

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

GOD IS GOD

Talking with people about the struggles they face in their daily lives and the sense of being ignored by God in their request, I have been finding that we are unable to understand the way that God acts in our lives. How many times do we feel that God is so far from us and that he does not care about us? Or at least, it seems that he is really busy taking care of other people's problems. How many times do we believe that our prayers are not answered by God? Or probably feel that God forgot them and need his help?

I have been praying all my life since I can remember, asking God many sorts of things. Some things were granted to me and others I am still waiting to be granted. I guess because it is not the proper time or things that I am asking for are not the best for me or will help me in my spiritual life. **ONLY GOD KNOWS!**

God is God and he has very mysterious ways to answer our prayers because He knows what is best for us. God is God and he knows what he is doing in matters of our eternal salvation. The Holy Scripture says that "***God knows our words before they are on our lips, He knows when we stand or sit, He knows our desires and needs...***" God is God and his ways are not our ways!

A good example of God's ways is revealed in our readings today. The book of Job 7:1-14, 6-7 manifest this mysterious presence of God in our lives. Job recognizes that God is there in the middle of all his afflictions and he accepts his condition with faith, knowing that God is there and he will appear at the end of his life. Job is clearly a righteous man. In the end he must accept that human suffering is a mystery and even the noblest cannot demand an explanation from God. The Gospel of Mark presents a different world from Job's. Here the sick are healed and the demons are expelled. Please note that **ALL** who were sick or possessed came to Jesus and the **WHOLE** town gathered at his door, yet not all, but **MANY** of the sick and possessed were healed and cleansed. Again, God is God and we can only wonder why some were healed and others were not. Yet the power of God is manifest clearly and powerfully. God's ways are not our ways.

During the readings of the weekday masses, we had the opportunity to reflect on our faith and prayer as ways of having a relationship with God. We need to maintain our faith and establish a better channel of communication with God through prayer. Jesus himself gives us that example in today's gospel: "***rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed***".

Let us keep the same attitude of Jesus, and let our souls grow in faith through prayer.

In Christ Love,

Fr. Daniel Robles-Caruajal



FROM OUR PARISH

FEBRUARY 5, 2012 THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Liturgies This Week

Saturday	02/04	4:00 pm	+Anita Quinn
Sunday	02/05	9:30 am	+Ramon Valdez
		12:30 pm	+Cristóbal Robles
		6:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday	02/06	8:00 am	
Tuesday	02/07	7:00 pm	
Wednesday	02/08	8:00 am	
Thursday	02/09	8:00 am	
Friday	02/10	8:00 pm	No Mass
Saturday	02/11	4:00 pm	+Catherine Roetto
Sunday	02/12	9:30 am	+Marcus Adam Struble
		12:30 pm	+Cristóbal Robles
		6:00 pm	People of the Parish

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- World Day for Consecrated Life
- PSR Parents Meeting – First Communion,
11:15 am or 7:00 pm

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- Ladies Heart to Heart Meeting, 8:30 am

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- Mirror Collection

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- Parish Council Meeting, 6:00 pm

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- Valentine Dinner Dance, 6:00 pm, Parish Hall

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- Fundraising Breakfast after 9:30 am Mass

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- Spanish Baptism Class, 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- Ash Wednesday – Mass at 8:00 am in English
12:00 pm in English, 7:00 pm in Spanish

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- Soup and Stations beginning at 6:00 pm

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- Trivia Night at Sacred Heart after 4:00 pm Mass

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 11th/12th

4:00 pm: **Lector:** M. Michael **Ushers:** M. Otradovec, S. Michael **Servers:** A. Fearman
Eucharistic Ministers: Jay Sebek, Julie Sebek, M. Terry, B. Horton **Mass Captain:** Kellner
9:30 am: **Lectors:** G. Nutting, N. Nutting
Ushers: D. Brown, J. Francka **Servers:** A. Lopez **Eucharistic Ministers:** J. Farrar, C. Farrar, M. Perez, C. Perez, S. Frey **Mass Captain:** Bowmaker

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

Jolinda Yoker, Nancy Derryberry, Larry Kellner, John Murphy, Christopher Siegismund, Michael Siegismund, Shirley Kutz, Elaine Schapp, Mildred Otradovec, Carolee Struble, Amy Mort, Rosemary Sebek, Pat Lohmeyer, Laura Beuerlein, Maryann Jennings, George Krudwig, Joe & Marion Petersen, Joe Miller, Richard & Marian McNabb. *May they experience God's grace and healing power.*

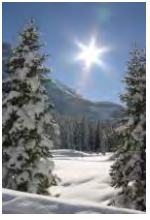
PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

Please pray for the following friends and family of Sacred Heart in the military: Jesus Orozco, Jr., Andres Orozco, Kevin Petersen, Thomas Milam, Christopher Siegismund, Chris Michael, Michael Kellner, Aaron Kellner, Aaron Belt, Carlo Lorge, Tessi Bowmaker, Will Hornback, Ken Austin, Jason Jennings, Jenna Murphy, Emilio Valdez, David Lukansky, Daniel Newsome, Donald Moor, Ben Grote, Heath Jennings, Peter Pohl and Thomas J. Peebles

OUR GIFT TO GOD JANUARY 2012

Envelopes: \$404	Total: \$3,209
Plate: \$628.80	Total: \$2,849.02
Other Donations: \$1,235	Total: \$5,654
Capital Fund: \$26	Total: \$834.10
Maintenance: \$200	Total: \$1,424.08
Outreach Fund: \$0	Total: \$223

INCLEMENT WEATHER



We will follow the Springfield School decisions regarding inclement weather. If the schools are closed due to bad weather, we will not have the 8:00 am morning Mass on that day (or if Tuesday, the evening 7:00 pm Mass). Hopefully, this will help eliminate any questions about whether or not we will have Mass on inclement weather days.

HEART TO HEART LADIES RETREAT

All ladies of Sacred Heart are invited to attend a retreat given for us by Sr. Judy Warmbold at the Mercy Center in St. Louis on April 27-29, 2012. The total cost is \$141 per person, double occupancy or \$189 for single occupancy. All meals are provided and we will car pool to the Center. Bring snacks to share. To reserve your place, please fill a registration form (available from the office) and return it with a non-refundable \$50 deposit to the Parish Office by January 15. Space is limited so please reserve early. Final payment will be due no later than March 22. Massage therapists will be available for the cost of \$40 per hour.

HEART TO HEART LADIES GROUP

Heart to Heart is off to a great start with our next meeting on Saturday, February 11th at 8:30 am in the Parish Hall. This will be a Pot Luck Breakfast so bring your favorite breakfast dish, your own decorated Valentine Box or Bag and cards to hand out. This is going to be an old-fashioned Valentine's card exchange – just like the ones we had in Elementary School. Carmen Perez will be giving a presentation on St. Valentine. We look forward to **ALL** the ladies attending. Remember, all ladies of Sacred Heart are automatically members and are encouraged to attend all our functions. Special thanks to our Outgoing Officers – Raquel Lawson and Ellen Chindlund. Thanks for your service over the past year. Congratulations to our New Officers – Patti Otradovec, Chair; Julie Sebek, Co-Chair; Ruth Kellner, Secretary and Sue Hornback, Treasurer.

VALENTINE DINNER AND DANCE



The Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance will be held at Sacred Heart Parish for Sacred Heart Parishioners on Saturday, February 18 beginning at 6:00 pm. Dinner will be prepared by Chef Tony Garcia of Avanzare. Menu will consist of Cesar Salad, Cheese Ravaoli in Tomato Sauce, Three-Cheese Tortellini in Mushroom Alfredo Sauce, Bone-in Chicken Breast Stuffed with Mozzarella Cheese, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, and Mini-Cheesecakes. Music will be by the "Wings of Swing" Band that plays a variety of music from the 40's, 50's, etc. The cost of the ticket is \$20 per person. You can bring your own wine, or wine, both red and white, will be available for a suggested donation of \$20 for the bottle. Seating is limited so reservations will be confirmed when payment is received in the office. ***Child care is optional and will be available only for ages 10 and under. If you are in need of child care, you must contact the office and give them the name and age of the child. Only registered children will be admitted. Children will not be allowed in the Hall at any time. They will have their own menu and their own space with activities that are age appropriate. Children will need to be dropped off by the parent/guardian and then picked up after the event. This will be strictly enforced.***

FRIDAY LENTEN DINNERS

On Friday evenings during Lent, we will again have our traditional "Soup and Stations" but will also have one or two Friday Fish Fry's. It is always nice to gather in fellowship before entering the Church for the Stations of the Cross. The dinner will start at 6:00 pm followed at 7:00 pm by the Stations. Please plan on joining us during this time of Lent, we always have wonderful soups, breads, crackers, etc. The dates are: February 24, March 2, March 9, March 16, March 23 and March 30. We are looking for volunteer committees to take one of the Fridays. Fundraising has agreed to take March 16. Right now we are planning on having the Fish Fry on Friday, March 9. More details will be available in an upcoming bulletin.

ALTAR SPONSOR FOR FEBRUARY

Heart to Heart Ladies Group
In Honor Of
All the Ladies of the Parish

BROTHER'S KEEPER

Larry and Ruth Kellner will deliver food for the month of February to "The Kitchen" for My Brother's Keeper. Thank you Sacred Heart parishioners for your continued support.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Representative from the Knights of Columbus will be in the Gathering Space on Saturday, February 18 after the 4:00 pm Mass and on Sunday, February 19 after the 9:30 am Mass to answer any questions you may have about the Knights, and to talk about their Mission. They will also have applications available for anyone interested in joining the Knights.

THE MIRROR

Please renew your subscription to the Diocesan Newspaper, *The Mirror*. The subscription cost is \$14 per family for the entire year. The paper contains informational articles on issues facing the diocese, the country, and the world. While \$14 may seem like a small amount per household, the total for the parish is approximately \$2,500. Please help us by putting your subscription price, and that of someone else who cannot afford it, in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office. Anything over your subscription amount is tax deductible. Thank you for supporting the diocese and Sacred Heart.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE BREAKFAST

The Fundraising Committee will be having a breakfast on Sunday, February 19 from 10:00 am until 12:30 pm in the Parish Hall. The menu will include scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, tortillas, salsa, juice, milk and coffee. Please come and join us for a delicious breakfast that morning. The charge will be a donation which will be used towards the purchase of new chairs for the Parish Hall.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Sacred Heart will hold their first ever Trivia Night on Saturday, February 25th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. The cost is \$10 per person. The theme for the evening and for your table will be Children's Movies. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Fries and Drinks will be available for a small charge. The funds raised from the evening will be to help with the PSR and RCIA programs. For reservations, please contact the office at 869-3646. Help us to make this evening a huge success by signing up your team or teams. Prizes will be awarded. We know we will see all our parishioners competing in this Trivia Night. Come and show off your Trivia knowledge.

NEWS AROUND THE AREA

BOY SCOUTS, GIRL SCOUTS

There are only 6 weeks remaining to finish your Catholic religious awards. These include Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Brownies and Girl Scouts. All completed applications must be submitted to Ben Francka, 829 W. Rockwood Street, Springfield, Missouri 65807, or to Linda Becker at the Girl Scout Office in Springfield. If you have any questions, please contact Ben Francka at 861-8847.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

In today's gospel it tells us that Jesus went off to a deserted place to pray; He took the time to refresh his spirit. When was the last time you took time to get away as a couple and renew your relationship? Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend in the Branson/Springfield area on March 9-11, and September 14-16, 2012. For more information, please contact Mark and Michelle Blackwell at 417-699-0401.

CAMP RE-NEW-ALL

Registration forms for Camp Re-NEW-All are available on the Bulletin Board in the Gathering Area, or will be made available on the diocesan website at www.dioscg.org after February 1. Please contact Rosie Francka at rfrancka@dioscg.org or 417-866-0841 if you have questions. Camp Re-NEW-All dates are as follows for Cassville and Fredericktown:

Session 1C--July 2-6, Session 5C--July 30-August 3
Session 2C--July 9-13, Session 1F--June 11-15
Session 3C--July 16-20, Session 2F--June 18-22
Session 4C--July 23-27, Session 3F--June 25-29

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

The next Virtus training sessions are scheduled for:

Saturday, February 11, 2012, St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Ozark, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon
Monday, March 12, 2012, Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Branson, from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Pre-registration is necessary: Go to www.virtus.org and click on registration on the left, or register at the training by arriving early. Participants must be present for the entire training, and sessions are for adults only. Updated schedules may be found at www.virtus.org or at www.dioscg.org. If you volunteer or work in any capacity at the parish, you must participate in the VIRTUS training.

CATHOLIC CENTER OPENING

The Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau seeks a qualified applicant to fill a full-time administrative assistant position for the Office of Religious Education. Duties also include clerical support for the Offices of Worship, Hispanic Ministry and Family Ministries. Applicants must be a practicing Roman Catholic. Qualified individuals will possess excellent organizational skills, good oral and written communication skills and the ability to deal with the public. Applicants must be proficient in Microsoft Office. Some knowledge of desktop publishing, project planning, as well as the ability to prioritize tasks and work with several different supervisors is helpful. To request an application, packet, please call Jan Smith at the Catholic Center at 866-0841. All applications must be received at the Catholic Center by February 15th. The anticipated start date is March 15.

POSITION AT ST. JOSEPH PARISH

St. Joseph Parish in Springfield is looking for a full-time Administrative Assistant. The position will include managing all administrative aspects of the office. Applicants must be a practicing Roman Catholic and be able to work independently, be proficient in computers and Microsoft Suites software. Please send your resume to the office at stjosephmo@yahoo.com.

ST. JOSEPH ACADEMY

AN EVENING AT HIS TABLE

You Can Help. St. Joseph Catholic Academy is seeking donations of wine valued at \$10 or above for our Evening at His Table fundraiser. Evening at His Table will be held Saturday, March 3rd, 2012, at the Tower Club. The donated wine will be used at the event to raise money for the Academy. To donate, please contact either Rose Leyva, Sacred Heart representative, at 889-4402 or by email at tejanos2008@yahoo.com or Bob Horton, Event Chair, at 224-5790 or rmhorton711@gmail.com.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday-1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13

Psalm 132:6-10

Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday-1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30

Psalm 84:3-5, 10-11

Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday-1 Kings 10:1-10

Psalm 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40

Mark 7:14-23

Thursday-1 Kings 11:4-13

Psalm 106:3-4, 35-37, 40

Mark 7:24-30

Friday-1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19

Psalm 81:10-11ab, 12-15

Mark 7:31-37

Saturday-1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34

Psalm 106:6-7AB, 19-22

Mark 8:1-10

Sunday-Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11

Mark 1:40-45