

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Rosary Cathedral:

When asked what church devotions middle-aged to senior members of the Catholic faith remember from their childhood, three are often recalled: ashes on Ash Wednesday, palms on Palm Sunday and the blessing of throats on the feast of Saint Blaise (February 3). I remember as a child how this latter devotional practice evoked a certain curiosity among all of us in the classroom as sister told us the story of the saintly man who saved a young boy from pain and subsequent death after swallowing a fish bone lodged in his throat. I do not recall eating much fish at the time, but the image of that young child and the fish bone in the throat kept me and my classmates spellbound. The other aspect of this devotion that remains clear in my mind was the feeling of having two candles (that seemed ice-cold) crossed and placed on my neck. One girl in my first grade class avoided having her throat blessed since she was convinced that the priest giving the blessing was going to light the wick of those blessed candles and catch her hair on fire. Of course, the candles we never lit, but she was bound and determined something odd was going to happen on the feast of St. Blaise. I remember how holy we felt having this special blessing, and doubly sure I would be successful in avoiding a winter cold and sore throat (I was 6 or 7 years old!). Such devotional practices and others experienced in the Catholic Church are intended to lead us to the sacraments. These ritual practices are known as "sacramentals".

At the conclusion of the Masses at Rosary Cathedral this weekend, we will be offering the annual Blessing of Throats in observance of the feast of Saint Blaise. This venerable saint lived during the fourth century and served the people of God as a bishop. His claim to fame among the Catholic saints was not a matter of the story involving the young child and the fish bone only, but rather the abilities and skills used even though he was restrained and imprisoned. Legend has it that Blaise was a physician before he was elevated to the role of bishop. It was during his imprisonment that the incident with the young boy supposedly occurred. During the Middle Ages, popular devotions inspired by the lives and deeds of the saints begin to increase. Persons with ailments concerning the throat prayed to God through the intercession of St. Blaise to seek God's protection and care. Over the course of time, the devotional practice of blessing throats becomes formalized and is associated with the kindness and love of Saint Blaise.

Important to our present-day observance of St. Blaise is the formula spoken by the priests or deacons who

seek to rid people of ailments involving the throat, but any form of evil. I always knew that Lent was not far away when our throats were blessed on or near the feast of St. Blaise. We are several weeks away from this holy time of reconciliation. More will be reported on that in the coming weeks.

God bless you these winter days,  
Father Singler

***Liturgies for the Week***

**February 5 - 11, 2007**

Monday	7:00 a.m.	✠ No Intention
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	✠ Bishop James R. Hoffman
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	✠ No Intention
Wednesday	8:35 a.m.	✠ No Intention
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	✠ Msgr. Bernard E. Smith
Thursday	5:00 p.m.	✠ Deceased Clergy of the Diocese
Friday	7:00 a.m.	✠ No Intention
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	✠ Deceased Monks of Saint Meinrad Archabbey
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	✠ Andrew Beke
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	✠ Jack Maher
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	✠ Thomas Bolger



***Please Pray For***

The following have asked for our prayers:

Marsha Andrzejewski, Frank Annarino, Timothy Bohland, Enrique Canales, Augustine Escobar, Jason Greener, Ann Hammer, Edward Kosmatak, Marilyn Kurtzman, Judith Lerner, Robert McDonagh, Grace Nasser, Eileene Rafferty, Lydia Ramirez, Mabel Rice, David Rodriguez, Ronald Rodriguez, Charles D. and Rita Singler (Parents of Fr. Singler), and Frank Sniadecki.

**READINGS FOR TODAY**

Simon Peter is overwhelmed by God's power to the point of exclaiming, "Leave me, Lord, I am a sinful man." We too have known this powerful love in our lives, yet we ask not that the Lord should leave us but rather draw near in this liturgy and heal us once again through word and sacrament.

**In the First Reading,** Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

God seeks a servant to preach to the people. A prophet steps forward to accept the task.

**In the Second Reading,** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11

Paul reminds us of the gospel he has been preaching. In accordance with the Scriptures, the crucified Jesus was raised from the dead for our salvation.

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### In the Gospel, Luke 5:1-11

Jesus employs a miraculous catch of fish to call and commission his disciples for the mission of catching people.

#### Next week's Readings:

February 11, 2007 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Jeremiah 17:5-8

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Gospel Luke 6:17, 20-26

#### **Offertory Report for January 27 & 28, 2007**

88 Regular Offertory Envelopes	\$ 3,048.00
Loose	\$ 492.33
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,540.33</b>
Mailed Offertory	\$ 605.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 4,145.33</b>
Average 31 weeks	\$ 3,799.61
Weekly Needed	\$ 6,388.40
Total Year to Date Needed	\$ 198,040.52
Total Year to Date Received	\$ 117,787.92
Shortfall Year to Date	\$ 80,252.60
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 10.00
Parish School Expenses	\$ 50.00
Initial Offering	\$ 15.00

#### ✠ MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY ✠

**The annual Mass for Deceased Clergy of the Diocese of Toledo will be celebrated at Rosary Cathedral this Thursday, February 8, 2007 at 5:00 P.M. The faithful of the diocese are invited to this celebration.**

## Choir

### **Notre Dame Choirs to visit of Rosary Cathedral**

**this** Friday night, **February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.** the University of Notre Dame Celebration and Handbell Choirs will visit Rosary Cathedral for a concert of sacred music. The ND Handbell Choir, comprised of four octaves of English-styled bells currently includes Toledo native Jeremy Klein, member of St. Joan of Arc Parish. The 35 member Celebration Choir includes a variety of instrumentalists incorporated into the choral harmonies of the group, including strings, flute, guitar, the Irish bodhran, and the African djembe. Both groups are under the direction of Karen Schneider Kirner. Admission is free. Please plan to attend this wonderful evening with inspirational and talented youth from the University of Notre Dame!



*Mark your calendars!* Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral will sponsor a **Blood Drive** on **Friday, April 13, 2007, from 1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.** in the Monsignor Bernard E. Smith Auditorium (Gym). **Note change in date.** Please support the Red Cross by giving the Gift of Life.

Separated or divorced men and women are invited to attend a retreat offered at the Franciscan Renewal Center in Carey, Ohio the weekend of **February 23-25, 2007.** The presenter is Fr. Tom Radloff, SJ. Fr. Radloff is currently at St. John's Jesuit High School in Toledo. He has been giving retreats in the States and Europe since 1963, and is a certified Michigan State marriage and Family Therapist. The theme of this weekend retreat will be: Can I live with my loss? The cost is \$115.00, which covers room, linens, meals, and retreat material. A \$25.00 deposit with your registration would be appreciated. If you need financial assistance, we have ways to assist you. To register or if you have any questions, contact Brother Randy Kin OFM Conv. by e-mail [retreats@olcshrine.com](mailto:retreats@olcshrine.com) or by phone (419) 396-7970 or contact Tim Etue at Catholic Charities, (419) 244-6711 ext. 404 or 1-800-926-8277 (outside Toledo, within Ohio) or by e-mail [tetue@toledodiocese.org](mailto:tetue@toledodiocese.org)

The 2007 Lourdes College Ecumenical Lecture presents:  
**A Table in the Wilderness**

#### **Communion and Disagreement in the Churches: The Case of Contemporary Anglicanism**

Sunday, February 25, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. at the Franciscan Center of Lourdes College, Sylvania. Guest Speaker: Reverend Thomas E. Breidenthal, Ph.D. Free and open to the public. For information call 419-824-3819 or visit: [www.lourdes.edu/ecumenical](http://www.lourdes.edu/ecumenical) Offered in cooperation with Toledo Area Ministries and the Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs Commission.

#### **Adoption Information Meeting Domestic & International Adoptions**

Catholic Charities Family Connection's Department is offering an "Adoption Information Meeting" on **March 6, 2007 at 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm** at St. Wendelin's Parish Life Center, 313 N. Wood St., Fostoria, OH. Information will be given on our Domestic adoption program, International adoptions, the home study process and much more! The cost is \$35.00. If you are interested in attending or finding out more on adoption please call Kathy Kwiatkowski at 419-244-6711 ex. 440.

**Counseling Assistance Fund.** Are you or is someone you know a survivor of sexual abuse by a representative of the Church? The Catholic Bishops through the Catholic Conference of Ohio have created a Counseling Assistance Fund to help those who have been harmed. This Fund is designed to provide counseling or similar mental health services through a process independent of the Church. Claims may be submitted through May 15, 2008. For more information go to the website at [www.counselingassistancefund.org](http://www.counselingassistancefund.org)

### Peer Support Group Facilitator Training

Have you ever wished there was a group for sharing and support...for the younger bereaved widow/widower? ...for the adult children who are their parent's caretaker? ...for those who have received a "pink slip"?...for those who have a family member in jail or prison? You can now make that wish a reality!

A three-day training on techniques of group facilitation and peer support ministry will be held at The 577 Foundation in Perrysburg Ohio on **April 19-21, 2007** from 9am to 4pm. Topics include, but are not limited to, Communication, Listening Skills, Role of Facilitator, Confidentiality, Support and Boundaries for Facilitators, Dealing with Loss and Change, and Handling Anger and Conflict Situations. The training will be both informational and experiential. Fourteen contact hours for Social Workers/Counselors and Nurses, and Deacons available. A discount is available if registration form and fee are received before **March 30, 2007**. Space is limited to 20 participants. For more information, please contact Germaine Kirk, Social Ministry Program Coordinator at 419.241.6711, ext. 431 or [gkirk@toledodiocese.org](mailto:gkirk@toledodiocese.org).



The Toledo Rockets Athletic Department invites you to **Family Day on Sunday, March 4** as the Rockets men's basketball team hosts Central Michigan at 2:00 p.m. in Savage Hall. Families of 10

people or less will get in for only **\$5.00!** You may buy your tickets in advance at the UT ticket office or you can purchase your tickets at the door on game day while supplies last. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Terry Corcoran at 419-530-5432 or via email at [terry-corcoran@utoledo.edu](mailto:terry-corcoran@utoledo.edu).



**Monday, February 5, 2007**

- 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Weekly Staff Meeting (Act. Rm. II)
- 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. RC Boys & Girls Basketball Prac. (Gym)

- 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Diocesan Choir Prac. (Choir Rm.)
- Tuesday, February 6, 2007**
- 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. RC Boys & Girls Basketball Prac. (Gym)
  - 7:00 p.m. Tour: Little Flower RCIA (Cath)

**Wednesday, February 7, 2007**

- 8:35 a.m. Mass Grs. 1 & 2 (Chapel)
- 3:00 p.m. Diocesan Confirmation Meeting (Act. Rm. II)
- 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. RC Boys & Girls Basketball Prac. (Gym)
- 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Cath. Choir Practice (Choir Rm.)
- 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Café)

**Thursday, February 8, 2007**

- 5:00 p.m. Mass for Deceased Clergy (Cath)
- 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. RCIA (Act. Rm. II)

**Friday, February 9, 2007**

- 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Mtg. (Act. Rm. II)
- 7:30 p.m. University of Notre Dame Celebration Choir and Handbell Choir Concert (Cath)

**Saturday, February 10, 2007**

- 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Children's' Choir Workshop (Gym)

**Sunday, February 11, 2007**

- 9:15 a.m. R.C.I.A. (Act. Rm. II)
- 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class (Act. Rm. I)

### HUMAN SEXUALITY SEMINAR

How can sex lead us to God? On Saturday, March 31, 2007, Christopher West will speak on John Paul II's Theology of the Body during a 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. seminar in Toledo, entitled "Good News about Sex and Marriage." This seminar is open to singles, married couples, and religious men and women. Registration costs are discounted prior to March 1. For more information and to register, look for the flyer and pamphlets at your parish or visit [www.creedoncampus.com/cwest](http://www.creedoncampus.com/cwest). Questions? Email: [creed@bgsu.edu](mailto:creed@bgsu.edu).

### Lutheran and Catholic Pilgrimage to Europe

You are invited to join Bishop Leonard Blair and Lutheran Bishop Marcus Lohrmann in "A Journey Toward Understanding," and eleven-day Lutheran and Catholic Ecumenical Pilgrimage to Germany and Italy, from **October 17 through October 27, 2007**. Visit and pray together at sites in Germany where the Protestant Reformation began, in Rome where Pope Benedict is today calling all Christians to work and pray for greater visible unity in the church and in Assisi, home of St. Francis, a saint beloved by all Christians. For more information and a descriptive color brochure contact the Diocesan Ecumenical Officer, Father James Peiffer, 215 Church Street, Oak harbor, OH 43449 (419-898-1389) or call Ms. Terrie Albert or Miss Sally Oberski at the diocesan Catholic Center in Toledo (419-244-6711). "That all may be one..." (John 17:21)

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

DAY & TIME	SAT Feb. 10 4:30 PM	SUN Feb. 11 9:00 AM	SUN Feb. 11 11:00 AM	SAT Feb. 17 4:30 PM	SUN Feb. 18 9:00 AM	SUN Feb. 18 11:00 AM
DEACON	Deacon Henderson	Deacon Henderson	Deacon Henderson	Deacon Keran	Deacon Keran	Deacon Keran
LECTORS	1. S. Blaskovic 2. J. Paden	1. B. Ankenbrandt 2. J. McKittrick	1. T. Desmond 2. J. Malhoit	1. P. Felton 2. J. Felton	1. M. Glowacki 2. E. Glowacki	1. D. Lippold 2. S. Avina
EXTRA- ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	3. M. Canales 4. B. Beerbower	3. B. J. Stevens 4. K. Wielfaert	1. M. Warrick 2. E. Salazar 3. M. Tran 4. D. Pribor 5. S. Avina 6. Master of Ceremonies	3. M. L. Snyder 4. T. Wevers	3. J. Marciniak 4. T. Marciniak	1. I. Angelo 2. R. Angelo 3. C. Keran 4. L. Nordhaus 5. D. Tomczak 6. S. Schneider
MC's	M. Leasor	M. Leasor	D. Hoffman	D. Hoffman	M. Leasor	M. Leasor
ALTAR SERVERS	A. Dillon <i>Need</i>	C. Gackstetter C. Lightfoot T. Taylor	J. Rodriguez M. Rodriguez M. Marquez	M. Blaskovic G. Hoffman	P. Dysard T. Dysard	K. Ramos J. Ramos T. Ramos
USHERS	R. Snyder J. Ibarra E. Ibarra V. Fantozzi	H. Hanley M. Coleman B. Johnson L. Hemmelgarn	M. Wagner C. Renner J. Maher M. Torres	R. Snyder J. Ibarra E. Ibarra V. Fantozzi	H. Hanley M. Coleman B. Johnson L. Hemmelgarn	M. Wagner C. Renner J. Maher M. Torres