



# Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## February 15, 2009

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure  
 Our offertory collection for last Sunday was \$6,544.00.  
 (For 2007-2008 our average weekly expenses were \$6,509.00.)

**Altar Flowers for 2-15-09: In Memory of Wilfred & Catherine Eaglin  
 By: Family**

**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 are 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.

### Academy of the Sacred Heart Annual Lenten Day of Recollection

The Alumnae Association of the Academy of the Sacred Heart will host a Day of Recollection on **Thursday, March 12, 2009, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.** in the Academy Chapel. Fr. Chester Arceneaux will serve as retreat director.

The day of Recollection is open to individuals of all religious backgrounds and faiths. This is an excellent opportunity for a day of quiet inner focus for business people, parents, and others unable to find time for a longer spiritual retreat. There is no fee to participate. Donations are appreciated. The Alumnae Association for the Academy will provide beverages, and participants should bring a bag lunch. For further information call 662-5275.

**Altar Flowers:** We are in the process of making a schedule for 2009. If anyone would like to donate flowers for the altar on Sundays, please call Darrell at the church office. Even if you donated flowers during the last few years and would like to continue, please call and let us know.

### 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.

**Religious Ed Commission Meeting** is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 18th at 7:00 PM** in the Religious Ed Center.

### *THE RIGHT DIRECTION*

*If we walk one step toward God,  
 God will run ten steps toward us.*

### Activities of the Week Feb. 9-15

M 16	4:00 PM Vigil Mass Choir Practice
T 17	6:00 PM 7:30 Choir Practice 7:00 PM Religious Ed Commission Meet.
W 18	
TH 19	5:45 PM 10:30 Mass Choir Practice 7:00 PM Adult Sacrament Class
FR 20	

### **Minister Schedule-Feb. 21-22**

**Vigil** -Lector Darryl & Kalina Cormier  
Communion Ada Barry Mildred Boast, Janice Fox  
Margie McClendon, Jackie Savoie  
Altar Server

**7:30**-Lector Gwen Miller & Mary Murray  
Communion Deacon Sam Henry, Tommie Miller,  
Joseph Ewell & Cierra Meche  
Sr. Betty Renard  
Altar Server

**10:30**-Lector Keith & Ginger Myers  
Communion Norman & Flo Carroll, Natashia  
Williams, Andy & Kim Dakin  
Altar Server

### **Church Cleaners for Feb. 21-22**

Gloria DeValcourt Anna Lee Boss  
Velma Boss Kandy Boss Agnes Lewis  
Larry & Jean Janice

### **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.

### **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](http://www.nchla.org) (National Committee for a Human Life Amendment)

[www.prolifelouisiana.org](http://www.prolifelouisiana.org); [www.fightfoca.com](http://www.fightfoca.com)

[www.bdfund.org](http://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>

### **Gratitude**

The parish staff extends a special **"Thank You"** to all merchants who use our bulletin. We appreciate the confidence you have in this medium. Through this participation, our parish receives our weekly bulletins free of charge.

### **GIVE GOD THE GLORY**

A curious feature of the first half of Mark's Gospel is the pattern of Jesus working a miracle, then telling the recipient of the miracle to keep still about it. Many theories have been offered: Mark is setting the stage for the great "secret" revealed when Peter will proclaim Jesus the Messiah at Caesarea Philippi; more skeptical commentators offer that Jesus, fully aware of human nature, knew that the way to spread the news was to tell people to keep it secret. The insight into this secret-keeping that serves us well, however, is that Jesus was initiating his public ministry according to the pattern that Paul describes: he was doing it for the glory of God—not for his own benefit, but for that of all. Paul would later write in Philippians that Jesus "humbled" himself to become like us. And we see this humility at work in today's healing of the leper. Jesus is trying to reveal the presence of God's reign among the people, not so that he himself might receive the glory, but so that God would be glorified through him. Imitating this pattern, which Paul encourages the Jewish and Greek Christian factions in Corinth to do, still serves us well today.

### **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**

April 24-26, 2009 June 26-28, 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.

### **Benefit Dance for St. Ann's Church, Mallet, La. Friday, February 20th; 9:00 PM-2:00AM.**

Zydeco Great Hall (Old Richard's Club) Hwy. 190, Lawtell, La. Music by J.J. and the Zydeco Dog Pound. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door. Call the rectory at 543-2366; Agnes Domingue at 351-2888; Willie Guillory at 684-0187.