

Third Sunday In Ordinary Time January 25, 2009

Keep us, Father,
in the joy of Your Kingdom!

The Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA): You may have heard about the very serious threat to human life that will be presented for passage in the new Congress entitled The Freedom of Choice Act. If this extreme measure is enacted, nationwide regulations on abortion will be set back dramatically and perhaps, permanently. **Our voices are needed now more than ever!** Throughout the United States, dioceses are participating in a nationwide effort to help prevent passage of this radical bill, which President Obama has promised to sign. In our own Diocese, the following has been approved by the Bishop:

1. A preprinted postcard expressing opposition to FOCA was inserted into the **January 23rd edition of the *Messenger*** urging readers to sign the postcard and mail to their political leaders.

2. A supply of postcards will also be available to our parish for those who were unable to send the *Messenger* postcard insert.

3. A new web site (www.fightfocanky.com) has been established for our Diocese, giving people the opportunity to sign a letter to their senator and representative that will be mailed directly from this web site to their respective legislator.

You are encouraged to engage in helping prevent passage of this far-reaching and extremely devastating piece of legislation.

Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
"Now get up and go into the city and you will be told what you must do."
Acts: 22:3-16

As a young man, Saul was sent to Jerusalem to be a student of the famed Rabbi Gamaliel. After his encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus, he spent time discovering "what you must do." He realized that he could not be an Apostle of Jesus without risking the same fate as Jesus. Later, in Jerusalem, Saul said, "I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel; educated strictly in our ancestral law and was zealous for God, just as you are today." Then, "Whatever gains I had, these I have come to consider a loss because of Christ." Paul's faith in Jesus as the Christ moved him to spend his life to preach the Gospel from Jerusalem to Rome, establishing communities of people who believed in Jesus. We are all called to the same conversion St. Paul experienced. We are called to constant conversion and renewal in order to respond as Paul responded – willing to suffer much and risk all to show and share with all we meet the love of Christ. Are we willing to respond like Paul to our conversion?

A Parent Meeting for children who will be celebrating First Reconciliation will be held in the Covington Latin School next Sunday, February 1, at 11:15 a.m.

Stewardship: The happiness that God wants for us starts with the recognition that everything in life is a gift. There is a special happiness in returning these gifts in thanksgiving to God by sharing them with others.

For Reflection and Sharing: Below is a question of the week developed from the Sunday Readings. If you wish to reflect on this or discuss this in your family or prayer group, please feel free to do so. First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Gospel: Mark 1:14-20. Question: When have you experienced the Kingdom of God?

Magazine Rack and Bookrack: We want to call your attention to our magazine rack in the back of the Cathedral and also our library bookshelves.

Our magazine rack has excellent magazines for you to purchase and take home and enjoy. We have monthly booklets that are good for daily reading of the Scriptures and liturgy. We have current events and spirituality topics in *America Magazine* and *The Bible Today* and self-help interest magazines such as the *Catechist*, *Religion Teachers Journal*, *Today's Parish*, and *Saint Anthony Messenger*. We have *Sojourners* that talks about social justice. We have payment envelopes on the rack that we ask you to use. This helps us to keep track of what you purchased. We have found that people take magazines and do not let us know how they paid for them. When you purchase a magazine, please use the payment envelope.

The library books are for you to use and return.

Cathedral Concert is scheduled for Sunday, February 22, at 3:00 p.m. Featured will be the Miami University (Ohio) Chorus. Featured will be Chamber Singers and Choraliers with William Bausano, Director of Chorus.

2008 Tax Statements: We are truly grateful for everyone's generous response to all of the financial needs of the church during 2008. If you need a statement of donations, please call the Rectory and leave your name and phone number. We will send them out as soon as possible.

The Northern Kentucky Justice and Peace Committee is sponsoring a presentation on Human Trafficking in Kentucky. The speaker will be the Northern Kentucky Human Trafficking Outreach Coordinator, who will present local facts, signs to watch for, and what we can do to prevent this growing concern in our region. This will take place on January 27 at 7:00 p.m. at Madison Avenue Christian Church, 1530 Madison Avenue, Covington. All are welcome.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: February 1, 2009

4:30 p.m. (Vigil) Lector: Kathleen Stutler

Holy Communion: Laura Schaller,
Terry Pagan, Doran
and Georgiana Reed,
Chris Hovanitz

Altar: Gene Woolridge

10:00 a.m. Lectors: Michael Hampton and
Michael Brackel

Holy Communion: Lee and Annette Stilkey,
Helen Leist,
Emma Hollis, Mark and
Sheree Rodgers

Altar: Pontifical Servers

5:30 p.m. Lector: David Custer

Holy Communion: Vern Weller,
David and Laura Custer

Altar: Tyler Heist and
Michael Lyons

A tour will not be held today after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Holy Family School Annual Spaghetti Dinner: You are invited to join Holy Family School on Saturday, January 31, at 4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Benedict's Church. Dinner will be served after Mass in the lower level of Holy Family School. **Everyone is welcome.** This Mass will be the final celebration of Catholic Schools Week for Holy Family.

A Valentine's Dance will be held on Saturday, February 14, at the Briarwood Reception Hall, 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Cost is \$30.00 per person and \$40.00 at the door. All monies raised that night will go to the **Greater Cincinnati Alzheimer's Association.** Featured will be a silent auction, split the pot, door prizes and music by Tom Winkler. For advanced tickets, call Cris and Joe Suesz at 859-586-9779.

Pre-Valentine event, Saturday, February 7, from after 4:30 p.m. Mass until 9:00 p.m. in the Undercroft of St. Mary's Parish, Alexandria. Three couples from three eras will speak on how they have experienced God in the blessings/struggles of marriage, how faith has made a difference in their marriage, and how they have tried to instill the faith in their children. For more information and reservations, please call Ruth and Marty Schadler (859-781-6318). Cost is \$10.00 per couple. Registrations are due by the end of January.

The collection for Sunday, January 18th, will be listed in next week's bulletin.



Saturday, January 24

4:30 p.m. (Vigil) C. Knouff and Family

Sunday, January 25 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. Mark and Helen Theissen
5:30 p.m. Cathedral Congregation and
Benefactors

Monday, January 26 – Timothy and Titus, bishops

8:10 a.m. Latin School Mass
9:30 a.m. Jeffrey Clark

Tuesday, January 27 – Angela Merici, virgin

9:30 a.m. The Leicht Family

Wednesday, January 28 –

Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor

10:00 a.m. Mass for Catholic Schools Week

Thursday, January 29

9:30 a.m. Earl Bresser

Friday, January 30

9:30 a.m. Susan Nichols

Saturday, January 31 – John Bosco, priest

4:30 p.m. (Vigil) Intention of Paul Witte and
Candace Wright Witte

Sunday, February 1 –

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. Henry Hollis
5:30 p.m. Cathedral Congregation and
Benefactors

Sunday, January 25, is the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. Our celebration here at the Cathedral marks part of the Year of St. Paul.

The Morning Mass on Wednesday, January 28, will be at 10:00 a.m. to coincide with the Catholic Schools Week.

Remember our parishioners who are ill. May they find comfort in the healing touch of Jesus. In the hospital this past week were Marie Suedkamp and Vera Hicks. Also remember in your prayers James R. Hubbell, Sr., a parishioner of the Cathedral whose funeral was held on Saturday, January 17.

Insight Cable TV Mass, Sunday evenings at 5:30 p.m. on Cable Channel 6.