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dear Padre

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Does the Church give guidelines for what we should and shouldn't watch on TV and in theaters?

The Communications Department of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops provides "Catholics, especially families, with information they can use to evaluate entertainment media programming from a Catholic perspective." Along with its "Family Guide for Using Media," it provides up-to-date movie reviews and ratings through the Catholic News Service (catholicnews.com) and access to archives dating from 2010 into the 1930s.

As part of forming their children in the faith, parents must educate them about the media's influence, monitor the content each member interacts with, and model appropriate media use. All our media choices—print, digital, or otherwise—should affirm and support Christian values. Consider these questions:

- ◆ Does this piece portray human life as a gift from God? Is sexuality linked to life and marriage? How is dying presented?
- ◆ Does it promote healthy friendships and lasting commitments within marriage? Does it affirm gratitude, stewardship or charity, and obedience to proper authorities?
- ◆ Does it connect moral consequences with the characters' actions? Is exploitation, oppression, or neglect of any group condoned? Is respect shown for a variety of cultures?
- ◆ Does it foster a sense of the divine, of human destiny beyond this life, and of our obligation to forgive and seek forgiveness? It is advisable to balance your use of suitable media with human interaction..

Source: Dear Padre: Questions People Ask, Liguori, 2003, daybulletin@liguori.org

Masses for the Week

February 6th - 12th

Tues	1:00 pm	Special Intention (Extended Care)
Wed	5:00 pm	John Roberts (JR)
Thurs	9:30 am	Merl & Marty Kannapel (Medco)
Fri	9:00 am	Pete Flood Family (L&D) (LB)
Sat	5:00 pm	Kathleen Stewart
Sun	7:00 am	James Bland (SB)
	10:00 am	Brenda Monin (BM)

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday 4:00-5:00pm
Saturdays 4:00 pm

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
 Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c/Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: Gn 1:20--2:4a/Ps 8:4-9/Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23
 Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-5/Mk 7:24-30
 Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 7:31-37
 Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10
 Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

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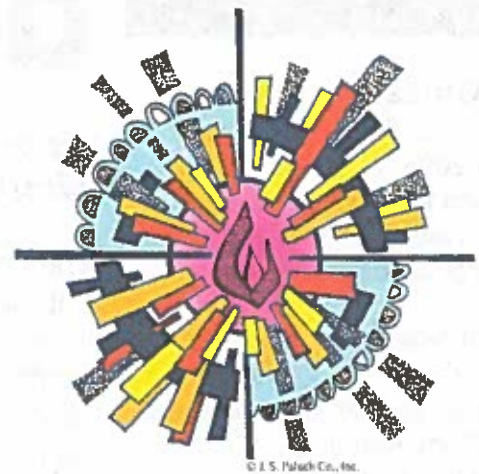
Sunday Collection.....	\$7,451.00
Building Fund.....	\$5.00
Children.....	\$20.20
Loose change for the Poor	\$75.30
St. Vincent De Paul.....	\$ 1,548.51

St. Romuald Parish Financial Summary

July-December, 2016

Total Income	\$275,100
Total Expenses	\$252,900
	\$ 22,200

Thank you for your financial stewardship!



February 11th & 12th

	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ushers	Servers	Rosary Leaders	Music Ministers
5:00 pm	Janet O'Reilly Pat O'Reilly	Jenny Pile Volunteer	C-Jim Bland* C-Sam Bland S-Will Bland S-Chase Taul	Emma Foran Alaina Taul Madeline Taul	Dayle Riley	Shannon
7:00 am	Janet Bland Tobias Curran	Patty Curran	C-Bobby Joe Rhodes* C-Greg Wethington S-Leo Wheatley S-Tom Winchell	Amber Woods Tabby Woods	Mary Vessels	
10:00 am	Sandra Hinton Sandy Horsley Lisa Kennedy Mary Jo Rankin	Sarah Arnold Donny Wethington	C-Greg Hinton* C-Ethan O'Donoghue S-Ron O'Donoghue S-Allen Wheatley	Christian Wheatley Spencer Wilson	Susan Arnold	P.J./Choir Cantor: George

Radio Minister: Laura Skillman

Children's Liturgy:

Words from the Pastor

+JMJ+

Pass the salt, friend! Or 'You got a light, buddy!' In the gospel reading today, Jesus calls his disciples the salt of the earth, and the light of the world! Jesus uses the compact image of **salt** and **light** to describe the mission of his followers. Similar to His compact teaching style of parables used to reveal the kingdom of God, Jesus also uses **imagery** a lot in his teaching to communicate His message! Consider the example of his teaching in Luke 13:20-21, when He said, "**To what shall I compare the kingdom of God? It is like yeast** that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch of dough was leavened." So to prepare and send out his disciples on mission, he doesn't drag them to a weeklong seminar pulling out training manuals for each of many certification modules to complete. No, through His personal contact, and 'Show Me' teaching example, Jesus sends his disciples out with the simple enough command to go act like 'salt' and 'light' and among the people. Our Holy Father Francis, is just such an imaginative preacher, like Jesus. Often his homilies and addresses are simply an 'explored image' or detailed description of a 'word-picture'. As a natural word artist, Pope Francis delivers a message by simply taking a commonplace, yet dynamic illustration (thing, person or event) and thoroughly describing it in detailed color. Some of his most memorable illustrations I have heard so far include his reminder for Christians to stay humble, avoiding legalistic Pharisaisim, by keeping in mind the medicinal value of periodically '**slipping on bananas**', or his reflection on the bad example and dissuading witness of Christians appearing as '**sourpusses**' (literally 'vinegar faces'). I wonder whether his creativity in crafting words is part of his personality or a result of his Jesuit formation or the many years pastoring in the streets and among the people of Latin America! Whatever the source, I am grateful, and won't look the gift horse in the mouth, but simply let it work its wonder! So appropriately, Pope Francis is a communicator in the same class of Jesus, our true shepherd!

Just two weeks ago, on the feast of St Francis DeSales-January 24, 2017, (also called World Day of Prayer for Social **Communications**), Pope Francis offered this counsel in a speech on the power of pictures to spread the gospel: "*the use of images and metaphors to convey the quiet power of the Kingdom does not detract from its importance and urgency; rather, it is a merciful way of making space for the listener to freely accept and appropriate that power. It is also a most effective way to express the immense dignity of the Paschal mystery, leaving it to images, rather than concepts, to communicate the paradoxical beauty of new life in Christ.*" These words are not new to Pope Francis, as way back in his first year of the papacy (2013), he suggested all preachers use wisely more images, examples and illustrations. In his first papal memo on preaching (Joy of the Gospel #157), Francis wrote, "*Simply using a few examples, let us recall some practical resources which can enrich our preaching and make it more attractive. One of the most important things is to learn how to use images in preaching, how to appeal to imagery.... A successful image can make people savor the message, awaken a desire and move the will towards the Gospel. A good homily, an old teacher once told me, should have "an idea, a sentiment, an image."* Then, maybe most welcome, Francis added this bible quote as advice for preachers, to

draw it all together. Sirach 32:8 "Speak concisely, say much in few words." Just the right image might say it all!

So how about that **salt** and **light**? Think of salt's uses at this time of year. We throw it on ice to warm, melt, and open a safe walking path or road. Also, at this time of year we may add hot water to it, and gargle it, to heal and soothe a sore throat! I've been told that if you run out of toothpaste, and run out of baking soda as a backup, one more possibility for tooth brushing is to use water and salt granules on the brush! Of course we use salt in the kitchen to cure and preserve meats, and most of all to season and bring out the best flavor within different foods. So, Salt (like Christians) are versatile, and universal, warming/melting icy hearts, opening safe paths to journey on, while also healing, soothing, and preserving foods/meats. Salt cleanses and most of all seasons, bringing the best out of natural substances. And what about Light? Light focuses and guides us. Light also warns, wakes, heals, and comforts us! Light is used in healing as seen treating jaundiced babies, some use light to manage eczema/psoriasis and acne. Light often lifts depression (helping people through seasonal disorders). Of course it produces food in plants, and so leads to growth. And most of all it guides us, leading us safely through and out of dark and shaded times. Those two images give a lot to reflect upon for us to become better Christin disciples. And if we take salt and light together and thick of their common properties, I am struck by the fact that both are what I call 'selfless elements'. Light always shines on (highlights) others, and salt bring tout the best in foods' own taste. Both elements also tend to promote further spreading, dispersing scattering (For how long does one really capture the spotlight? and just try to hold or contain salt (when it rains it pours, right?! So Jesus superbly tells us to go into the world and share his grace, spreading its good as if we were light and salt selflessly focusing on others and bringing the best out of them! All from those two little words!

Here are some daily questions to consider in our prayer time!

Sunday: What message am I carrying away from Mass to pass along this week to others?

Monday: Can I remember any of the petitions we prayed at Mass? What intention is closest to my heart to keep praying as I begin my work week?

Tuesday: How can I serve as a light in my workplace? Can I 'season' for good my conversations had with others at work, home or with people in the stores or markets?

Wednesday: To whom do I look to 'light' my path or give good flavor to the day's experiences?

Thursday: Considering 'good news', do I highlight the good and promote 'uplifting' words and wholesome works, or am I drawn more to controversy and contention?

Friday: Perform some anonymous work of mercy or act of kindness for someone today!

Saturday: Come early to mass and pre-read over the gospel. Consider volunteering to lead the rosary!

Peace and Prayers, Fr Brian Johnson

Marriage Enrichment Retreat: The Family Life Office is pleased to bring Mario Sacasa, to our Diocese for a "Married Couple's Retreat-Living the Gift of Marriage" on March 25-26, 2017 at Lake Barkley Lodge in Cadiz, Kentucky. TO register or for more info, please call the Family Life office 270-683-1545

Catholic Men's Conference featuring Cardinal Timothy Dolan: Saturday February 11 at the RiverPark Center (101 Daviess Street, Owensboro, KY 42303) is the 6th annual Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference. Come participate in day of men's spirituality. For ticket info, visit www.kycatholic.com

A Word from Pope Francis:

"How do we heal through a past offense, or division? We have to overcome all temptations to self-absorption that prevent us from perceiving how the Holy Spirit is at work outside our familiar surroundings. This takes sacrifice. To look back is helpful, and indeed necessary, to purify our memory, but to be fixated on the past, lingering over the memory of wrongs done and endured, and judging in merely human terms, can paralyze us and prevent us from living in the present. The word of God encourages us to draw strength from memory and to recall the good things the Lord has given us. But it also asks us to leave the past behind in order to follow Jesus today and to live a new life in him. Let us allow him, who makes all things new (cf. Rev 21:5), to unveil before our eyes a new future, open to the hope that does not disappoint, a future in which divisions can be overcome and believers can be renewed in love (Homily 1-25 -17)

Al-Anon Meeting: Mondays 7:00 pm St Romuald Parish Hall. Come find support and understanding to recover a sense of serenity in your life.

Matthew 25:36 "I was sick and you cared for me..." Are you being called to be a Communion Minister to the Sick? If you are interested in joining this caring ministry to the sick and administering Holy Communion please contact Deacon Mike 270- 756-0120 or Fr Brian 270-756-2356.

Celebration

BIRTHDAYS: Bill Bland, February 14th.

Family Movie Night: We will be showing Disney's "The BFG (Big Friendly Giant)." It is an imaginative story filled with magic, wonder and an unexpected friendship. A young girl is thrown into an enormous adventure when she crosses paths with a mysterious being called the Big Friendly Giant. Join us on Friday, February 24, for a night of family entertainment, grab a drink and some popcorn, bring your friends and join in the fun. As always movie night and snacks are free to all who wish to come.



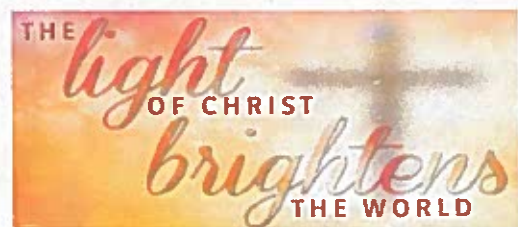
Senior Day, February 14th

Senior Day will be held on Tuesday, February 14th, from 10 am to 1 pm, of course we will be celebrating Valentine's Day! We will study a little history on St. Valentine, St. Polycarp, St. Josephine

Bakhita, and St. Blaise. Fried chicken will be served along with the tasty dishes that our seniors bring to pass. Valentine treats will be handed out to all, so come and enjoy a day of fellowship, bring your husband or wife or just your friends. Senior day is always a good time to gather!

Coming Soon—The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide:

A program that brings about great healing and reconciliation for individuals with themselves, their families and the Church. The program is complete with DVD teachings, personal survival guide and Leader Guides (Deacon Mike Wiedemer and Rosa Hockenberry). Sessions will begin on Monday, March 6 from 6 pm to 8 pm, this is a 12 week program open to anyone who needs guidance, whether you've been divorced 1 month or 30 years we are here for you, so come join us.



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THIS WEEK:

Mon	1:00 pm	Blue Army Rosary
	7:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting
Tues	10:00 am	Scripture Study
	1:00 pm	Mass (Extended Care)
	4:00 pm	SRIS School Board Meeting
	6:00 pm	St. Vincent de Paul
Wed	4:00 pm	Confessions
	4:30 pm	SRIS PTO Meeting
	5:00 pm	Mass
Thur	9:30 am	Mass (Medco)
	6:00 pm	Family Holy Hour
Fri	9:00 am	School Mass
	10:00 am	24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration
Sun	8:30 am	K-6 Religious Ed Classes
	11:30 am	7-12 Religious Ed Classes

UPCOMING:

Feb 14	10:00 am	Senior Day
Feb 24	6:00 pm	Family Movie Night

Family Information: If you have a new address or phone number, please call the office at 270-756-2356 to update your information. Thank you.

We Pray For:

Gene Aldridge, Paula Anthony, Gene Bennett, Joe Bennett, Juanita Burch, Billy Carwile, Jerry Carwile, Russel Carwile, Cindy Cashen, Martha Cashen, Mallorie Collins, Debbie Critchelow, Roger Dowell, Kenneth Dowell, Treyten Drake, Davye Duggins, Tijuana Duncan, Rhett Flener, Ginny Flood, Pat Flood, Bill Greenwood, JoAnn Henning, Lisa Henning, Karen Herbert, Kitty Himmelhaver, Bill Hinton, Doug Hinton, Rugene Hinton, Rick Hurley, Braddock Inman, Mary Lois Irwin, Virginia Jeffries, Mary Ann Johnson, Tracy King, Angie Lawrence, Annette Lucas, Dorothy Manning, Red McClellan, Oleta McDaniel, Bevan Michael Miller, Richard Miller, Blaise Mills, Dorothy Morris, Don O'Donoghue, Eddie O'Donoghue, Joe Oelze, Earl O'Reilly, Libby Osborne, Peggy Phillips, Doris Priest, Joe Priest, Robert Priest, Sandy Priest, Rita Roach, Shirley Robbins, Suzanne Rose, Judy Seelye, Jerry Sosh, Virginia Stanford, Lucye Stupak, Pam Sturgeon, Loretta Swink, Adalee Taul, Becky Taul, Beavin & Gina Thornsberry, Paul Tucker, Gil Urban, Buddy Weatherholt, Greg Wethington, Raymond Wethington, Jimmy Whitworth, Mary Rita Whitworth, Carolyn Wilcheck, Kevin Wilcheck, Robert D. Wilson, Anne Wolfe, Sandra Zanone. **Serving in the Armed Forces:** Mandie Adams, Kevin Arnold, Fred Barham, Austin Brown, Timothy Cashen, Cody Garst, Parker Findlay, James Hanor, Jack Hayes, Stevie Higgs, James Howard, Charles Kuhlman, SSgt Bradford O'Reilly, Jordan Pate, Cody Simmons, Liana Tindle, Chase Upchurch, Garrett Wadsworth



A big thank you goes out to the ladies of the parish who brought appetizers for the reception after the Christian Unity service on January 22nd. Susan Arnold, Nancy Duncan, Ruby Davis, Charlotte Shain, Laura Frank, Kay Payne, Donna Aubrey, Joellen McGary, Debbie Flood, Dolores Mattingly, Pam Pollock and Rosa Hockenberry. Thanks to Shelbi and Paige, Cameron Howard and Charlie Mattingly for help Miss

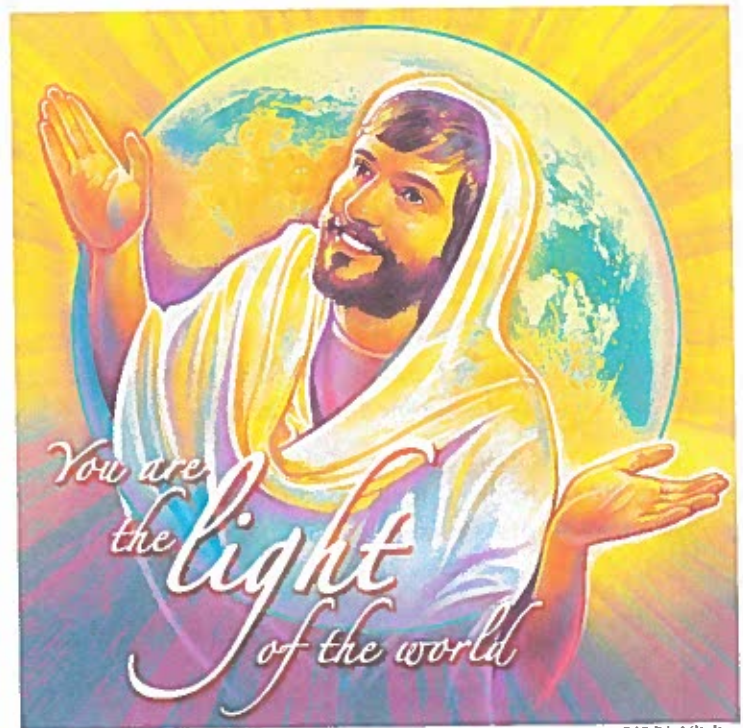
Rosa set up and to Deacon Mike for getting tables and chairs ready for us! Thanks to all who stayed and helped clean up, this evening was a success due to all who helped one way or another.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 5

"You are the light of the world"

To be a light of the world is to let the love and mercy of God shine in often dark circumstances. Is God calling you to bring the light of Jesus Christ into the world as a Catholic priest? For more information on vocations to the priesthood contact the vocations office: www.owensborovocations.com, 270-683-1545, jason.mcclure@pastoral.org

Knights of Columbus February Meeting has been moved to Wednesday, February 14.



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Eucharistic First Friday 24-hour Adoration:

Following the 9:00 am Mass on March 3rd, we begin the 24 hour adoration until Saturday morning mass at 8:00 am. We are blessed with dedicated adorers for each hour, but can use extra people for some hours. Please call Minnie Nimmo 270-617-0297 or Patsy Whitfill 270-617-2557 to volunteer spending an hour if prayer with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Praying the Psalms in the Office-St Meinrad Retreat

Thursday, March 9- Sunday, March 12, 2017. The office is a place for work, but in the liturgy the Office is also a time for prayer. While the office staff/team might or might not pray together, the Psalms offer lots to reflect on in a given day. This retreat will examine some of the psalms to help sustain the work of the office by Fr. Jeremy King, OSB For more info or to register, email mzoeller@saintmeinrad.edu

Mass Etiquette Column

Why do we fast before receiving Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist? We fast to better prepare ourselves to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. One is to abstain from any food or drink, with the exception only of water and medicine, for at least the period of one hour before Holy Communion. Those who are advanced in age or who suffer from any infirmity, as well as those who take care of them, can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have taken something during the previous hour.

"I was in prison and you visited Me"

Jesus says in Matthew 25:36. Is Jesus calling you to join in jail ministry? We visit, offer prayer and study the bible every first Sunday and First Thursday at Breckinridge County Detention Center. Pray about joining one of the teams. Please call Deacon Mike at 270-756-0120 with any questions about what is involved in this needed and rewarding ministry.

Abortion Update: Last week 102 women went into EMW Clinic for abortions at 2nd and Market Street in Louisville. **Please pray to end abortion.**

Pray to end abortion: Join other Catholics and those from other faiths that gather each Saturday at 2nd and Market in Louisville from 7:00-8:00 am (EST) to pray for families entering the abortion clinic. Many children have been saved and mothers spared future grief by this prayer action and support. With God, all things are possible! Archbishop Kurtz is known to show up and pray with everyone too!

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sometimes more is better

Today we say yes to two important groups of Catholics observing special days. The first Sunday of Black History Month is the National Day of Prayer for African American Families, who courageously uphold and honor what our history once devalued. Black families matter. The first Sunday after the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) is also World Day for Consecrated Life. Just as we bless candles to recall Christ our light, we recognize those who consecrate their lives in witness to that light. Pray for families. Thank religious women and men.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 58:7-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16 (73). "Light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday."

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

MEMORIAL OF PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

An unchanging creed

Paul Miki (1562-97) was baptized at age 5. A man of his culture with a profound knowledge of Buddhism, he made an effective and affectionate preacher among the Japanese. When his fellow Jesuits were expelled from Japan, he remained and was eventually crucified with 25 others in Nagasaki. For each generation of Christians the demands of faith and the promises of Christ remain the same: Love God and love one another and you will live in love eternally.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56 (329). "Then God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light."

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Be intentional

Whenever we begin something, it is always a good idea to start with an intention. Take a few breaths and ask yourself, "What do I intend to get out of this day, this meeting, this work, this experience?" The dictionary defines *intention* as the "act of determining mentally upon some action or result." In Latin *intendere* means "to stretch toward." One way to think about intention is to ask yourself what you are willing to stretch toward. Then imagine that our compassionate and loving God is also stretching toward you, intending what is best for you. Now you're praying. Plan to get up 15 minutes early and write your intention for the day.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 1:20—2:4a; Mark 7:1-13 (330). "God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good."

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

MEMORIAL OF JOSEPHINE BAKHITA, VIRGIN

Sudan's daughters persecuted, then and now

Many in Italy still call her "our Black Mother." Bakhita (b. 1869) suffered great misfortune in her native Sudan. Kidnapped, sold, and persecuted, she knew no mercy until she wound up the property of the Sudanese Italian consulate. Migrating with the consul's family to Italy, she eventually received baptismal instruction from the Canossian Daughters of Charity. After receiving her Christian name, Josephine often kissed the baptismal font, saying, "Here, I became a daughter of God!" Tragically, Christians in Sudan are still persecuted and sold today. Raise your voice for global religious freedom.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mark 7:14-23 (331). "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person."

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Loving your enemy is hard work

There was a time not that long ago when Catholics believed that anyone who wasn't Catholic was going straight to hell in a handbasket. The Jews during Jesus' time held similar views toward other religions. Syro-Phoenicians, who were enemies of Israel and didn't share in the same faith, were, in the minds of Jesus' disciples, unworthy of God's help. But Jesus turned that attitude on its head. For Christians, all human life has sacred dignity and is beloved by God, even the lives of our enemies. Stepping up to that truth sometimes requires repentance on our part.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 7:24-30 (332). "Jesus said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.'"

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

MEMORIAL OF SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN

Storm heaven with your prayers

How to be sure God knows our needs? Imitate Saint Scholastica, who knew God can't resist the prayer of a holy person. Near the end of her life, Scholastica enjoyed the usual annual visit from her brother, Saint Benedict, who was anxious to return home at the appointed time. Scholastica entreated him to stay but he refused. So she literally "prayed up a storm" whose ferocity made travel impossible. "What have you done?" her brother asked. Scholastica answered, "I asked and you would not listen; so I asked my God and he did listen." Storm heaven with your prayers!

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-37 (333). "People brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him."

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Wishing you well

For 150 years visitors to the shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes have believed in the healing power of water that flows from a natural spring there. Closer to home, some parishes commemorate World Day of Prayer for the Sick by asking pastoral care ministers and ministers of Holy Communion to visit the homebound and hospitalized; by placing the names of the sick in a special book displayed in church; or by writing the names of the sick on pieces of paper and asking parishioners to take a name, pray for the person, and send him or her a card. What can you and your community do today?

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 3:9-24; Mark 8:1-10 (334). "They ate and were satisfied."

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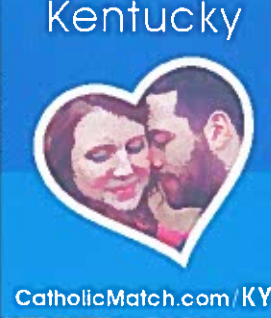
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