deacons do not take up the collection; that is the ministry of our ushers. Lay people always proclaim the readings from the Old Testament and the New Testament letters. Now what this means, of course, is that we need adequate lay ministers at all Masses so that these services are properly fulfilled. We will be announcing, in the next few weeks, the process for parishioners to come forward in new service as readers, ushers and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. Please consult the bulletin each week, for that is where this information will be published. We hope that many of you will seriously consider stepping forward in one of these important liturgical ministries.

Along with respecting roles and ministries, the General Instruction also reminds us to respect important liturgical furniture. The altar, the place of sacrifice, is a symbol of Christ, who gave himself in sacrifice for us. The altar is never to be obscured by decorations or be used for anything other than the celebration of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Nothing is ever placed on the altar other than the bread and wine and the book of prayers the priest needs for the Eucharistic Prayer. The ambo, or pulpit, is reserved at all times for the proclamation of the Liturgy of the Word. Only the Scripture readings, the homily and the General Intercessions, all part of the Liturgy of the Word, are to be done from the pulpit. Any other talks, introductions, announcements or prayers are to be done from another place. When we see the pulpit, we see God's Word, not our own. You will notice that, beginning today, the Cantor for Mass will no longer be behind the screen in back of the sanctuary, but will come out into the sanctuary area. We hope that this will allow the cantor much more to serve as a leader for you in our sung prayer. The cantor will also begin now to sing the Responsorial Psalm from the ambo.

Finally, the revised General Instruction affirms again the musical nature of our liturgical prayer. It reminds us that certain parts of the Mass are always to be sung: the Responsorial Psalm, the Gospel Acclamation, the Holy, Memorial Acclamation, Amen and Lamb of God. These are to be sung at all Masses, weekend and weekday alike. That will be a challenge to implement at our weekday liturgies, but it is a challenge that we will meet over time.

Fr. Ken

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, January 24**

8:30a.m.

George Ortolano

Sunday, January 25

4:00p.m. Vigil

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Josefina Lopez

9:30a.m.

Anton (Andy) Pilney

11:00a.m.

For the Parish

12:15p.m.

Lucille B. Buckel

5:30p.m.

Arthur Kikuchi

Monday, January 26

6:15a.m.

Hazel Lyon Baehr

8:30a.m.

Hazel Grefer

Tuesday, January 27

8:30a.m.

Scuddy F. Fontenelle, Jr.

Wednesday, January 28

6:15a.m.

Mike Ricca

8:30a.m.

Felix Ciolino

Purgatorial List

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Merrick Delesdernier

Thursday, January 29

6:15a.m.

Frank Baehr

8:30a.m.

Kathy Materne

Friday, January 30

6:15a.m.

The Schmidt Family

8:30a.m.

Felix Ciolino

Saturday, January 31

8:30a.m.

The Sunseri-Sullivan Families

**Saturday, January 24**

Most Rev. Roger Morin will be the celebrant at the Pro-Life Mass, 8:30a.m., followed by march to abortion clinic. St. Angela Merici parishioners are encouraged to attend.

Monday, January 26

Catholic Schools Week

In-house school registration

FAMILA, gather to pray and study scripture, 9:30a.m.—11:00a.m.

CCD Classes, 6:00p.m., school class rooms

RCIA Classes, 7:00p.m., in the Annex Meeting Room

St. Angela Co-Op Mtg., 7:30p.m., Msgr. Kern Center

Tuesday, January 27

Feast of St. Angela Merici, School Mass 9:30a.m.

Bible Study, 9:15-11:00a.m., in the Annex Mtg. Room

Adult Choir Practice, 7:30p.m., in Church

School Board Meeting, 7:30p.m., Conference Room

Wednesday, January 28

Prayer Group, 9:30-11:30a.m., Annex Meeting Room

Grandparents Day, 8:30a.m. Mass (A-L)

First Penance Celebration, 7:00p.m., Church

Thursday, January 29

Grandparents Day, 8:30a.m. Mass (M-Z)

Paper Drive

Fair Committee Meeting, 6:30p.m., Annex Conference Room

Saturday, January 31

Confirmation Retreat, beginning at the 8:30a.m. Mass in Church and concluding at 3:00p.m. in the Msgr. Kern Center

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St. Angela Merici
Feast Day

Tuesday, January 27th, is the Feast Day of St. Angela Merici, patroness of our parish. At the Masses this day we will thank Our Lord for his many blessings to us. Our school students will attend 9:30a.m. Mass on Tuesday, January 27th, in honor of St. Angela Merici.

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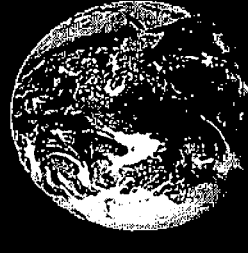
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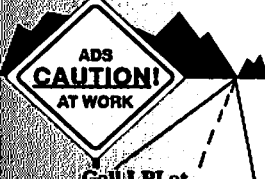
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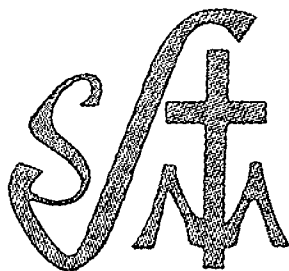
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Readings for the Week of February 1, 2004

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31--13:13; Lk 4:21-30
 Monday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30--19:3; Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13
 Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34
 Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

We present here the final in our series of instructions on the revised *General Instruction on the Roman Missal*.

Postures and gestures at Mass, joining fully in the recited and sung prayers are important because they both reflect inner attitudes and form inner attitudes. They reflect inner attitudes because, if we are truly reverent, our actions of kneeling, genuflecting, bowing all show what we believe. If we truly care about others, reaching out to them for the Sign of Peace and offering a warm and sincere, "Peace be with you," becomes a true symbol of our care. These actions also form attitudes of reverence and care. Because we do them over and over again, in doing them, in allowing our bodies to be taken over by them, we actually learn how we are to feel, not only at that moment, but all the time.

This current revision of the General Instruction on the Roman Missal completely underscores and reiterates that the goal of our worship is, as Vatican II described it in the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, "the full, conscious and active participation" of all in the celebration of the Mass and the Sacraments, a participation in them that recognizes and is our response to the action of Christ in our lives sharing with us in these sacramental signs the gift of salvation. When we stop to think of how much God loves us, of all the blessings God has showered upon us – both as individuals and as a Church – our response ought to be the burning desire to give God praise and thanks. Liturgy is God's action, in the Church, continuing to bless us and save us. Liturgy is our joyful embracing of and response to that awesome gift. To be fully involved in the liturgy is to allow God to enter into us and gift us. To be fully involved in the liturgy is to express our gratitude to God for that gift.

Over the past three weeks, we have shared with you the main points of the revised General Instruction on the Roman Missal, that was published in Rome, with the approval of the Holy Father, by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, and that Archbishop Hughes has now authorized be implemented in our Archdiocese. This Instruction has called for some changes in the way we celebrate Mass, changes that will, in time, become second nature for all of us. These changes, especially like those of bowing before we receive Holy Communion, pausing for reflective time after the readings, homily and Communion, signs of reverence to the altar when we enter and leave church, should all help us to be more reverent at Mass and more in awe of the great mystery of God's love, incarnate in Word and Sacrament, that we celebrate at Mass.

But there are a few local, very real parish concerns that we have that we need you to consider as well, in keeping with the spirit of this document from Rome.

We want to mention today three things:

First, attire for Mass. There was a time, and it wasn't all that long ago, when men who went to sporting events wore suits and ties. Women going shopping on Canal Street would wear hats and gloves. Those times are gone and will never return. But you still receive invitations to parties or other gatherings that call for certain dress, and the purpose of that call is to show the importance of what you are invited to celebrate. The Mass is the most important prayer we offer as Catholics. Our dress ought, in some way, reflect that importance. Taking the extra time and effort it certainly does take to wear nicer clothes to Mass reflects our inner attitude toward Mass and helps to shape our attitude as well. Yes, we do often go right from Mass to another event or to visit friends or to go shopping. We certainly are not saying that every male must wear a coat and tie or that every female should have on the latest fashion, but we should make an effort to be attired in our "Sunday best" for what it is Sunday is all about.

Second, a word about being on time for Mass, and staying for the whole Mass. Again, this is nothing less than an act of reverence for the Lord and the Lord's gift to us that the Mass is. It is not reverent toward the Lord, or toward the rest of the assembly, to come late. Giving an hour to the Lord each week for the prayer of the Mass ought not be too much to ask, and so leaving Mass early is neither respectful or reverent either. God is ready to listen to you whenever you choose to pray. Ought we not be ready to listen to God in the Mass by being here on time? God doesn't shut you out; should we shut God out by walking out of Mass before it is over? Sure, there will be times when something happens, and you're running late. Yes, there may well be another pressing need that might require one to leave early. But, let's be honest, those occasions are few and far between for any one of us. God deserves our time, for God is the author of the time we have been given.

Third, we need to address all of those who regularly stand in the back walkways of the church when there is plenty of places to take in the pews. We realize that sometimes parents will need to take small children back into those areas to quiet them during Mass. This is perfectly acceptable. We realize that some in wheelchairs need to be in that area, since we do not currently have adequate handicapped space in the pew area. We also realize that there may be a very few people who cannot kneel or sit because of physical difficulties. But none of the remainder of us should see standing in those areas of the church as acceptable during Mass. Entering into the pew area, sitting with others is a sign that we want to be Church, we want to be God's assembled people. Standing in the back is a sign that you want God on your terms, and that, quite simply, is not what we are here for. In the liturgy, God acts on us. We must turn ourselves over to the Lord. It is irreverent to the Eucharist; it is disrespectful to the rest of the assembly and it is simply distracting to the priest celebrating Mass to have numbers of people standing in those walkways.

In the spirit of the revised General Instruction on the Roman Missal, let us all take some time this week to review our own attitudes toward Mass, our actions at Mass and our willing participation in all of the Mass. Let us pledge to give the Lord our best, by giving God our all for the time we are here on weekends. Let us come ready and willing to open our minds, our hearts, our spirits to God and to one another in the family of faith, that we may find the presence of God that the liturgy offers us and the support and strength we need every day of the week to be faithful to the Lord's call to love and service.

Fr. Ken

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, January 31**

8:30a.m. Sunseri & Sullivan Families

Sunday, February 1

4:00p.m. Vigil

Felix Ciolino	Andre' Barbazan
Jackie Welsch	Laura Di Leo Locantro
Cecile Barousse	Hartridge Bourgeois
Hubert Coogan	Gregory Benvenuti
Scott Lococo	Victoria Barnes
Salvio Trevino	Ronald J. Richard
Irene Baird	Special Intention
Mary E. Horn	Edward J. Maloney
Bertie Pitre	Ora Joseph Cuevas
Alison Bordelon (†)	Special Intention
Sterling & Ronny Jourdan	
8:00a.m.	Josefina Lopez
9:30a.m.	George & Ada Larroque
11:00a.m.	For the Parish
12:15p.m.	Manuel Calderara
5:30p.m.	Lois Weber

Monday, February 2

6:15a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Edward Ladner and
	Wayne Schmidt
8:30a.m.	Earl Jeansonne, Jr.

Tuesday, February 3

8:30a.m. Edward J. Sinnott

Wednesday, February 4

8:30a.m.

Felix Ciolino	Sidney K. Smith, Jr.
Frank Baehr	Anna Carlin Baehr
Purgatorial List	Anna Mae Moore
Marcel Damiens	Special Intention
Donald Codifer	E. L. "Pete" Lucas
Alison L. Bordelon (†)	Joe Ebbermann (†)
Special Intention	

Thursday, February 5

8:30a.m. Archie J. Grefer, Jr.

Friday, February 6

8:30a.m. Bill Graham

Saturday, February 7

8:30a.m. Villere and Wattigney Families

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**Saturday, January 31**

Confirmation Retreat, beginning at the 8:30a.m. Mass in Church and concluding at 3:00p.m. in the Msgr. Kern Center.

Sunday, February 1

Catholic Charities Appeal

Monday, February 2FAMILA, gather to pray and study scripture, 9:30a.m.-11:00a.m., Annex Meeting Room
CCD Classes, 6:00p.m., school class room
RCIA Classes, 7:00p.m., Annex Meeting Room**Tuesday, February 3**Bible Study, 9:15a.m.-11:00a.m., Annex Mtg. Room
SALA Meeting, 7:30p.m., Msgr. Kern Center
Adult Choir Practice, 7:30p.m. in Church**Wednesday, February 4**Prayer Group, 9:30-11:30a.m., Annex Mtg. Room
Confirmation Practice, 7:00p.m., in Church**Thursday, February 5**Senior Citizens Meeting, 12 noon—2:30,
Msgr. Kern Center
Cub Scout Parent's Meeting, 7:30p.m., Annex Meeting Room
Girl Scout Leader's Meeting, 7:00p.m., Annex Conference Room**Friday, February 6**First Friday Adoration, 9:00a.m.-2:45p.m., followed by Benediction.
St. Angela School Science Fair, Msgr. Kern Center, all day.**The Sanctuary Candle This Week**
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Altar Ladies Team No. 3 will clean
the Church on **Saturday, January 31**

**First Friday**

Friday, **February 5** is the First Friday of the month. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be from 9:00a.m. until 2:45p.m. followed by Benediction. We encourage you to spend part of the day in adoration.

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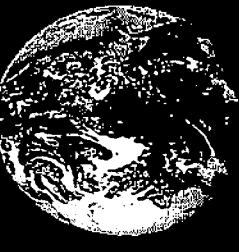
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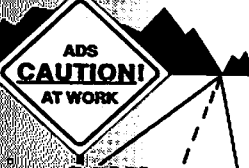
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Monday, February 2nd, is Candlemas Day.
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BLESSING OF THROATS

Tuesday, February 3rd, is the Feast of St. Blaise, throats will be blessed only during Tuesday's 6:15 Communion Service and 8:30a.m. Mass.

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CYO

Sunday, February 8, the CYO will meet after 5:30p.m. Mass in the Msgr. Kern Center. Please plan on arriving no later than 8:00p.m., to pick up your children.

SALA NEWS

SALA's outing at the New Orleans Fair Grounds will be held on Monday, February 16th. Group package rate is \$10.00, which includes Clubhouse admission, lunch, and reserved seating. Menu choice is Red Beans with Sausage or Salisbury Steak with salad and desert. Doors open at 11:00a.m. Deadline for reservations is February 10. Everyone is invited.

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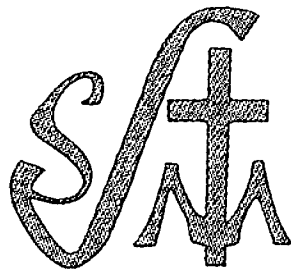
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*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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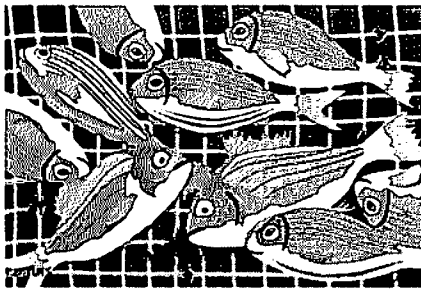
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Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. -Lk 5:5-6

Readings for the Week of February 8, 2004

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11
 Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
 Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10
 Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

Dear Parishioners,

We completed last week our series of instructions on the revised General Instruction on the Roman Missal. (Is that a sigh of relief I hear?) I do hope that you found this brief series helpful, not only in knowing the changes that we have been asked to make in our celebration of the Mass by this Instruction but also, and even more importantly, why we have been asked to do so. One thing I hope that you realized is that celebrating the Roman liturgy well is something of a challenge to us. We are asked at Mass, as we said over and over again, to give ourselves over to the liturgy and to allow ourselves to be shaped by it, shaped into one body in Christ. We face the challenge to put aside our personal likes and dislikes, our personal pieties and preferences, and to enter into the liturgy, fully and actively, striving to become one with each other and with the Lord in this profound prayer. We bow, sit, stand and kneel together; we sing together; we process together. We bow in reverence to the altar; we bow in reverence during some of our prayers. We kneel in adoration and humility. We stand in acceptance and ready witness. We work to become one in action, thought and feeling with one another. I invite you to respond fully to this challenge and to try to continue to reflect on the power of the liturgy to mold us into the living Body of Christ in the Church.

Did you find this series of explanations piquing your interest about the Mass, to wish for more information about why we do at Mass what we do; about the history of the Mass; about the books we use (Lectionary and Sacramentary), about the reasons for the vesture we wear and the postures we take; about the way the Mass is structured and the meaning of its parts? I am happy to announce that, during Lent, we will have a four-part series on the Mass, to study it more in depth and answer these and other questions you might have. These sessions will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, March 10, 17, 24 and 31, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. and repeated on Thursdays, March 11, 17, 25 and April 1, from 1:00-2:30 p.m., all sessions in the parish Conference Room in the Annex. I will be conducting those sessions. No pre-registration is necessary, just come with your open and curious mind!

This will be just one of our parish activities for Lent. Of course, we will once again have our Parish Lenten Mission, beginning on the weekend of Feb. 28-29, and continuing on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of that week; we will pray the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings of Lent at 7:00 p.m.; our Senior Citizens Club will sponsor their Day of Recollection on the morning of Thursday, April 1; our school community leads us in the Living Stations on Friday, April 2. We will provide reminders and more information about all of these as the dates get closer.

We also mentioned to you in our instructions about Mass that it is time for us to invite more people to consider service as liturgical ministers: as readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, ushers/greeters and choir members. As we have heard in the second reading at recent Sunday Masses, from St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians, in this body of Christ that we as Church, we each have a role to play for the benefit of all. We accept these roles as part of our response to the call of our Baptism, the universal call to holiness of life and to service of one another. We discern our special role by reflecting carefully on the interests and talents God has given us and the needs of those we serve. What we have received as a gift, we in turn give as a gift to others and, in that self-sacrifice, we join in the holiness of Christ and live in unity with the Holy Spirit.

Does this mean that everyone is called to liturgical ministry? Of course not. Some are called to service as catechists, some as leaders of prayer, others as ministers of intercessory prayer for others (participating in a prayer group), some as ministers of charity (as in participation in our St. Vincent de Paul Society), some as leaders in parish organizations or as active members of organizations. But, if you do feel that you are called to a special role in our liturgical prayer as a choir member, reader, usher or minister of Holy Communion, now is the time to step forward. We will have a meeting for all those interested in any liturgical ministry on Thursday, March 18, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Annex Conference Room. At that meeting, we will describe the abilities required for each ministry, the responsibilities of them and the training required for them. We will also have a process to help those present discern in which ministry each person ought to serve. If you have any questions about this, please speak with one of our parish deacons or with me.

On Wednesday of this week, 61 young people of our parish will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, completing their Sacraments of Initiation into the Church. Please keep them in your prayers, that they will truly be open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Fr. Ken

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, February 7**

8:30a.m. Villere and Wattigny Families

Sunday, February 8

4:00p.m. Vigil

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Cecile Barousse	
Alison L. Bordelon (†)	Troy Holmes(†)
8:00a.m.	Marguerite and Earl Hedrick
9:30a.m.	Paul & Debbie Galloway(†)
11:00a.m.	For the Parish
12:15p.m.	Harold J. Reese, Jr.
5:30p.m.	John F. Marte

Monday, February 9

6:15a.m.	Shirley Young
8:30a.m.	Archie J. Grefer, Sr.

Tuesday, February 10

8:30a.m. William R. Hare

Wednesday, February 11

6:15a.m.	Raymond S. Maher, Sr.
8:30a.m.	

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Thursday, February 12

6:15a.m.	Anna and Gil Schmidt (†)
8:30a.m.	Gerard Mialaret

Friday, February 13

6:15a.m.	Valentina A. Lopez
8:30a.m.	Helen & Duval Wilkinson

Saturday, February 14

8:30a.m. Julia K. Fahrman

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**Altar Ladies Team No. 4 will clean
the Church on Saturday, February 7.**

**Sunday, February 8**

Monthly Scout Mass, 9:30a.m.
CYO Meeting, Msgr. Kern Center, immediately
following 5:30p.m. Mass

Monday, February 9

CCD Classes, 6:00p.m., school class rooms
RCIA Classes, 7:00p.m., Annex Meeting Room

Tuesday, February 10

Bible Study, 9:15-11:00a.m., Annex Meeting Room
Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:30p.m., Conference Room
Co-Op Volleyball, 7:00p.m., Msgr. Kern Center

Wednesday, February 11

Prayer Group, 9:30-11:30a.m., Annex Meeting Room
Confirmation, 7:00p.m.

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The Archdiocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration this year will take place on **Sunday, June 6, 2004 at 2:30 p.m.** at St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Church, 5500 Paris Avenue, New Orleans. If you were married in 1954 and would like to be included in this celebration, please call the rectory (835-0324) before April 2, so that we may submit your reservation. There will be a prayer service during which the celebrants will be honored. You will have to attend a Mass to fulfill your Sunday obligation.

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The *Clarion Herald*, the official newspaper of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, recognizes Catholic Press Month during the month of February.

In 2003, the Clarion Herald won four major awards at the annual convention of the Catholic Press Association of the United States and Canada. Kids' Clarion, published monthly during the school year, has shined a warm spotlight on the achievements of our elementary school students.

The Clarion Herald will insert an envelope in the February 25 issue asking that those who have not yet paid their parish for their Clarion Herald subscriptions to do so. The Clarion office has requested that you not send the payment directly to their office, but instead to St. Angela Merici. Thank you.



NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

St. Angela Merici School will have new student registration on Monday, February 16 in the library between 9:00a.m. and noon. Parents registering their children for the first time must bring a copy of the following documents for the school to keep on file: the child's birth certificate, Baptism certificate, First Communion certificate (if registering for grades 3—8), a current immunization record, the child's social security number, and most recent report card if the child has been attending another school. In cases where parents are separated or divorced, a custody decree is also required. Also, a registration fee of \$140 for the eldest child and \$125 for each subsequent child is required at the time of registration. If you need more details you may call 835-8491.

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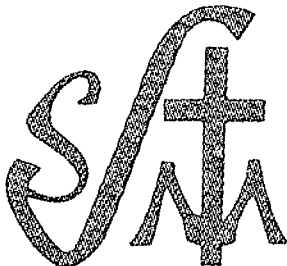
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WEDDINGS:
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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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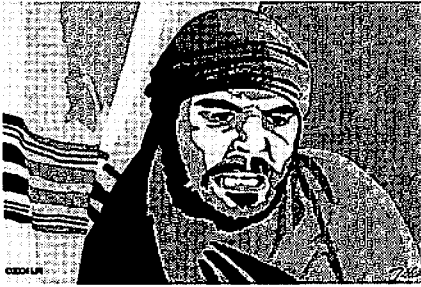
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Readings for the Week of February 15, 2004

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26
 Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Mk 8:22-26
 Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Mk 8:27-33
 Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Mk 8:34-9:1
 Saturday: Jas 3:1-10; Mk 9:2-13
 Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

Dear Parishioners,

Here we are in the midst of another Mardi Gras season. Most of the year, I work hard; during Mardi Gras, I play hard. With a group of friends, we ride in the Krewe of Pontchartrain. during the first week of parades, my sisters, some friends and I run from the New Orleans parades out here for the Metairie parades. For the final weekend of the season, a group of us join at our customary place on the parade route for Mardi Gras weekend, where we catch parade after parade after parade. You may have noticed that I try to be at every Mass on weekends, to greet you and visit with you and to make certain that all is going well. For these two weekends, you'll notice that I'm a bit more scarce, as I celebrate a Mass and hit the parades. We welcome and I extend thanks to Fr. Bernie, who is preaching at all the Masses this weekend, inviting you to consider subscribing to Ligourian magazine. I extend special thanks to Frs. Meridier and Schott, who have agreed to alter their normal weekend schedules to accommodate my playfulness.

After we've all played hard for these ten days of the parade season, I hope you will join me in praying hard as we gather for our liturgies on Ash Wednesday, entering into the spirit of penance that is the Lenten Season. then, on the weekend of the First Sunday of Lent, we welcome Fathers Vic Karls and William Broker as they will initiate our annual Parish Mission, which will continue on the evenings of March 1, 2, 3 (with the service beginning at 7:00 p.m. each night and a parish reception following the service on March 3).

Lent will afford another opportunity, one to help you understand better the Mass, as we begin our series of adult education sessions on the Mass on Wednesday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m., repeated on Thursday afternoon, March 11, at 1:00 p.m. There will be four presentations in this series. We will look at the history of the Mass, look at the history and developments of the liturgical books we use and how the Lectionary (book of readings for Mass) is structured today, and look at liturgical vesture and roles in the liturgy. There will be plenty of time for questions and discussion.

Add to that our regular schedule of weekday Masses, time on First Friday for prayer at Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, our Tuesday night novena and Benediction, and Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent at 2:45 for our school community and again at 7:00 p.m. for our parish, and we will have ample opportunities to use this Lent to grow in prayer, study and fellowship.

So, enjoy Mardi Gras. But remember that this is only the prelude to the much more important season of Lent, a time of spiritual renewal and growth for us as individuals and as a parish community.

Fr. Ken

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, February 14**

8:30a.m. Julia K. Fahrman

Sunday, February 15

4:00p.m. Vigil

Felix Ciolino
 Frank Baehr
 Jackie Welsch
 Joan Talamo
 Hubert Coogan
 Gregory Benvenuti
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 Ann Pelican
 Zack Balu
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9:30a.m.

11:00a.m.

12:15p.m.

Monday, February 16

6:15a.m.

8:30a.m.

Tuesday, February 17

8:30a.m.

Wednesday, February 18

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Thursday, February 19

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8:30a.m.

Friday, February 20

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Saturday, February 21

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SAMA, 7:30p.m., Msgr. Kern Center

Adult Choir Practice, 7:30p.m., Church

Wednesday, February 18

Prayer Group, 9:30-11:30a.m., in Church

Thursday, February 19

Paper Drive 7:00—9:00a.m. Please bring your paper during this time either packed in bags or tied in bundles.

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PLEASE NOTE:

Due to Mardi Gras parades, 5:30p.m. Mass will not be celebrated Sunday, February 15 or February 22.

We will not have Novena's on February 17 or 24.

NO PARKING will be permitted in the schoolyard during parades.



We remind expectant parents that, to prepare for the Baptism of a baby, the parents must make an appointment with the Deacon **prior to Baptism**. It is recommended that you call **well in advance of the delivery date** to be prepared. Baptisms in our parish are usually performed on the second Sunday of the month provided the parents have fulfilled the preparation.

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NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

St. Angela Merici School will have new student registration on Monday, February 16 in the library between 9:00a.m. and noon. Parents registering their children for the first time must bring a copy of the following documents for the school to keep on file: the child's birth certificate, Baptism certificate, First Communion certificate (if registering for grades 3—8), a current immunization record, the child's social security number, and most recent report card if the child has been attending another school. In cases where parents are separated or divorced, a custody decree is also required. Also, a registration fee of \$140 for the eldest child and \$125 for each subsequent child is required at the time of registration. If you need more details you may call 835-8491.

PRE-K 3-YEAR OLD PROGRAM

We are pleased to announce the addition of a Pre-K 3- year old program for the 2004-05 school year. Half-day and full day options are available. Call the school office (835-8491) for more details.

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Family Life Apostolate is proud to present February 28, 2004, from 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. at Archbishop Schulte Hall on the grounds of Notre Dame Seminary on Carrollton Avenue a day of reflection for the enrichment of married couples. Come join us in renewing yourselves in your vocation of matrimony. To close the day Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Hughes. The cost is \$20 per couple until February 13, 2004, \$25 per couple for late registration and \$30 per couple at the door. Please bring a brown bag lunch. To register or for more information, call Family Life Apostolate at 861-6243.

FISH FRY

Please mark Friday, February 27 on your calendar for the first of our Lenten Fish Frys. 5:30p.m.—8:30p.m. Cost: Adults \$6.00 and Children \$3.50. Hope to see you there.

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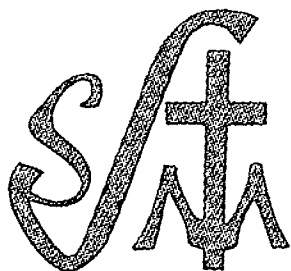
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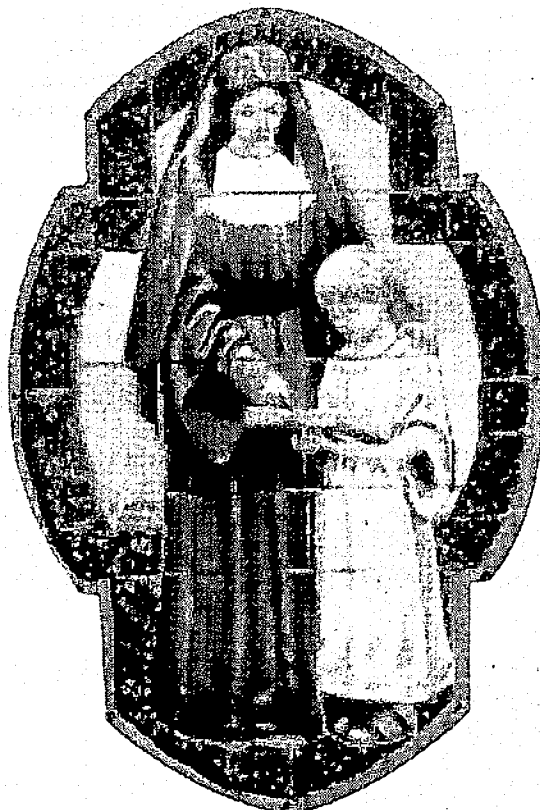
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Baptisms are performed on the 2nd Sunday
of the month. Parents must complete required
preparation prior to baptism and they should call
the rectory well in advance of the anticipated
delivery date.

WEDDINGS:
Arrangements must be made at least six months
prior to wedding. Contact rectory for
arrangements.



St. Angela Merici Church

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 22, 2004



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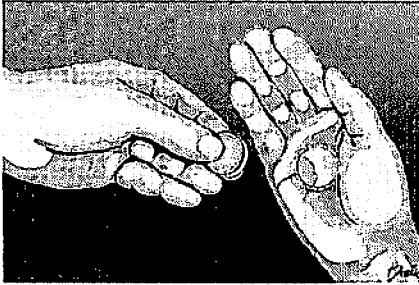
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"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as (also) your Father is merciful." -Lk 6:35-36

Readings for the Week of February 22, 2004

Sunday:	1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15: 45-49; Lk 6:27-38
Monday:	Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20--6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday:	Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Mardi Gras! I hope that those of you who like this season will have a festive and safe celebration; for those of you who aren't crazy about this time of year, just hang in there: it's almost over. In either case, let us not forget that Mardi Gras is not an end in itself, but the prelude to entering seriously into the discipline of Lent and its call to repentance and renewal. It doesn't make any sense at all to be out 'til the wee hours of Fat Tuesday and sleep all the way through Ash Wednesday!

PLEASE NOTE; THIS IS A CHANGE FROM WHAT WAS ANNOUNCED IN THE BULLETIN LAST WEEKEND: On Ash Wednesday, we will distribute ashes during the Masses at 6:15 a.m., 8:30 a.m., and 12:00 Noon. We will have a Prayer Service and distribution of ashes at 6:00 p.m.. Please note that ashes are blessed and distributed following the homily of the liturgy, not after the service. Please make certain that you are with us for the entire liturgy, listening attentively to God's Word in the Scripture that gives us the call to the life of repentance that the acceptance of ashes signifies.

Our parish Lenten Mission begins on the first weekend of Lent, with our mission preachers, Fr. Vic Karls and Fr. William Broker speaking at all the Masses on the First Sunday of Lent, and with the Mission liturgies and homilies continuing on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights, March 1,2,3 at 7:00 p.m.

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Your active participation in this variety of prayer and learning opportunities will, I hope, help you to journey well through Lent to the new life of Easter and will help you to continue to grow in your life of faith, attentiveness to Christ in prayer, knowledge of the great gifts that lie in the sacramental life of our Church and support of one another in our parish as we live together the reign of Christ in our parish family of faith.

I extend again congratulations to those who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, February 11. May they all be open to the workings of the Holy Spirit in their lives. On their behalf, and in the name of our entire parish community, I thank Mrs. Colleen Remont, our school Principal, Mrs. Claudette Craven, our DRE, and all those who worked with them in the preparation and formation of our Confirmation candidates for this year. Thanks, too, for those who prepared and ministered at the beautiful Confirmation liturgy, especially to our School and Parish Choirs, to our cantor and to Mr. Peter Weilbaeher, Music Director for our parish, for their wonderful service.

Fr. Ken

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, February 21**

8:30a.m. Dorithe Wright

Sunday, February 22

4:00p.m. Vigil

Felix Ciolino	Scuddy F. Fontenelle, Jr.
Frank Baehr	Anna Carlin Baehr
Jackie Miele	Joseph and Lillie Sevin
Jackie Welsch	Andrew Quirk
Elise Quirk	B. R. Montalbano
Hubert Coogan	Mittie Bourgeois
Tony M. Parrino	Hartridge Bourgeois
Victoria Barnes	Cecile Barousse
Ronald J. Richard	Gregory Benvenuti
Dorothy T. Guma	Ora Joseph Cuevas
Ada Gutelius	Joyce Mole Gardes
Cecile Weitzel	Special Intention
Dr. Joseph DiLeo	Special Intention
8:00a.m.	Donald Codifer
9:30a.m.	Salvador M. Saia
11:00a.m.	For the Parish
12:15p.m.	The Benoit Family

Monday, February 23

6:15a.m.	Ted Faulkner
8:30a.m.	Vlaho Petrovich

Wednesday, February 25

6:15a.m.	Donald T. Weaver, Sr.
8:30a.m.	

Felix Ciolino	Purgatorial List
Carmen Engel	Elizabeth and Frank Gutelius
Annabelle Garcia	E. L. "Pete" Lucas
Paul Holmes	Joseph Sacco, Jr.
Ada and Lloyd Aguillard	
12:00Noon	Garner J. Knoepfler

Thursday, February 26

6:15a.m.	Angelina Giordano
8:30a.m.	Deborah Decareaux

Friday, February 27

6:15a.m.	Anna and Gil Schmidt (†)
8:30a.m.	Matthew Galloway (†)

Saturday, February 28

8:30a.m.	Lena and George Lapiana
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Altar Ladies Team No. 6 will clean
the Church on **Saturday, February 21.**

**Wednesday, February 25**

Ash Wednesday, masses at 6:15a.m., 8:30a.m., 12Noon

Prayer Group, 9:30-11:30a.m, Annex Meeting Room

Friday, February 27

Lenten Fish Fry, 5:30-8:30p.m.

**The Sanctuary Candle This Week**
burns for**Deacon and Mrs. Gilbert Schmidt**

† Rest in Peace

In your charity please pray for the soul of

Ralph Lee Peterson, Jr.

who died recently, and for those who mourn him.
-May all of our beloved dead rest in peace-

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ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday, February 25, is a day of fast and abstinence but not a holyday of obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 6:15am., 8:30am., 12 noon. Attendance at Mass is an excellent way to begin Lent. Ashes will be imposed only during the Masses.

Way of the Cross

On Friday afternoons, we have a Children's Way of the Cross beginning at 2:45p.m. We also have Way of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7:00p.m.



Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all of the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid food between meals is not permitted.

The Lenten Season, once again, offers us an opportunity to deepen our Faith in God. To grow in faith and love of God is the goal of every Christian's life and every day and age. In order to assist each of us, our Lenten program has been formulated. We invite you consider what you will do to draw closer to God in this season of grace.

We call to your attention the following:

Daily Mass – parish praise and worship of the Father.

Way of the Cross – reflection on the Lord's suffering, death and resurrection.

Scripture Reading in Private – an excellent means of knowing the Lord and his wondrous works among men.

Especially in Lent we take time to concentrate our attention on the Lord's life, death and resurrection since by his whole life he gained our salvation. Each person should seriously consider that the Lord is calling – be a good listener – take time, the Lord will do the rest.



St. Angela Merici Parish will be hosting their annual Lenten Fish Fry. Friday, February 27, in the school gym. The second Lenten Fish Fry is scheduled for March 26.

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*First Sunday of Lent
February 29, 2004*



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Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." -Lk 4:1-3

Readings for the Week of February 29, 2004

Sunday:	Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13
Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday:	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

Dear Parishioners,

We welcome to our parish this weekend Fr. Vic Karls and Fr. William Broker, Redemptorist Fathers, who will be conducting our parish Lenten Mission. The Mission begins with these two priests delivering the homilies at all of our weekend Masses. Mission liturgies and homilies will continue on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights, March 1,2,3 at 7:00 p.m. The Sacrament of Penance (Confession) will be available on Tuesday night. We will conclude the Mission with a reception in the Msgr. Kern Center on Wednesday night, following the liturgy and homily. As in the past, we will take up a collection on Wednesday night, as our offering to Fathers Karls and Broker for their ministry to us during the week. Fathers Karls and Broker will also be celebrating the morning Masses on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and will give short Mission homilies at those Masses as well. Please welcome them to our parish. Please make every effort to participate in the Mission as much as you are able. I am certain that it will serve as a graced introduction for all of us into the season of Lent, the season of repentance and new life.

A reminder of our other Lenten opportunities:

- ♦we will pray the Stations of the Cross with our school community on Fridays of Lent at 2:45 p.m. and for all our parish community at 7:00 p.m.
- ♦our special adult faith formation during Lent will be a study of the Mass that I will conduct. Sessions will be on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. and repeated on Thursday afternoons at 1:00 p.m., beginning March 3 and 4.
- ♦our Senior Citizens Club will sponsor their annual Lenten Morning of Reflection on Thursday, April 1, beginning with Mass at 8:30 a.m.

All of these are opportunities to deepen our prayer, to learn more about our faith, to deepen our relationships with other parishioners. In other words, all are opportunities to grow in faith and in community in our parish family, becoming more united in and with Christ. I hope that you will take full advantage of these opportunities!

I would like to remind all those who currently serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion as ministers to the Homebound that we will have a meeting on Saturday, March 6, from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m., in the parish Conference Room. This meeting is to give you the opportunity to reflect on this important ministry in our parish by sharing your stories with other ministers and to support one another in this ministry, and to review the ritual to be used in this ministry.

These ministers perform a very significant ministry to the homebound, in the name and Spirit of Christ and on behalf of our entire parish community. Through their visits to the sick and the homebound, through bringing the strength and hope of the Eucharist, they give support to those who are physically weak, and assure them that we are all supporting them in their time of trial and their time of need. I thank these ministers for their generous and faithful service, and I assure all of those whom they visit that you are all regularly in our thoughts and our prayers!

I want to remind all parishioners who might be interested in serving in any liturgical ministry (Reader, Usher, Choir, Special Minister of Holy Communion), that there will be a meeting for you on Thursday, March 18, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. At this meeting, we will discuss the skills and attitudes needed for each ministry, what those who come forward in service are committing themselves to do in our liturgy and for our parish, both in preparation for ministry as well as for regular service, and provide help and guidance to those who might not know which ministry they might want to select at this time for participation. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to see me or one of our parish deacons.

Fr. Ken

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, February 28**

8:30a.m. Lena and George Lapiana

Sunday, February 29

4:00p.m. Vigil

Felix Ciolino Scuddy F. Fontenelle, Jr.
 Cecilia B. Hoffman Alice and Sidney Serio
 Jackie Welsch Hartridge Bourgeois
 Victoria Barnes Cecile Barousse
 Scott Lococo Ronald J. Richard
 Cecelia Weitzel Ora Joseph Cuevas
 Dorothy T. Guma Joyce Mole Gardes
 Special Intention William Langhoff
 James Davis The La Pointe Family
 Lucy Karl Bernard "Benny" Seither, III
 Josephine Sambola Mary Scontrino Schwartz
 8:00a.m. Eric J. Halverson
 9:30a.m. Mary Lou Gennusa
 11:00a.m. For the Parish
 12:15p.m. Sally Michel
 5:30p.m. Lois Weber

Monday, March 1

6:15a.m. Joseph Esler
 8:30a.m. Felix Ciolino

Tuesday, March 2

8:30a.m. Stephen Newitt

Wednesday, March 3

6:15a.m. Anna and Gil Schmidt (†)
 8:30a.m.

Felix Ciolino Mary Lou Gennusa
 Frank Baehr Anna Carlin Baehr
 Marcel Damiens E. L. "Pete" Lucas
 Margaret Webster Paul F. and Lucille H. Boze

Thursday, March 4

6:15a.m. Vital Fauque
 8:30a.m. Edward J. Maloney

Friday, March 5

6:15a.m. Scott Fonte
 8:30a.m. Myris Schellhaas

Saturday, March 6

8:30a.m. Marion Mc Namara

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**Friday, February 27**

2:45pm Stations of the Cross
 Lenten Fish Fry, 5:30-8:30pm (Msgr. Kern Center)
 7:00p.m. Stations of the Cross

Sunday, February 29

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Monday, March 1

7:00pm Lenten Mission in Church

Tuesday, March 2

9:30am School Mass
 3:45pm Play Rehearsal (Msgr. Kern Center)
 7:00pm Lenten Mission in Church

Wednesday, March 3

3:45pm Play Rehearsal (Msgr. Kern Center)
 7:00pm Lenten Mission in Church

Thursday, March 4

8:00am Band (Annex)
 12:00pm Senior Citizens Meeting (Kern Center)
 3:45pm Band (Annex)
 4:30pm Liturgy Planning Committee (Rel. Ed. Office)
 7:00pm Cabbage Ball Referee's Mtg (C.R.)
 7:30pm Cub Scout Parent Mtg. (Annex)

Friday, March 5

2:45pm Stations of the Cross
 3:15pm Troop 671 Girl Scout Mtg. (Annex)
 7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 6

9:30a.m. Ministry to Homebound Mtg (Conf Rm)
 After 4:00 mass Girls Scout Cookies Sale
 Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist during all masses this weekend.

Vocations Cross Crusade

You are needed for the Vocations Cross Crusade. Please call Kathy Briuglio @ 835-5769. As a volunteer, at the 11 o'clock Sunday Mass, you accept the cross and the responsibility to pray for a one week period, in the name of the parish, for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. Your task is completed when you return the cross at the following 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Anyone, single person or family, is welcome to volunteer!



The Sanctuary Candle This Week
 burns in loving memory of

Lawrence Chigoy**† Rest in Peace**

In your charity please pray for the souls of

Margaret Bradley
 Earl Joseph "Nic" Nicolini
 Harvey Lee Ducote
 Karen Bivins
 June Loyacano

who died recently, and for those who mourn them.
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Vocation Discernment Retreat

A "Journey Retreat Weekend" is being sponsored by the Archdiocesan Vocation Office for men (high school seniors, college age and over) who are interested in taking a closer look at diocesan priesthood. The retreat will be March 12-14, 2004, at Ave Maria Retreat House in Crown Point, Louisiana. A staff of diocesan priests and seminarians will host the weekend. Archbishop Hughes will also participate. The retreat is an insider's look at the life of a parish priest. There will be time for discussion, questions, prayer, reflection and socializing. For more information and registration, call the Vocation Office at 861-6298.

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Guide our parish community as we seek to follow Jesus. Fill us with love for those in need of your help, and open our hearts to all. Let your Spirit teach us to serve in love and to praise you by our work and worship.

Bless our Parish Mission, those who lead us, and all those who participate in it. May each of us in our parish receive the grace we most need in this Mission of prayer and renewal. May those who are not able to pray with us be filled with your blessings. May those who no longer pray with us be anointed with your Holy Spirit and led to join us again.

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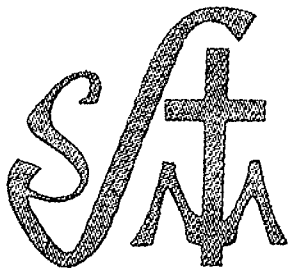
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*Second Sunday of Lent
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Readings for the Week of March 7, 2004

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36
 Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Dear Parishioners,

"This is the kind of fasting I desire: release those bound unjustly . . . set free the oppressed . . . share your bread with the hungry . . . "bestow your bread on the hungry . . . satisfy the afflicted . . . " "You give us a spirit of loving reverence for you, our Father, and of willing service to our neighbor." We have heard these words in the readings and the prayers of the first days of Lent. Lent is not about "me" and "my salvation." It is about "us" and "our salvation." Jesus did not come to save himself; he came to save others. Lent is not turning inward to see how I can be holier; it is about looking around to see how I can help bring Christ's gift of salvation more effectively to others. We do not fast during Lent to trim down from over-indulgence in King Cakes in order bring new sveltness to summer-wear. We fast to share food with the hungry; we fast to feel the pain of those who hunger for justice, acceptance, hope. We give alms to fill the void in others' lives. We do acts of charity, not to better our chances of getting into heaven, but to bring joy and life to others around us right now.

Hopefully, our Parish Mission provided you with much to continue to contemplate this Lenten Season, encouraged you to deeper and more fervent prayer during these days. Hopefully, too, it helped you to name those to whom you need to offer forgiveness, identified those you must release from your prejudice or anger, challenged you to acts of kindness to others that you may not have considered before.

The goal of Lent is to allow the Lord to transform our lives, to be better people come Easter than we are today, and to develop a new life of caring that will make us better people every day of our lives until the Lord calls us to the next life.

Be resolute in your Lenten practices, that you and others may live! Pray for each other in our parish community, that we may, all through Lent, grow in the love of God and the life we can live with Christ, a life for others.

During this week, you received a special mailing from me that included information about our Pastoral Council and that we are now open for nominees to serve on the Council, from whom will be selected a slate of candidates for our elections in April. Please remember that nominations for consideration must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16.

I do hope that you took the time to read through all of the information I sent you – information about the Pastoral Council, about our goals for Catholic Life 2003, and about funeral planning. If you did not receive this mailing, please contact the rectory.

I want to remind all parishioners who might be interested in serving in any liturgical ministry (Reader, Usher, Choir, Special Minister of Holy Communion), that there will be a meeting for you on Thursday, March 18, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. At this meeting, we will discuss the skills and attitudes needed for each ministry, what those who come forward in service are committing themselves to do in our liturgy and for our parish, both in preparation for ministry as well as for regular service, and provide help and guidance to those who might not know which ministry they might want to select at this time for participation. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to see me or one of our parish deacons.

On Tuesday, March 23, there will be a meeting of all those who currently serve as ushers/greeters at Mass. The meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. in the Center. This is a very important meeting, for we will be discussing plans for the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter, and asking all these ministers to sign up for service at these most important liturgies. A light dinner will be served.

Fr. Ken

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, March 6**

8:30a.m. Marion Mc Namara

Sunday, March 7

4:00p.m. Vigil

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Jackie Miele	Douroux and Delise Families
Jackie Welsch	Sterling & Ronny Jourdan
Zack Balu	Roselyn, Julie and Gaston Abadie
Gerry Paisant	Abadie and Jourdan Families
Josephine Sambola	Hartridge Bourgeois
Ronald J. Richard	Ora Joseph Cuevas
Eric Halverson	Dorothy T. Guma
Roy Billings	Milton Balser, Jr.
Lee Peterson	Harvey Ducote
Alison Bordelon(†)	Mary Scontrino Schwartz
8:00a.m.	Zito, Cavalier and Vitrano Families
9:30a.m.	J. E. Nickolaus, Sr.
11:00a.m.	For the Parish
12:15p.m.	Harold J. Reese, Jr.
5:30p.m.	Melvin Mims

Monday, March 8

6:15a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Landry, Sr.
 8:30a.m. Dianne K. Meyers

Tuesday, March 9

8:30a.m. Thomas Leon d'Quin

Wednesday, March 10

6:15a.m. Warren Nunez
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Felix Ciolino	Anthony Ortolano
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Thursday, March 11

6:15a.m. Maurice Ducarpe
 8:30a.m. Angelina Giordano

Friday, March 12

6:15a.m. Angelina and Russell Talamo
 8:30a.m. Josephine Frese

Saturday, March 13

8:30a.m. Pat Tabary

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**Saturday, March 6**

Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist during all masses this weekend.
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Sunday, March 7

CYO Meeting, 6:30p.m., Msgr. Kern Center, chaperones are needed. Meetings ends at 8:00p.m.

Monday, March 8

9:30a.m. Familia in Annex
 6:00p.m. CCD classes in school class rooms
 7:00p.m. RCIA in Annex
 7:30p.m. Co-Op Meeting, Msgr. Kern Center

Tuesday, March 9

3:45p.m. Play Rehearsal, Kern Center
 7:00p.m. SALA Meeting, Kern Center
 7:00p.m. Tiger Cubs Mtg., Annex
 7:00p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena, Church
 7:30p.m. Choir Practice, Church
 7:30p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting, Conference Rm.

Wednesday, March 10

9:00a.m. Band, Conference Room
 9:30a.m. Prayer Group, Annex
 9:30a.m. Family Life Steering Comm., Conf. Rm.
 3:45p.m. Play Rehearsal
 7:00p.m. Adult Formation Sessions, Conference Rm.
 7:00p.m. Men's Basketball, Kern Center

Thursday, March 11

8:00a.m.-4:15 Band in Annex
 1:00p.m. Adult Formation Sessions, Conference Rm
 3:45p.m. Play Rehearsal, Kern Center

Friday, March 12

2:45pm Stations, Church
 3:15p.m. Girl Scouts #671, Annex
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Saturday, March 13

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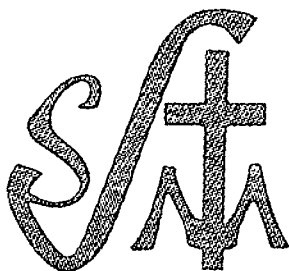
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*Third Sunday of Lent
March 14, 2004*



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And he told them this parable: "There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. (So) cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?'" -Lk 13:6-7

Readings for the Week of March 14, 2004

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9
 Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
 Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
 Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Dear Parishioners,

If you are interested in serving in any liturgical ministry (choir, reader, extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, usher/greeter) or might be interested in serving in the ministry of Holy Communion to the homebound, there will be a special meeting Thursday, March 18, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. The purpose of this meeting is to help you understand the responsibilities of each ministry and the formation required for it. It will also help you decide which ministry you might be more suited to participate in. If you do plan to attend this meeting, please call the rectory beforehand (835-0324) so that we can prepare adequate material for all those who will be with us.

Several months ago, we decided that we will, with the 2004-2005 school year, begin a new program, a Pre-K class for three-year-olds. The need for this program is growing in our area and several neighboring parishes have already initiated a class. We are happy that we will be offering this new service to our parishioners with young children.

When we made this decision, I appointed an ad hoc committee of the School Board to study the facility needs of this program. Their task was to consider all possibilities, to get rough estimates on the cost of preparing a space for this class, and to make a recommendation to me and our school Principal, Mrs. Colleen Remont. This committee did their work and made their proposal. After careful reflection and consultation with both the Finance Committee of the parish and the Building Office of the Archdiocese, and with the concurrence of the Pastoral Council, we have decided to remodel the parish Conference Room to accommodate this new PreK 3 class.

In order to continue to have adequate and attractive space for parish meetings and other gatherings, we will remodel the classroom on the first floor on the Melody Street side of the church/school building into our new Conference Room. This room will have a kitchen facility with it and indoor access to the restrooms nearby. The work room on the other side of the building is now being renovated to become once again a classroom, and the work room storage has been moved to other areas in the Msgr. Kern Center. The new classroom will serve up to thirty new PreK 3 students. Our new Conference Room will actually have more storage than our current one, have better kitchen facilities for refreshments at meetings and will be directly linked to parking in the school yard – all things considered, a good trade-off for both the school and our parish meeting facilities.

Of course, preparing these rooms will take money. The Archdiocesan Finance Office has agreed to loan us the funds we will need for this three-phase project (first, renovate the workroom into a classroom, then move that class and create the new Conference Room, then renovate the Conference Room for PreK 3), and add it to our current parish debt. Now, no one likes increasing our debt, and so to give us a good kick-start on raising needed funds, we will have a \$10,000.00 Gala and Dance in the Center on Saturday, May 15, from 8:00 p.m.-12 Midnight. Our major parish organizations (SALA, SAMA, School Co-op and Senior Citizens) have all agreed to work together on this fund-raiser, and we have already had one meeting to get plans under way. You'll be hearing more about this in the coming weeks, but please mark your calendar, and plan on joining us in support of this important new project for our parish!

On Tuesday, March 23, there will be a meeting of all those who currently serve as ushers/greeters at Mass. The meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. in the Center. This is a very important meeting, for we will be discussing plans for the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter, and asking all these ministers to sign up for service at these most important liturgies. A light dinner will be served.

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MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, March 13**

8:30a.m. Pat Tabary

Sunday, March 14

4:00p.m. Vigil

Felix Ciolino Lucille B. Buckel
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 Jackie Welsch Arnulfo Jimenez
 Pat Tabary Scuddy F. Fontenelle, Jr.
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 Helen C. Frederick Patrick J. Taillon
 Earl Nicolini Lee Peterson
 Billy Robinson Rita Peifer
 Alison Bordelon(†) Karen Bivins
 Scuddy F. Fontenelle, Jr.
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sahuque

8:00a.m. Chester "Mike" Prentice

9:30a.m. Dolly Hodges

11:00a.m. For the Parish

12:15p.m. John Korach

5:30p.m. Special Intention

Monday, March 15

6:15a.m. Natalie Kerlin

8:30a.m. John C. Cronin

Tuesday, March 16

8:30a.m. Villere and Wattigney Families

Wednesday, March 17

6:15a.m. Frank Baehr

8:30a.m.

Felix Ciolino Ada and Lloyd Aguiillard
 Sylvie Fauque E. L. "Pete" Lucas
 Purgatorial List Paul F. and Lucille H. Boze
 The La Pointe Family John Flynn, Jr. and Family
 John T. Pender John and Stella O'Hara & Family

Thursday, March 18

6:15a.m. Joan Talamo

8:30a.m. Jennie Schweibel

Friday, March 19

6:15a.m. Peter Talluto, Jr.

8:30a.m. Anthony Catanese

Saturday, March 20

8:30a.m. Scuddy F. Fontenelle, Jr.

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**Friday, March 12**

School will dismiss at 11:30a.m.

We will not have Stations of the Cross this afternoon
7:00pm, Stations of the Cross**Sunday, March 14**

9:30a.m., Scout Mass

Monday, March 15

6:00pm, CCD Classes, school class rooms

7:00pm, RCIA Classes, Annex Meeting Room

7:30pm, Tuition Assistance Meeting, Conf. Room

6:00pm, Men's Basketball, Gym

Tuesday, March 16

9:15am, Bible Study, Annex

3:45pm, Play Rehearsal, Msgr. Kern Center

7:00pm, Pastoral Council Nom. Com., Conf. Room

7:00pm, Novena, Church

7:30pm, Adult Choir Practice

7:30pm, SAMA Meeting, Msgr. Kern Center

Wednesday, March 17

9:00am, Band, Conf. Room

9:30am, Prayer Group, Church

3:45pm, Play Rehearsal, Msgr. Kern Center

4:30pm, Staff Meeting, Rel. Ed. Room

6:00pm, Men's Basketball, Gym

7:00pm, Adult Formation Sessions, Church

Thursday, March 18

8:00am, Band, Annex

1:00pm, Adult Formation Sessions, Church

3:15pm, Band, Annex

3:45pm, Play Rehearsal, Msgr. Kern Center

7:00pm, Knights of Columbus, Conf. Room

7:00pm, Discernment Ministry, Annex

Friday, March 19

8:00am, St. Joseph Altar, Msgr. Kern Center

2:45pm, Stations of the Cross

7:00pm, Stations of the Cross

7:30pm, Scout Pack Meeting, Msgr. Kern Center



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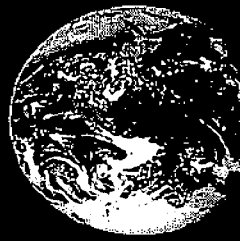
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Archdiocesan Golden Anniversary Celebration



The Archdiocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration this year will take place on **Sunday, June 6, 2004 at 2:30 p.m.** at St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Church, 5500 Paris Avenue, New Orleans. If you were married in 1954 and would like to be included in this celebration, please call the rectory (835-0324) before April 2, so that we may submit your reservation. There will be a prayer service during which the celebrants will be honored. You will have to attend a Mass to fulfill your Sunday obligation.

On **Sunday, September 12th**, we will honor those couples from **St. Angela Merici Parish** who are celebrating their 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary. More information to follow.

Volunteers Needed!!

Every Saturday morning after 8:30a.m. Mass, SALA's Church Housekeeping committee dusts the pews and altar and changes the Holy Water. A team serves once every 6 weeks and takes only 30—40 minutes.

If you feel called to join this ministry, please call Sylvia Maunoir at 834-9763 to volunteer.

School Book Fair

St. Angela Merici School is sponsoring a book fair that will take place the week of March 22—26, 7:30am—3:30pm., also on Friday, during the Fish Fry. You will find books for all ages and interest. Please plan to attend and support this worthy cause.

Pro-Life Gathering on Womanhood

The Pro-Life Committee of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, 1322 Moss Street, New Orleans, will host the second annual "Womanhood: A True Gift for the Church" Conference on Saturday, March 27, from 9:00 am—2:00pm. Speakers include Shelly Phillippi, who will share her experiences following an abortion, Susie Veters, a church activist and promoter of Eucharistic adoration, and Dorinda Bordlee, a Pro-Life spokesperson. Attendees should bring a brown bag lunch, drinks will be provided, the day is free. Call Marie Legrand for info at 486-2985.

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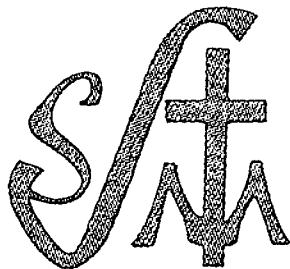
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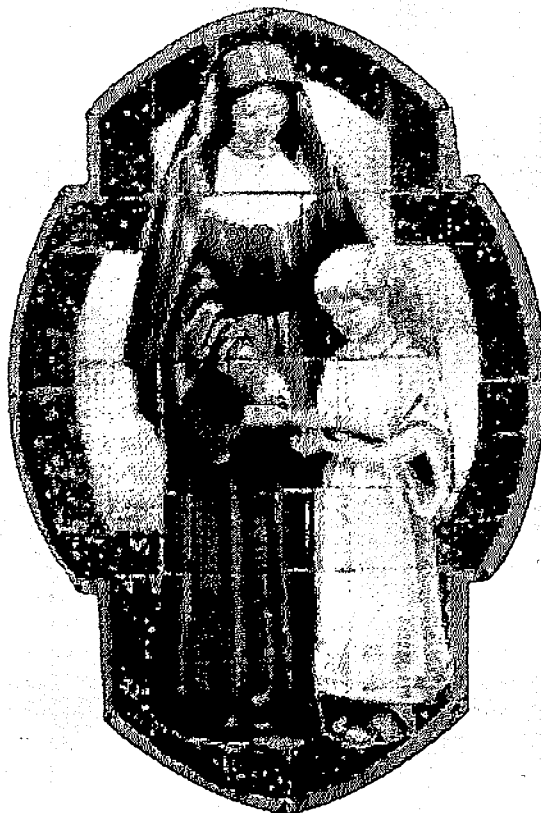
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Readings for the Week of March 21, 2004

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

Dear Parishioners,

Today, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, is also known as "Laetare Sunday," or "Rejoice Sunday." We rejoice that the fulfillment of Lent is in sight, for Holy Week, the Paschal Triduum and Easter Sunday are rapidly approaching. We rejoice that the prayers and actions we have undertaken during this Lenten Season, as we seek to embrace the new life of Christ, will find their end in Easter transformation, Easter life, Easter joy. This is NOT a time to slacken our efforts, to coast to the end of the line, but to intensify them, to see how we have improved during these first three weeks of Lent and to re-double our efforts, so that a genuinely new life will be ours, in Christ, at Easter.

This might, then, also be a good time to begin to look ahead at our liturgical celebrations of Holy Week, the Paschal Triduum and Easter, for Lent and all our Lenten efforts make no sense without that vision. There are no liturgies more important, more beautiful or more moving than the liturgies of the Paschal Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Together, they form one continuous liturgy and, through them, we journey with Christ, passing over with him to the new life of Resurrection.

On Holy Thursday, April 8, we will celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m. In this liturgy, we remember the Lord's Last Supper with his apostles, and commemorate the institution of the Holy Eucharist. The liturgy begins with great solemnity and joy. We sign the Glory to God with great accompaniment, then retire all instruments, for we quietly, somberly and reflectively enter with the Lord into the early hours of his trial and Passion. At this Mass, we recall that great act of service that Jesus performed in the washing of the feet, and realize that this is but a shadow of the greater service the Lord gives in sacrificing his very life for us on the cross. The Mass ends in silence and we continue in reflective adoration and prayer before the Eucharistic Lord. This year, adoration will continue in church until 10:00 p.m. "Can you not watch and pray with me for just an hour?" That is the question Jesus asked his disciples that night. He asks us the very same question and invites us into prayer on Holy Thursday night.

On Good Friday, April 9, we celebrate the Solemn Service of the Lord's Passion and death at 3:00 p.m. In this three-part liturgy, we proclaim the Gospel of the Passion of the Lord from St. John's Gospel – different from the account in the synoptic gospels as it shows Jesus much more "in charge" of this day of his death, in his free and full acceptance of this sacrificial death. Then, we unveil and reverence the cross of our salvation. "Behold the wood of the cross, on which hung the Savior of the world," we sing as we unveil the cross and come forward to reverence that bare wood, not only remembering the cross of Jesus but embracing the crosses of our own lives as well, confident that God will not abandon us in our trials, for God did not abandon Jesus in his.

At the majestic Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 10 at 8:00 p.m., we begin outside church for the blessing of the new fire and the lighting of the Easter Candle – the sign of Jesus, the unextinguishable Light of the world, the Light who will lead us, through trials, suffering and death, to glory, light and life. We carry candles as we enter the darkened church, filling it with new light, new warmth and everlasting victory. We listen carefully to readings from the Scriptures that trace the history of salvation and welcome the return of beautiful instrument and song as we welcome back to our voices the Glory to God and the Lenten-silenced Alleluia. We welcome new members into our family of faith in Easter Baptism and the Reception into Full Communion with the Church those who have journeyed through the RCIA process this past year.

I cannot strongly enough encourage you to plan to participate in these liturgies. I will share additional thoughts with you about them in the bulletin in the coming weeks.

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Mrs. Roma T. Meyer

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8:00a.m.

Henry J. Hotard, Jr.

9:30a.m.

Josefina (Josie) Lopez

11:00a.m.

For the Parish

12:15p.m.

Special Intention

5:30p.m.

Shirley Young

Monday, March 22

6:15a.m.

Mike Ricca

8:30a.m.

Carmen Engel

Tuesday, March 23

8:30a.m.

Donald Codifer

Wednesday, March 24

6:15a.m.

Irwin Olsen

8:30a.m.

Felix Ciolino

Frank Baehr

Michel Giambalvo

Anna Carlin Baehr

Carolyn Slemmer

Frances and Rudolf Carevich

Margaret Webster

E. L. "Pete" Lucas

Purgatorial List

Thursday, March 25

6:15a.m.

The Schmidt Family

8:30a.m.

Marie Anna and Samuel Perrone, Sr.

Friday, March 26

6:15a.m.

Gerald Heap, Sr.

8:30a.m.

Wilfred E. Youngblood

Saturday, March 27

8:30a.m.

Warren Eberle

Thursday, March 18

8:00am, Band, Annex

1:00pm, Adult Formation Sessions, Church

3:15pm, Band, Annex

3:45pm, Play Rehearsal, Msgr. Kern Center

6:00pm, Parish Spring Fundraiser Committee Meeting, Religious Ed Office

7:00pm, Knights of Columbus, Conf. Room

7:00pm, Discernment Ministry, Annex

Friday, March 19

School St. Joseph's Altar, 9:30-2:30, Kern Center

2:45pm, Stations of the Cross

7:00pm, Stations of the Cross

7:30pm, Scout Pack Meeting, Msgr. Kern Center

Monday, March 22

9:30am, Familia, Annex

6:00pm, CCD Classes, school classrooms

7:00pm, RCLIA, Annex Meeting Room

7:00pm, Co-Op Volleyball, gym

School Book Fair, all this week, downstairs classroom on the Melody Dr. side

Tuesday, March 23

9:15-11:00am, Bible Study, Annex

3:30pm, Cheerleader Tryouts, gym

3:45pm, Play Rehearsal

7:00pm, Ushers/Greeters Meeting, Kern Center

7:00pm, Novena, Church

7:00pm, Tiger Cubs Meeting, Annex

7:30pm, Adult Choir Practice, Church

Wednesday, March 24

9:00am, Band, Conference Room

9:30am, Prayer Group, Annex Meeting Room

3:30pm, Cheerleader Tryouts, gym

3:45pm, Play Rehearsal

1:00pm, Adult Faith Formation Mtg., Rel Ed. Office

7:00pm, Adult Formation Sessions, Church

Thursday, March 25

7:00am, Paper Drive, Parking Lot

10:00am, Principal's Meeting, Conference Room

1:00pm, Adult Formation Sessions, Church

3:15-4:15pm, Band, Annex

3:30pm, Cheerleader Tryouts, gym

6:00pm, Men's Basketball, gym

7:30pm, School Board Meeting, Conference Room

Friday, March 26

2:45pm Stations of the Cross

5:30pm, Parish Fish Fry

7:00pm, Stations of the Cross

The next parish Pot-Luck Dinner will be Saturday, April 24th.
More information to follow. Sponsored by Family Life Apostolate.



The Sanctuary Candle This Week
burns in loving memory of

St. Joseph

† Rest in Peace

In your charity please pray for the souls of

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Thelma Bischof

who died recently, and for those who mourn them.

-May all of our beloved dead rest in peace-

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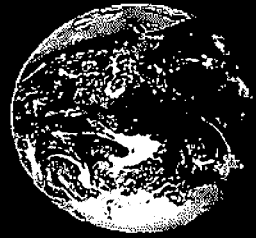
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St. Angela Merici School needs your help all year long to collect BOXTOPS for education. The school receives 10 cents for each boxtop as well as bonus earnings. Send in now for the March 31st mailing, and continue to collect all year long! Earn extra money for the school by registering for the St. Angela Merici Boxtops Club at www.boxtops4education.com and supporters will have access to valuable store coupon savings on General Mills products.

School Book Fair

St. Angela Merici School is sponsoring a book fair that will take place in the downstairs Melody Street classroom, the week of March 22—26, 7:30am—3:30pm., also on Friday, during the Fish Fry. You will find books for all ages and interest. Please plan to attend and support this worthy cause.



St. Angela Merici Parish will be hosting their annual Lenten Fish Fry, Friday, March 26 in the school gym.

Time: 5:30p.m. – 8:30p.m.
Cost: Adults \$6.00 Children \$4.00

Way of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent our parish joins in praying the Way of the Cross. On Friday, April 2, the 7th Graders of our school will lead us as they present a living Way of the Cross. They request your participation by attendance at 2:45pm or 7:00pm. We appreciate their ministry to our parish and encourage them to continue to share their faith.

CYO News

St. Angela's CYO will be going to Disney World this summer. Any child from 7th grade up is eligible to join. June 21 to June 26, Cost is \$375 per person. Call Mrs. Gandolini for details, 833-3484 or 835-8491.

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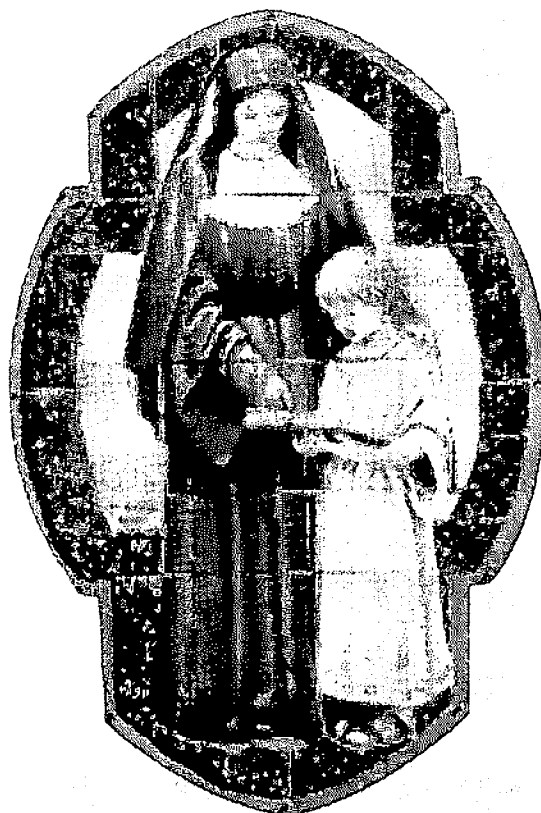
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*Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 28, 2004*



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Readings for the Week of March 28, 2004

Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11
 Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:12-20
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42
 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56
 Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56

Dear Parishioners,

Last week I shared with you some reflections on the liturgies of the Easter Triduum, the special celebrations of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. I renew my encouragement for you to make the time in your schedule to participate in these moving and beautiful liturgies. These liturgies are the very heart of our liturgical life; they are our entryway into the fulfillment of all of our Lenten works of prayer, fasting and charity. I have found that these liturgies touch me in a new way each year I celebrate them; they challenge me to reflect carefully on the great gift of Christ's sacrifice; they help me to pray fervently; they unite me with others and bring about a very special bond of unity in faith.

Today, I would like to remind you of some other special opportunities as we conclude our Lenten Season and enter into Holy Week. With this reminder, I also offer an invitation to you to take advantage of these experiences and expressions of our faith.

On Friday, April 2, our school children will once again offer the Living Stations. The students offer a visual depiction of the stations of the Lord's Passion and Death, not in the form of a play, but as a living depiction of the art-work that adorns the walls of our church. We have modified the format a bit, to allow for more participation by the assembly in this traditional Lenten prayer. There will be singing and prayer by the assembly, as we are accustomed to participating in on all of the other Fridays of the Lenten Season. The Living Stations will be prayed on April 2 both at 2:45 p.m. with our school community and at 7:00pm with our larger parish family.

On Monday and Tuesday, April 5 and 6, we have scheduled extra time for the Sacrament of Penance. Fr. Schott and Fr. Meridier will be available in the confessionals in church on Monday, April 5; Frs. Schott, Meridier and I will all be available in church on Tuesday, April 6. Confessions will be heard those evenings from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Please note that these are the final scheduled times for the Sacrament of Penance before Easter.

In making your plans for Easter Sunday, please note that we will celebrate the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday, April 10 at 8:00 p.m. Remember that there is no anticipated Mass at 4:00 p.m. that day. The Easter Vigil is the only Mass that may be celebrated on Holy Saturday evening. It begins outside of church, as we gather around the new fire and light the Easter Candle, entering church with that new light of God's victory and shattering the darkness of the empty church. There are additional readings during the Liturgy of the Word, as we retrace and remember the history of salvation and we welcome new members into the life of Christ in this community of faith in the Sacrament of Baptism and the reception of other adults, from other Christian religions, into full communion with us in the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. This liturgy lasts a bit longer because it is rich with experiences of God's Word, the Church's Sacramental life and moving ritual.

On Easter Sunday, Masses will be at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. – our customary Sunday morning schedule. Please note, though, that there will not be an evening Mass on Easter Sunday.

I will share some final reflections with you about the Triduum liturgies in the bulletin next weekend.

Fr. Ken

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, March 27**

8:30a.m. Warren Eberle

Sunday, March 28

4:00p.m. Vigil

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8:00a.m.	Marguerite H. and Earl N. Hedrick
9:30a.m.	Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas B. Chetta
11:00a.m.	For the Parish
12:15p.m.	Sally Michel
5:30p.m.	Agnes M. Daigle

Monday, March 29

6:15a.m.	Angelina and Russell Talamo
8:30a.m.	Laura G. Anderson

Tuesday, March 30

8:30a.m. Hazel Grefer

Wednesday, March 31

6:15a.m.	Manuel D. Lopez, Sr.
8:30a.m.	

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Thursday, April 1

6:15a.m.	Joan Talamo
8:30a.m.	Dominic Paliaro

Friday, April 2

6:15a.m.	Ada and Lloyd Aguillard
8:30a.m.	Villere and Wattigny Families

Saturday, April 3

8:30a.m. Luke Petrovich

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Altar Ladies Team No. 5 will clean
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**Friday, March 26**

2:45pm, Stations of the Cross
Parish Lenten Fish Fry, 5:30pm
7:00pm, Stations of the Cross

Monday, March 29

6:00pm, CCD, school
7:00pm, RCIA, Annex Meeting Rm.
6:00pm, Men's Basketball, Kern Center

Tuesday, March 30

3:45-6:00pm, Play Rehearsal, Kern Center
7:00pm, Novena, Church
7:30pm, Adult Choir Practice, Church
7:00pm, First Communion Parent's Meeting, , Msgr.
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Wednesday, March 31

9:00-10:30am, Band, Conference Room
9:30-11:30am, Prayer Group, Annex Meeting Rm.
1:00-2:30pm, Adult Faith Formation Committee
Meeting, Religious Education Room
3:45-6:00pm, Play Rehearsal, Kern Center
7:00pm, Adult Formation Sessions, Church
7:00pm, SALA Board Meeting

Thursday, April 1

8:00am, Band, Annex Meeting Room
8:30a.m., Senior Citizens Morning of Recollecton,
begins with morning Mass.
12:00noon-2:30pm, Senior Citizen Monthly Meeting,
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1:00pm, Adult Formation Sessions, Church
3:15-4:15pm, Band, Annex Meeting Room
3:45-6:00pm, Play Rehearsal, Kern Center
6:00pm, Men's Basketball, Kern Center
7:30pm, Cub Scout Parent's Meeting, Annex Mtg. Rm

Friday, April 2

9:00am, First Friday Adoration
2:45pm, Living Stations, Church
3:15-4:15pm, Girl Scout Troup 671 Meeting, Annex
7:00pm, Living Stations, Church

Sunday, April 4

Daylight Savings Time Begins
6:30-8:00pm, CYO Meeting, Msgr. Kern Center



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St. Angela Merici Prayer Line

Please join our St. Angela Merici Parish Prayer Line. We now have more than 125 members participating in this powerful prayer support for the needs of our faith community. If you have e-mail access and would like to become a member of our Parish Prayer Line, you can either put a note in the collection basket, or call the rectory during business hours, and give us your name and e-mail address. Also, if you have a particular need that you would like shared over the prayer line and benefit from the prayers of our members, call the rectory.

St. Mary Magdalen Parish 50th Anniversary

St. Mary Magdalen Parish will soon be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of the parish. Monthly celebrations and reunions will be sponsored by various parish organizations. The theme of the celebration is "St. Mary Magdalen—Our Legacy is Golden", submitted by parishioner Lorraine Mylie. The 50th anniversary committee is asking all current and former parishioners to share any memorabilia or pictures of Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, and Weddings held at St. Mary Magdalen Church from 1955 to the present.. These pictures will be made into a collage for the 1950's, 1960's, 1970's, 1980's, 1990's and 2000 to the present. These collages will be displayed on poster boards at events. Please provide the names of individuals and the dates of the events. Deadline for submitting the pictures is April 15, 2004. You may mail or drop off the pictures at the rectory at 6425 W. Metairie Ave. For more details on the collages, please call Loretta Keane at 733-7436.

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