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February 16th & 17th, 2008, Second Sunday of Lent

A Lenten Day of Prayer with Fr. Trey



***“Reclaiming the Sabbath: How to Live with the Realities of
Busyness, Stress, and Responsibility”***

Saturday
March 15th
9:00am to 1:30pm
St. Anne Church and Hall

Focus Sessions

“Toward a Broader Understanding of Sabbath”

“The Violence of Busyness”

“Personal Sabbath Practices: Reclaiming the Sacred”

Feeling stressed out? Feeling like you're always busy and that there aren't enough hours in the day? Having trouble sleeping at night? Wondering about how your children and grandchildren are affected by the pace of life today? Then this little retreat is for you. Palm Sunday weekend (March 15th) is still a month away, but you may wish to mark your calendars now for this Lenten day of prayer. Take some time for yourself. Fr. Trey will offer a very relaxed but focused look at the question of ***have we lost the rhythm between work and rest, and, if so, what might God be calling us to do to get it back?*** Please call 369-6656 to register. There is no charge.

Pastor

Fr. Trey Nelson

Associate Pastor

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Reconciliation

St. Anne/Saturdays at 3:00pm

Daily Masses

Monday 5:30pm St. Anne

Tuesday 7:00am St. Anne

Wednesday 7:00am Assumption

Weddings

There is a required 6 month process of preparation. Wedding dates are tentative until first meeting with priest

Funerals

Please contact church office for help with arrangements

Baptisms

Contact office for the dates and times of baptism seminars and baptisms

Emergencies

Call 369-6656 and follow directions given on voice mail message

From the Tee Box...

The Second Sunday of Lent
February 16th and 17th, 2008

*"What may be done at any time will
be done at no time."*

—Scottish Proverb



Dear Friends:

Each week during the season of Lent I would like to offer for you a brief reflection on a different aspect of our theme, ***"Reclaiming the Sabbath: How to Live with the Realities of Busyness, Stress, and Responsibility."*** This week's reflection focuses on the gift of time. The Scottish proverb (above) describes in a very few words something that we can all relate to: taking the gift of time for granted. You do it. I do it. We all do it. So often we think about something that we either need to do and/or want to do and say to ourselves, *"I'll get to it eventually."* Not only that, sometimes, lurking around in the back of our minds is the thought that, *"there will always be another day—there will always be time to do it."* While the way in which we measure time is a man-made thing, time itself is a gift from God. The challenge is to use what time we have wisely, all the while recognizing that we know very little about how much of it we have. There was a group of priests who formed a music group back in the 1970's and recorded several inspirational albums. The group was known as *"The Dameans,"* named after Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. (Their original name was *"The Notre Dameans."*) Anyway, the refrain to one of their songs went like this, *"I know nothing of tomorrow, except the love of God will rise before the sun."* Truer words were never spoken. We not only have little control over the future, we actually know very little about it, when you stop and think about it. All of this having been said, let me come more directly to the point as it relates to our theme *"living with the realities of busyness, stress, and responsibility."* One step toward reclaiming the sacredness of the Sabbath is to recognize, both, the gift of time and the reality that we live within the framework of time. Here's what I mean. ***In life there are 3 types of rhythm: Natural Rhythm, Temporal Rhythm, and Forced Rhythm.*** Our *natural rhythm* is our God-given rhythm. All of life has a rhythm to it: plants lie dormant in the winter and bloom in the spring; our heart rests between beats, we rest between every inhale and exhale; and day fades into night, into morning, and into night again. We would be healthier if we lived life within this rhythm, but the reality is that we cannot. Well, not completely, that is. As we grow older, life ought to be a journey that becomes more and more in sync with our God-given, intended rhythm. How we use our time, where our time goes, do we take time for

ourselves, others, and God are all important questions to consider. The second type of rhythm is ***Temporal Rhythm.*** This term expresses the reality that, while we have a natural rhythm to life, we do live within the reality of time. There are only 24 hours in a day. We all have responsibilities, commitments, and other things that we necessarily have to be busy with. 7 days per week, 24 hours a day. Certain things have to be done at certain times. And schedules also help with organization. We cannot, for example, say to high school seniors, *"hey, it's your last year of school, so just go to class when you want."* Most of us, if not all of us, cannot wake up one morning and simply say, *"you know what, I don't feel like going in today. So, I'm not."* Schedules sometimes get a bad rap, but we need them. And if we have to actually *"schedule"* when we will exercise, pray, and take time off, then so be it. As long as we do it. That's what's important. The third type of rhythm is the one that some of us really struggle with. It's called ***Forced Rhythm.*** Simply defined, if we're living under a forced rhythm, then more than likely we're living under a rhythm that's not healthy. If the rhythm of work dictates us, if we've lost the rhythm between work and rest, then we've lost a lot. For example, consider this reality: most of us do not rest or sleep when we need to. Instead, we rest when we can. See the difference? Seeking a rhythm that is balanced is our real challenge. Seeking a rhythm that keeps us healthy is difficult. In considering the gift of time and the 3 types of rhythm, we may want to consider if our life is out of sync: with God, with family, with rest. Lent can be a good time to do this. The word *"Lent"* means *"spring time,"* simply defined. It's all about the birth of something new. This season is intended to be a time in which we allow ourselves to rest in the presence of God, to slow down long enough to hear the newness that God is calling us to, the newness that we all need in order to survive. If we don't do this, then, to quote the Scottish proverb, *"the things that we could do at any time won't get done at all."*

**Immaculate Conception Chapel
150 Years Celebration
May 4, 2008**

Immaculate Conception Chapel is celebrating their 150th year May 4, 2008. We are in need of photographs of weddings in the chapel, other church activities, such as Communion or Confirmation, or fairs at the church hall. Any church, hall, or rectory related photos would be greatly appreciated. Copies will be made from the original and the original will be returned to the owner. If you can help us with this project, please contact Barbara Blanchard: 369-7029 or Jane Templet: 369-6270.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

High School of Religion

Course 3

Session 2

February 18

Session 3

February 25



February 2008

All deceased members of our church community.

The rosary, Way of the Cross, and Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed every weekday during Lent at St. Anne Church beginning at 8:30am.

Immaculate Conception Ladies Altar Society

The annual \$5.00 membership fee is now due. If you have not yet done so, please pay as soon as possible. Interested in joining? Please contact any member or officer. You are welcome to join our active club.

KC 1099 Palm Sunday Dinner Sunday, March 16, 2008 \$6.00 each

Tickets will be available at all Masses and at Ace Hardware in Napoleonville. Menu: Baked Chicken, Rice Dressing, Green Beans, & Dessert.

Ascension Catholic Registration 2008-2009 School Year

Registration for new families interested in Ascension Catholic is February 21st through February 29. You must call the high school office at (225)473-9227 to set up an appointment for your high school student; and (225)473-8540 to set up an appointment for your elementary student. This needs to be done prior to registration. You also need to get a Pastor Verification Form signed from your church pastor. Please call as soon as possible.

Edward Douglas White Catholic High School will be holding registration for the 2008-2009 school year from Monday, Feb. 18 through Friday, Feb. 29. For more information or to obtain a registration packet, contact Ms. Michelle Chiasson at 446-8486 ext. 103 or michiasson@htdiocese.org.

Baptisms & Seminars



The next baptism seminar will be Tuesday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Landsmann Center.

Parents are to contact Mrs. Kathy Landry prior to the Baptismal Seminar at 369-2130.

Any questions regarding seminar, please call Mrs. Kathy Landry.

Please call the church office to schedule baptism. Unless otherwise noted, baptisms always take place on the *third Sunday of the month* after the 9:15am Mass at Assumption Church.

Way of the Cross Immaculate Conception Chapel 5:30pm Every Friday of Lent

Changes in Procedure for the Distribution of Communion (During Masses)

Beginning next weekend, February 23rd and 24th, we will implement a small change in the way that communion is distributed during Masses at St. Anne and Assumption Churches. It is very important that everyone is able to receive communion, especially those who, because of infirmity, might not be able to walk to communion. However, it is sometimes difficult for our priests and eucharistic ministers to know who has this need and where they are seated. Therefore, beginning next weekend, parishioners who are not able to walk to communion are asked to *please sit in any one of the 4 front pews (in St. Anne Church) and either the first or second pews (in Assumption Church)* and to stand, if you are able, so that the priest or other minister will be able to know where to go. Many parishioners already do this, however, we are asking everyone who has this need to do so. ***Please note that Eucharistic ministers will no longer walk throughout church to bring communion.*** It is not our intention to cause any type of inconvenience or to make anyone uncomfortable, but this is the more appropriate manner in which to distribute communion. As always, your thoughts and suggestions are welcome.



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE...
burns this week in memory of:



Assumption Church
Brian Blanchard

St. Anne Church
Edward "Touptee" Talbot

A Prayer for Our Soldiers

Gracious God, we pray for our soldiers. Let Your grace be a protective shield, guarding them from harm and keeping them close to Your love and compassion. May we always remember that they are the ones who face the horrors and dangers of war first-hand. Help us honor them for their courage and care for them when there is damage to their bodies or spirit. When they are lonely and afraid, and long to be with those whom they love, fill their hearts with the sure knowledge of Your presence at all times, in war and peace. Let them feel, O God, deep in their hearts, that Your love is always there—boundlessly, unconditionally, and eternally. Amen.

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The Bayou Parishes Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturdays

4:00pm St. Anne Church
4:00pm St. Elizabeth Church
5:00pm St. Philomena Church
6:00pm St. Jules Church

Sundays

7:00am St. Anne Church
7:45am St. Philomena
8:30am St. Jules Church
9:15 am Assumption Church
10:00am St. Philomena Church
10:45am St. Elizabeth Church

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

February 2nd & 3rd, 2008

St. Anne Offertory	\$3,514.47
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 920.00
Assumption Offertory	\$2,353.38
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 720.00
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February 9th & 10th, 2008

St. Anne Offertory	\$2,869.36
Assumption Offertory	\$1,380.08
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	\$4,249.44

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