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**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 8, 2009**

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

Psalm 147:4

**Adult Education Series for
SPRING 2009!**

Generation What?!: Trends in U.S. Culture Since 1900

Wednesday February 18 (St. Anne Church)

(*) Required for Parents of Children in Religious Education

The Book of Revelation: A Code-Book or Not?

Wednesday March 4 (St. Philomena Parish Hall: Former School Cafeteria)

Catholic Morality: What is Sin—and What Do I Do about It?

Wednesday March 18 (St. Philomena Parish Hall: Former School Cafeteria)

Liturgy 101: The Mass Explained

Wednesday April 15 (St. Anne Church)

Catholic, Inc: The Nuts and Bolts of How the Church Operates

Wednesday April 29 (St. Anne Parish Hall)

Babysitting Is Provided (But Registration is Necessary)
All Classes are from 7:00pm-9:00pm
Call 369-6656 to Register for Any or All of the Above Classes!
There is No Cost

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Reconciliation

St. Anne/Saturdays at 3:00pm

Daily Masses

Monday 5:00pm St. Anne

Tuesday 7:00am St. Anne

Wednesday 7:00am St. Anne

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

A Weekly Letter from Our Clergy



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - B
7-8 February 2008

Dear Friends in the Lord:

Edward Hersey Richards once wrote a little ditty that goes something like this: “A wise old owl sat in an oak. The more he saw, the less he spoke. The less he spoke, the more he heard; why then aren’t we like that wise old bird?”

Curiously, this weekend’s Gospel excerpt from Mark begins with a miraculous healing, but before it concludes, Jesus withdraws from the crowd and goes out to a deserted place to pray and be silent. Deserted places are empty, abandoned and forsaken in my book; we sense they’re far away places removed from the throngs of civilization. Strangely though, in the Gospel reading, even though Jesus finds this “deserted” place, it’s not that far removed from society since before the reading even concludes, Simon and the other disciples easily find him to get him back to work.

It seems that Jesus was driven to seek a place of quiet and solitude after the healing of Simon’s mother-in-law. He was simply tired. The various healing he performed was successful no doubt since the disciples and folk of Galilee continue to bring a gamut of the sick to him. Imagine Jesus walking out of the house of Simon’s mother-in-law only to be confronted with the whole city gathered on the doorsteps, all waiting for their own healing, some spiritual, others physical, some even with more than one ailment! Headaches in one corner, palsy in another, convulsions and demonic trances in a third. And he simply heals dozens gathered as they continue to dump their woes upon him. We sometimes jump right past a key theological concept in the reading – though he was fully divine, he was also fully human – and probably at this point, Jesus was running on an empty tank! So he rises at the crack of dawn to take some time for quiet. Perhaps he was looking for a place to simply regenerate and reconnect with the source of his miraculous work. He finds a quiet place without all of the hustle-and-bustle of healing – not a far removed retreat center like Gethsemane or Manresa – just a little nook for him to breathe. There he prepares for another long day of work and PR. It doesn’t take long either; ten minutes out, the disciples are fresh on his track, wondering where on earth he went.

It’s in moments of solitude and quiet that we truly

encounter our God. Elijah encounters the Lord not in the rushing winds or roaring fires but in the softest whisper. Job encounters his salvation when all around him seems removed and lost. Even Jesus needed the time to recharge and encounter the Lord.

I think we need it too, but our challenge is to find that place of quiet. We tend to think we can’t accomplish it unless we’re in the remotest corner of the planet, but our “deserted” place necessarily isn’t far removed or remote. It can be two rooms down from the kids dangerously engaged in *Guitar Hero*; it can be in the backyard while the husband is glued to the Superbowl; it can be in the middle of rush-hour traffic when you’re trodding down I-10 at a glorious 5 miles an hour. And it doesn’t have to be an extended period of five hours in the Church on our knees; it can be for just a few moments at various points during your day.

Wherever it is, or whenever it is, it’s important for us to find that space of quiet frequently to sit more and speak less and simply to be! That can be the toughest part – being alone with ourselves, our thoughts, and our God. We always want to “do” something. We fiddle for the rosary, we read and recite prayers, we talk out loud to God. If we can and do make time for that quiet, do we really listen to him?

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HURRICANE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities Disaster Case Management Program provides case management services at no cost to help individuals and families who have been affected by Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. They can assist families in finding resources in their communities to meet needs created by the disasters such as assistance with FEMA & SBA processes, employment services, mental health counseling, and volunteer assistance for minor house/property repairs.

To access this service, please call (877)893-0283, Monday-Saturday, 8:00am to 5:00pm. For more information on services available to those affected by Hurricanes Gustav & Ike, you may visit the following website: <http://www.disasterassistance.gov>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REMINDERS

Grades K through 8th

Grades K through 5th: Mondays, 4:30pm until 5:30pm

Grades 6th through 8th: Mondays, 5:45pm until 6:45pm

Landsmann Center

High School Religious Education

Landsmann Center

Course 4

9th & 10th Grade

March 16, 2009

March 23, 2009

March 30, 2009

7:00pm until 8:15pm



February 2009

Lester T. "Timmy" Falterman



Baptisms & Seminars

The next baptism seminar will be **Tuesday, April 7** 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.

Altar Servers Needed

We are in need of new altar servers for our communities. If you are in Grades 3rd through 11th and have received Eucharist we are inviting you to participate in this ministry. Please call Ms. Kathy at 369-2130 and give your name and phone number in order to begin training.

If I were to begin life again, I would want it as it was. I would only open my eyes a little more.

Jules Renard

Children's Liturgy of the Word

We would like to begin Children's Liturgy during the 9:30am Mass at Assumption Church. However, we are in need of adult volunteers to facilitate. If you are interested, please call Ms. Kathy at 369-2130. The more adults we have, the fewer times you will facilitate.

St. Elizabeth School in Paincourtville would like to announce registration dates for the 2009-2010 school year. The schedule is as follows:

Grades PreK-8th

For families new to the school system:

Feb. 9 to Feb. 13

Any questions, please call: (985)447-6134 or (985)369-7402.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32;
1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

E.D. White Catholic High School will be holding registration for the 2009-2010 school year from Monday, February 16th through Friday, March 6th.

For more information or to obtain a registration packet, contact Ms. Michelle Chiasson at 446-8486, extension 103, or michiasson@htdiocese.org



KC Blood Drive

February 10th

Assumption Church Hall

3:00pm until 8:00pm



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE...
burns this week in memory of:
Assumption Church
 Anna Cavalier Bergeron



The flowers at Assumption Church:
 In memory of Brian Blanchard
 February 14 & 15, 2009

St. Anne Church
 Donald Martin

Mass Intentions

Sat., Feb. 7	4:00pm	Bobbie Lee Small
Sun., Feb. 8	8:00am	Matt, Eula & Donald Rivere
	9:30am	“For the People”
Mon., Feb. 9	5:00pm	“All the Deceased”
Tues., Feb. 10	7:00am	Hubert Sr. & Greg Gremillion
Wed., Feb. 11	7:00am	Antoinette Vitale Naquin, Marie R. Templet
Sat., Feb. 14	4:00pm	“For the People”
Sun., Feb. 15	8:00am	Delta Thibodeaux Campo
	9:30am	Devin Michael Naquin

A Prayer for Our Soldiers

All powerful and ever living God, when Abraham left his native land and departed from his people you kept him safe through all his journeys. Protect these soldiers. Be their constant companion and their strength in battle, their refuge in every adversity. Guide them, O Lord, that they may return home in safety. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

January 31 & February 1, 2009

St. Anne Offertory	\$4,538.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$1,045.00
Assumption Offertory	\$1,505.00
<u>Maintenance & Repair</u>	<u>\$ 796.00</u>
Total	\$7,884.00

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