

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time — February 20, 2011

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time A 1 *Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18*

Love is Hard

Love and hate are not the only options. In between lies a range of emotions including concern and indifference. If someone offends us, we may respond in a variety of ways. Some people feel hatred, bear grudges, and seek revenge. It is a fairly easy choice. But others take the harder option.

The Book of Leviticus proposes this difficult solution. God said to Moses, "You shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart. ... Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

This command is one of the most challenging in the entire Old Testament, yet Jesus chose it as one of the greatest commandments: Love your neighbor.

The Book of Leviticus realizes that not every neighbor is lovable. "You may have to reprove your fellow citizen." People sometimes do the wrong thing. They should not continue such behavior. You may have the opportunity to offer correction. But correction is not a license for anger, or for the disruption of charity. When correcting your neighbor, Leviticus says, "do not incur sin." Be not hateful. Be loving.

It is easy to love the neighbor we like, but it is harder to love the neighbor who offends. That love can take many forms—even the form of charitable correction. But it should never deteriorate to hatred. There are other options.

Readings For Next Sunday

February 26 & 27

1st Reading...Is 49:14-15
2nd Reading...1 Cor 4:1-5
Gospel...Mt 6:24-34

ALTAR SERVERS

(Week of February 21)

Monday	Noon	Jim Gates, J. Bowen, H. Thiersch
Tuesday	Noon	To Be Contacted, M. R. Raque, E. Raque
Wednesday	Noon	Bud Koshewa, A. Hood, S. Davis
Thursday	Noon	Steve Sternberg
Friday	Noon	Communion Service
Saturday	4:30pm	+T. Clark, A. Judge, K. Gates, R. Ballinger
Sunday	10:00am	+K. Haas, R. Gumbel, K. & A. Gibson

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MASS INTENTIONS

(Week of February 21)

Monday	Noon	Albert Suehrstedt
Tuesday	Noon	Bettie F. Russell
Wednesday	Noon	Mary Yates
Thursday	Noon	Emma Hile
Friday	Noon	Communion Service
Saturday	4:30pm	John & Peggy Hancock
Sunday	10:00am	St. Raphael Community

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS

(February, 2011)

4:30pm....David Worland (cpt), Joe O'Toole, Bud Koshewa, Bryan Thiersch, **Need 2**
10:00am....Kevin Raque (cpt), Raque and McCormick Families

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

(February 26 & 27)

4:30pm...Team B...Carmel Davis, Cpt., Bob Massey, Cele Sauter, Jim Gates, Elizabeth, Haley & Patrick Auffrey
10:00am...Team F...Scott Raque, Cpt., Maria Raque, Steve Sternberg, Don Hinkebein, Carol Miller, Pat McCormick

LECTORS

(February 26 & 27)

4:30pm...Mark Raque & Krissy Raque
10:00am....Angela Dutton & Michael Haas

GIFT BEARERS

(February 26 & 27)

4:30pm...Thai Family
10:00am...Scott Raque & Family

Stewardship Reflection

Tithing for February 13...\$11,167

Sometimes the image of a contemplative person engaged in prayer comes to mind when we think of someone being holy. Stewardship is a lifestyle that calls us to be holy by being just, honest, fair, and loving in our everyday actions.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

High School: The Archdiocese of Louisville is hosting a retreat entitled: "On the Side of Angels". The retreat is open to all high school students. The retreat will be held at Mt. Saint Francis Feb 25- 27, 2011. Please contact Nick Cummins at: 458-2500 or nkcummins@bellsouth.net for more information.

Youth Advisory Council: Youth Advisory Council will be meeting on **Sunday, February 27th** after the 10 a.m. mass. Youth Advisory Council is a group of high school students that help plan events for youth ministry. All high school students are welcome; please stop by if you are interested in joining.

2011 Lenten Fish Fry

The fish fry dates this year are March 4th, 11, 18th and 25th and April 1st, and 15th. We will once again publish a dessert schedule for all grade levels on edline and principally speaking. We are currently scheduling volunteers online at: www.mysignup.com/2011fishfry. Any time you can donate to this important Fundraiser is greatly appreciated!

* We are currently in need of a parishioner to serve on the **Highlands**
* **Community Ministries (HCM) board**. The goal of HCM is to minister
* ecumenically to the needs of the people in the Highlands neighborhood.
* About 25 Christian congregations belong to the association, and each
* member congregation can appoint up to four representatives to the HCM
* Board. By pooling its manpower and other resources, HCM provides a
* variety of services to the area: an Individual & Family Assistance Pro-
* gram, an Adult Day Care Center, Highland Youth Recreation, Senior
* Services Outreach Programs and others. Please contact Tammy Clark
* 239-7576

A GIANT "Thank you" from The Giants Club ...The Giants Club would like to thank all of the parents and parishioners who volunteered their time so graciously to our fundraisers this past fall and winter. Our First Season of hosting both volleyball and basketball leagues was a huge success and we could not have done it without your help! We were able to show the community our fantastic facilities as well as our undeniable school spirit and that was priceless! The volunteer efforts really paid off and have allowed us to lower almost All of the sports fees this spring season! Way to go Giants!!

Mark your calendar for April 18 at the Galt House. Laura Ingraham will be the guest speaker for this year's **Lifehouse Fundraiser**. For more information or to purchase tickets call Lifehouse at 897-1655 or go to www.lifehousecenter.org.

Please patronize the sponsors of our bulletin. Their support makes this bulletin possible. This week's bulletin sponsor is **Hope Financial Services, INC.**

Mass Schedule Change

Effective the weekend of March 12 and 13, the weekend Mass schedule will change. The Saturday evening mass will be moved to 4:00pm and confessions will be heard every Saturday from 3:00 – 3:30pm. An additional mass is being added to Sunday. The Sunday mass schedule will be 8:30am and 10:30am.

WHY Catholic is here!

Sign up this weekend to be a part of this highly- acclaimed spiritual renewal. We begin with the *Celebration of the Christian Mystery: Sacraments*. We start the first week of Lent with an explanation of the liturgy and details each of the sacraments and their significance for the individual and for the parish community.

DO NOT DELAY - SIGN UP TODAY!

HABITAT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: St. Raphael, along with the Highland Five Parishes, is sponsoring and building a Habitat for Humanity house located at 2613 W. Kentucky Street. Construction begins with "Raise The Roof" days on February 24, 25, 26, 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

St. Raphael work volunteers are needed for the following Saturdays: February 26, March 5, April 9, April 16, April 30, May 14, and May 21. (Minimum age to be on work site is 16.) Our food volunteers will provide lunch for the workers March 5 and May 14. St. Raphael Habitat signups will be February 19 and 20 after the 4:30pm and 10:00am Masses. Call (454-5806) or e-mail (sha08@bellsouth.net) Susan Meyer to volunteer or for additional information.

The Queen's Daughters Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon will be held on Tuesday March 8, 2011, at The Olmstead, 3701 Frankfort Ave. Lunch is at noon with fashions from Oxmoor Center and Mall St. Matthews to follow. Proceeds benefit the Mother-Infant Care program and the scholarship fund. Tickets are \$30.00 and reservations are required. Please call 425-5517 for information and reservations.



MASS CANCELLATION DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

For safety reasons, when Catholic Elementary school classes are canceled due to inclement weather (Monday - Friday), the noon Mass for that particular day is also canceled.

Father Clarence Howard will be celebrating the **Golden Jubilee** of his ordination to the priesthood on Saturday, May 28, 2011 at 5:00pm at St. Bernadette Parish.

If you wish to attend this celebration and the reception afterwards, please contact Kathy Jean Easley, Pastoral Associate at St. Bernadette Church at 502-425-2210 ext 103 or email easleyk@saintbernadettelouisville.org.

Please offer your prayers for our sick family & friends in the St. Raphael Parish community:

Mary Lee Anderson, Dorothy Baker, Sue Anna Barrett, Helen Bethards, Charles Bauer, Cynthia Burkhead, James Caudill, David Charmoli, Robert Coury, Martha Creed, Connor Day, Mary Jeannette Durham, Karl Kalbfleisch, Sara Fante, Daniel Flynn, George Gates, Frances Gibson, Jay Gibson, Jeanne Gravatte, Sue Harris, Anita Hertelendy, Dolores Heuser, Jennifer Hood, Scott Jacob, Rosemary Johnson, Ann Kelton, Ed Kemper, Damion Kline, Henry Krebs, Maureen Lawless, A.C. Leonhardt, Tina Lomax, Charles Lucas, Andrew McKinley, Michael Meany, Tom Meyer, Diane O'Connell, Malinda O'Daniel, John J. Orthober, Ron Parrino, Connie Peters, Dr. Richard Phelps, Angelo Rappa, Tina Ray, Jean Reinstedler, Jim Schneider, Elfriede Smith, Dorothy Thomas, Anna Maria Verwest, Jane Wagner, Carol Walls, Joe Welch, Sarah Westerfield, Dorothy Wimsatt,

(In an effort to keep the prayer list up-to-date, please notify the Parish Office of any additions or deletions.)