

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
FEBRUARY 5, 2012**

Monday, February 6, St. Paul Miki and Companions

8:15AM Mike Jungewaelter by Mom & Dad

Tuesday, February 7

8:15AM Roberta Postman by Rudell Figiel

Wednesday, February 8, St. Jerome Emiliani;
St. Josephine Bakhita

10:30AM Brian Petrowske by Donna & Gary Eggemeyer

Thursday, February 9

No Mass

Friday, February 10, St. Scholastica

8:15AM Carl Gardiner by Jack & Bernice Prather

Saturday, February 11, Our Lady of Lourdes

5:00PM John Cheslick by Jewell & Family

Sunday, February 12

9:00AM For The Parish

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK FEB. 5TH THRU FEB. 12TH

Sunday	10AM-11AM PSR Class Preschool Sunday School During 9AM Mass
Monday	11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon 7PM PTO Meeting - Library
Tuesday	7PM Fanning the Flame Discussion Group
Wednesday	10:30AM Mass at Three Springs 7PM Pastoral Planning Cluster Meeting @ Parish House
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off
Friday	Mass at 8:15AM - All School Mass
Saturday	5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: The story of Job seems at first hearing to be an extension of February's gloom into the liturgy. The monumental suffering of a good man is so horrific that the laments of the front page of modern newspapers barely measure up. The whole story is not long to tell, but its resolution is of great comfort. We can trace in its plot the stirrings of a belief in an afterlife, and in God's great power to right every wrong and raise human beings from suffering. In the Gospel, we see the fulfillment of these longings in the hand of Jesus, grasping an ill woman by the hand and raising her up to vibrant life. Peter's mother-in-law becomes her best self, attentive to her guests, providing hospitality, the warmth of her laughter, the delights of her kitchen. Last week, at Candlemas, candles were blessed, including baptismal candles for some not yet born. Today is a day to check the fragile flame of your own baptismal candle. Against February's customary lethargy, its background whines and ailments, the liturgy summons us to life, grasps us by the hand, and sends us to serve in Christ's name.

SERVERS SCHEDULE: Sun., Feb. 12, 5PM, Nick Heffernan, Jared Meyer; 9AM, Rachael Niermann, Hannah Schweizer

OUR GIFTS TO GOD for Jan. 29: \$7,182.68 from 174 env.; V. Lights, \$29.00; Children, \$5.50

CCW - The next CCW (Sodality) meeting will be Monday, February 13 at the K of C Hall. The meeting will begin at 7PM followed by refreshments. All Parish women are welcome. If you need a ride call Veneta AT 618-521-4119 OR Sheila at 618-615-6644.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: HINDSIGHT

God's presence is not discerned at the time when it is upon us, but afterwards, when we look back

MESSENGER RENEWAL WEEKEND - Where can you find out what is happening in the Diocese of Belleville, a neighboring parish or one across the state? Where can you find stories of faith from many areas of the diocese, across the nation or around the world? The Messenger, your local diocesan newspaper, brings news of events important in your parish, your diocese and the universal church. Please stay "connected" through a subscription to The Messenger. Annual subscriptions are \$25.00 (less than one month of cable TV), and envelopes are provided in your parish envelope packet.

ACTS RETREAT FOR WOMEN.....(Adoration, Community, Theology and Service) Immaculate Conception Parish, Columbia, IL is hosting a Women's ACTS Retreat Feb. 23-26 at Sojourn Retreat Center in Dittmer, MO. We invite the women of our neighboring parishes to join us. The retreat begins and ends at Immaculate Conception Church. The ACTS weekend inspires, encourages, and challenges. It is put on by lay women for lay women, with the support of parish priests. Take a leap of faith, put yourself in the hands of others, give yourself some quality time with Jesus. Make a retreat part of the beginning of your Lenten journey. Retreat fee: \$212 includes all transportation, food, lodging and community. Questions or need additional information? Contact Karen Lucash 314-740-2101 or the Immaculate Conception Parish Office 618-281-5105.

ST. MARY'S ANNUAL SPRING GALA DINNER & AUCTION will be March 24, 2012. Gala Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. To date we have brought in \$270.00. **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT** in donating new & quality items for the Silent & Main Auctions. Please turn in a **DONATION SHEET** for each item you donate. This is important. Return these via the collection or drop in the box in the rear of church. Donation slips should be turned in by the end of February. Cash Donations are also Welcome. Why not call a neighbor or family member & donate something together. For example: An Octagon Picnic Table, Quilt Rack, Oak Wall Clock, Gas Grill, Solid Oak Rocker, TV & DVD combination; His & Hers Matching Watch Set, Cedar Chest, a Basket of Cheese/Crackers. If you have any questions, you can call Donna Ritter at 826-3706; Kathy Albrecht at 534-9674; or Cathy Sauer at 826-2528.

K OF C FISH FRY: The next fish fry is Friday, Feb. 10th. The benefit is for the K.C. Pro Life Fund
Fish Fry on Feb. 17 is for St. Mary's Help a Student
Fish Fry on Feb. 24 is for K.C. Newman Fund

BRAGGIN RIGHTS Game is March 31, 2012. This year it is Alumni Volleyball. St. Mary's gym will be open for practice every Sunday starting Feb. 5th from 10:30 - Noon. If you have any questions you can call Alison Blechle at 826-2992.

ALL YOU CAN EAT, BUFFET BREAKFAST, Sunday, Feb. 12, Evansville Knights of Columbus Hall. Serving from 7AM - 12PM. Dining or carry out's available. Sponsored by the Msgr Tecklenburg Columbian Squires.