

## Second Sunday in Lent — February 28, 2010

### Second Sunday of Lent C 1 *Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18*

#### God's Gifts and Our Desires

There are two desires that lie deep within the human soul: descendants and property. Some people are blessed with plenty of each. Others have very little to show, even for a life lived well.

Some people receive descendants and property in different ways. They have students, disciples or friends who admire them and strive to be like them. Or they have access to the land that others own. One need not have blood descendants and deeds of property to make life worthwhile. But it is what many people want.

It is what Abram wanted. He was an old man, childless. He lived in Ur of the Chaldeans, in modern day Iraq. God made him a promise. God promised him the two desires that lay deep in his soul: descendants and property. "Count the stars, if you can. Just so shall your descendants be." And then, "To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River." It was an amazingly generous gift. It could only come from God. It was beyond what someone could even hope for.

Because these desires are so strong, people react strongly when something goes wrong with them. If a child turns out different from what one hoped, or if property is vandalized, damaged, or lost—people feel a huge sense of betrayal and despair.

God knows the desires of our hearts. And God wants to fulfill them with the descendants and property that will unfold the divine plan.

#### Readings For Next Sunday

##### March 6 & 7

1st Reading... Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15  
2nd Reading... 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12  
Gospel... Lk 13:1-9

#### ALTAR SERVERS (Week of March 1)

Monday	Noon	Jim Gates, M. Poole, E. Raque
Tuesday	Noon	To Be Contacted, J. Bowen, J. Raque
Wednesday	Noon	Bud Koshewa, A. Hood, H. Thiersch
Thursday	Noon	Steve Sternberg, T. Ciacio, J. Vining
Friday	Noon	<b>Communion Service</b>
Saturday	4:30pm	+A. Hood, J. Powers, D. McFarland
Sunday	10:00am	+H. Thiersch, L. Sturgill, S. Tedder

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#### MASS INTENTIONS (Week of March 1)

Monday	Noon	Dot Thieman
Tuesday	Noon	<b>Communion Service</b>
Wednesday	Noon	Barbara Dietz
Thursday	Noon	Mary Louis Lynch
Friday	Noon	<b>Communion Service</b>
Saturday	4:30pm	St. Raphael Community
Sunday	10:00am	Dec. Mem. of the Kayo & Betty Schneider Families

#### HOSPITALITY MINISTERS (March, 2010)

4:30pm....David Worland (cpt), Joe O'Toole, Chuck Armes, **Need 3**  
10:00am...The Meyer Family (Leonard, Mary Lou, Howard, Marlene, Bob, Susan, Angela)

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (March 6 & 7)

4:30pm...**Team B...Carmel Davis, Cpt.**, Carol Cornell, Bob Massey, Lloyd Vest, Cele Sauter, Jim Gates  
10:00am...**Team C...Steve Alvey, Cpt.**, Clara Jacob, Willa Schaeffer, Dennis Cowhig, Angela Dutton, Abbie Creed

#### LECTORS (March 6 & 7)

4:30pm...Sandy Cundiff & Elise Gibson  
10:00am....Danny McFarland & Frank Coffey

#### GIFT BEARERS (March 6 & 7)

4:30pm...John Raque & Family  
10:00am...Mark Raque

## Stewardship Reflection

Tithing for February 21.....\$11,677

It is often said that it takes a lifetime to raise a steward. Our children best learn the value of stewardship when we walk with them and show them that living a life of a steward is a joyful possibility.

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

### 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

**Card Game Night:** On **Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**, Junior High Youth Group will be playing cards from 6 to 8 pm. The games will include: speed, war, spades, and many more. Prizes will be awarded to winners.

### High School

**High School Youth Mass:** On **Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**, St. Patrick's Parish is hosting a Youth Mass at 5 pm. The Mass is open to High School Students from across the Archdiocese. The event will feature activities after the Mass. Our youth group will be car-pooling to the event and will meet in the youth basement at 4:30 pm. Please contact Nick Cummins, coordinator of youth ministry, by Wednesday March 3 to be included in the car-pool.

### Special Thanks

The Youth Ministry Department would like to thank all the youth that participated in our Mission to the Homebound on Valentine's Day. You really helped brighten a lot of people's day!

Please contact Nick Cummins at [nkcummins@bellsouth.net](mailto:nkcummins@bellsouth.net) or 458-2500 for more info on any of the above mentioned events.

The **St. Raphael Football Program** is conducting a PRELIMINARY sign up period for the 2010 season. All boys in grades 2nd grade through 7th grades this year can sign up. No money is needed at this time. OFFICIAL sign ups for the 2010 season will occur from April 19<sup>th</sup> to May 16<sup>th</sup>. The survey link can be found on Edline or [www.straphaelschool.org](http://www.straphaelschool.org). It is located under the athletics tab/news. If you have any questions contact Brendan O'Shea at [oshea15@bellsouth.net](mailto:oshea15@bellsouth.net) or John Plumeri at [j.plumeri@insightbb.com](mailto:j.plumeri@insightbb.com).

## St. Raphael Social Concerns Helping Hands Collection March 6/7 (La Casa Latina/Easter Baskets)

### La Casa Latina

The Casa Latina Catholic Worker provides hospitality in the forms of house to families in need. They also offer simple assistance of food, clothing, diapers, and other basic needs to families who seek help at their doors. Their main goal is to be a place of community for and with those in need, especially our immigrant population. **Items needed are:** Rice, Beans (black or red), Sugar, Maseca (corn flour), Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, Diapers (size 3t and up), Diaper Wipes, Dishwashing Liquid, and HE Laundry Detergent.

### Easter Baskets

There are several nursing homes in the area that have residents that rarely receive visitors or do not have extra funds to purchase items they may need. The Social Concerns Helping Hands Collection is for items for Easter Baskets which will be distributed to these individuals. Baskets will be delivered to the residents wishing them a Happy Easter. To fill these baskets we are collecting individually packaged candy (no loose candy), individually packaged snacks, sugar-free candy, and travel size toiletries.

Please bring all items to St. Raphael Church and place in the baskets provided. If you would like to help with either of these collections please contact Debbie Tross at 807-3466.

**It's Stewardship Renewal Season!** Each year as Stewardship cards are returned, the information you list is used in various ways for our Parish. The Treasure portion helps us to prepare the yearly budget and the Time and Talent lists are distributed to the various organizations to help find volunteers for all the ministries. As you can see, your response is vital to our Parish. Please take a moment to fill it out and return it to the Parish Office. You can either drop it in the collection basket, mail it, or drop it off at the Parish Office or if you are a school family, return it to school with your child. Once again, thank you for your participation in Stewardship!

## TAKE NOTE

"There is **NO PARKING** along Bardstown Road from about the church parking lot up to Lancashire Avenue; it is clearly posted with a sign. It is very dangerous for other drivers and pedestrians to do so as well as the fact that you may be ticketed. Please be safe and courteous."

The small strip of businesses across from the church IS **NOT** church parking. Signs are posted. If you park there they may have you towed.

## Lenten Schedule

Penance Service	March 21, 2010 — 3:00pm
Holy Thursday	1:30pm with kids (Liturgy of the Word) 7:00pm Parish Mass
Good Friday	3:00pm Stations of the Cross 7:00pm Parish Prayer Service
Easter Vigil	8:30pm Mass
Easter	9:00am & 11:00am Mass

## Fish Fry

Come and enjoy great food and fun at our Fish Fry every Friday from 2/19—3/26. Food will be served from 5-8pm. Dine in or Carryout.

St. James/St. Brigid - Louisville is hosting a **Lenten Mission** "On the Road to Zion". The presenter is Fr. Noel Mueller, O.S.B. from St. Meinrad Archabbey. The dates are: Sunday, March 7 at 7pm at St. James; Monday, March 8 & Tuesday, March 9 at 12noon at St. Brigid and 7pm at St. James. For further information, please call 451-1420 ext. 10.

Please patronize the sponsors of our bulletin. Their support makes this bulletin possible. This week's bulletin sponsor is **Bosse**.

## ST RAPHAEL MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Please join us at our March general meeting on Monday, March 1 at 7:30pm. See You in the School Cafeteria for Food, Fun, & Fellowship!

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

*Bernadine Allbritten, Mary Lee Anderson, Helen Bethards, Charles Bauer, James Caudill, Richard Chandler, David Charmoli, Victoria Clark, Pat Conner, Robert Coury, Martha Creed, Connor Day, Mary Jeannette Durham, Sara Fante, Daniel Flynn, Frances Gibson, Sue Harris, Marcella Horney, Rosemary Johnson, Mary Kautzman, Damion Kline, George Koestel, Henry Krebs, Andy Latkovski, A.C. Leonhardt, Cleo Leonhardt, Charles Lucas, Marilyn Malone, Andrew McKinley, Tom Meyer, Malinda O'Daniel, Ron Parrino, Connie Peters, Dr. Richard Phelps, Angelo Rappa, Tina Ray, Jean Reinstedler, Joesph Sauter, Elfriede Smith, Elmer Smith, Dorothy Thomas, John Tichenor, Anna Maria Verwest, Jane Wagner, Carol Walls, Mary Warken, Lillian Werkman, James Whelan, Marty Wiehebrink, Dorothy Wimsatt,*

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