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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 8, 2009

The Lord tells the number of stars and calls them by name.

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure
Our offertory collection for last Sunday was \$5,688.00.
(For 2007-2008 our average weekly expenses were \$6,509.00.)

Bulletin Sponsor: In Memory of Catherine S. Eaglin
By: Joyce Brasseaux

Altar Flowers for 2-08-09 In Memory of Dean Domingue
By: Carole Boudreaux & Family

Registration for "Six Steps to Easter" Religious Education Program is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11th at 6:00 P.M. in St. Charles Chapel. This program is for students in Jr. High & High School (grades 7-8, 9-10 & higher). Completed form and a fee of \$15.00 are due at registration. Four years of this program are required for Confirmation as a Junior in high school. Parent and child must attend this mandatory meeting. Classes start February 25th.

Six-Steps to Easter is fast approaching, and the Religious Education Center is in need of adults who are interested in teaching 7th-8th or 8th-10th grades. Seventh and eighth grades meet from 4:30-6:00 p.m. and ninth & tenth grade meet from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on every Wednesday during Lent. Please call the Religion Center at 662-5271 if you able to volunteer.

Six-Steps to Easter teacher meeting will be held **February 19th at 6:00 p.m.** in the Religious Ed Building. You will receive your rosters and teacher's books. Please call if you are not able to attend.

Contact Congress by the Internet

Would you like to tell a congressman your wishes for their actions on pro-life issues? Please look at the following internet sites for opportunities to do this.

www.nchla.org (National Committee for a Human Life Amendment)

www.prolifelouisiana.org; www.fightfoca.com

www.bdfund.org (Bioethics Defense Fund);

To send an e-mail to President Obama go to: the American Family Association website at: <https://secure.afa.net/afa/activism/TakeAction.asp?id=342>

LENTEN PRAYER GROUP

The season of Lent is a time for commitment to prayer and spiritual growth. You are invited to join a group for guided prayer and faith sharing.

Participants will commit to daily prayer and will meet on Monday evenings (7:00 to 8:00 PM) during Lent. We will gather in the Holy Family Day Chapel of St. Charles church in Grand Coteau.

The first session will be on Monday, March 2nd. The last meeting will be on Easter Monday, April 13th.

We will use "Not by Bread Alone" as our help for daily prayer. This small book is published by the Liturgical Press and offers reflections on the daily Bible readings of the Lenten Masses.

If you intend to participate please call the church office and give us your name so we can plan more accurately for the program.



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Looking for a wealth of sources about our Catholic Faith and for help in your personal spiritual life? Please take a look at and explore the web-site:

<http://www.loyolapress.com>

Activities of the Week Feb. 9-15

M 9	4:00 PM Vigil Mass Choir Practice
T 10	6:00 PM 7:30 Choir Practice
W 11	Happy Birthday Fr. Lambert!
TH 12	5:45 PM 10:30 Mass Choir Practice 7:00 PM Adult Sacrament Class
FR 13	
SA 14	Happy Valentine's Day

Minister Schedule-Feb. 14-15

Vigil -Lector Deborah Alpough & Janice Fox
Communion Deacon Sam Henry, Warren Norton
Mills & Jackie Vautrot, Gerry Richard
Altar Server Nicholas Smith

7:30-Lector Marc & Renee Taylor
Communion Deacon Herd Guilbeau, Warren Norton
Perry & Brenda Kennerson, Joe Landry
Altar Server Taneshia Cormier

10:30-Lector Kurt Richard & Naomi Marks
Communion Deacon Herd Guilbeau, Julia Key,
Keith & Ginger Myers, Lorraine Marks
Altar Server

Church Cleaners for Feb. 14-15

Jeanette Williams Wilda Richard
Vickie Meche Irene Lavergne Genevieve Ray
Barbara & Stephanie Senegal
Barbara Broussard

Hospital Eucharistic Ministers Needed

If you love the Eucharist, are in good standing in the church, and have a desire to minister to the sick, God may be calling You to be a Hospital Eucharistic Minister.

Where: Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center

When: Monday-Friday; Sunday-Approximately 2 hrs per week

Contact Person: Marcia DeRoussel @ 289-2729

Specific training will be provided for those who volunteer.

Office of Vocations Announces

“Called to Holiness”

Our Lady of Wisdom Catholic Church
On UL Campus in Lafayette, La.

Wednesday, February 11th at 6:30 P.M.

Listen to several individuals who have responded to a call from the Lord. Music; Questions and answers; Adoration & More.

Angel Food Ministries: Great food menus available. Senior Box, Regular Box, and Specials available. Contact Thensted Center at 662-5838 for more information and to place order. You will find the February menu on the table at the entrance of the Church.

TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice, the Holy One of God. There are, no doubt, both false and true prophets around us today. The whole history of our church is filled with both. Some false prophets were extremely popular and quite well-versed in scripture, and even held positions of church authority. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. Elsewhere, we also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. Today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House in Grand Coteau scheduled retreats:

Mid-week Retreats for Women

March 9-11, 2009 June 29-July 1, 2009
April 6-8, 2009 November 2-4, 2009

Weekend Retreats for Women

February 19-22, 2009 September 10-13, 2009
April 30-May 3, 2009 September 17-20, 2009
May 7-9, 2009 October 15-18, 2009
May 28-31, 2009 November 12-15, 2009
August 6-9, 2009 December 3-6, 2009

Married Couples Retreat

February 13-15, 2009 June 26-28, 2009
April 24-26, 2009 October 23-25, 2009

For more information on any of the above retreats, please contact Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House at 337-662-5410.

Christ the King Ladies Auxiliary Ct. #114 is sponsoring a Children's **Mardi Gras Pageant**. Age categories are 2-4 yr. old, 5-9 yr. old, and 10-13 yr. old. A king and queen will be chosen from each category. The entry fee is \$20. For information, call Grand Lady Paula Jordan at 351-4532 or Yvette Tyler at 684-4868.