

May 2, 2010

My friends, today we hear Jesus giving us a new commandment. We are to love one another. It is not the command to love that is new, but the definition of neighbor: those who are like us, those who are not, those we find difficult to love and those for whom we have natural affection. All who are placed on our path are neighbors. As we remember that we baptized to be followers of Jesus, let us pray for the heart of Jesus, that we may love everyone.



 **Eucharistic Celebrations**

- Sun. 8:00 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving (R)
10:00 a.m. Thomas Holstine
- Mon. 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Candidates & Families
- Tues: 8:15 a.m. Jack & Rosemary Gwinner, Ann.
- Wed. 5:30 p.m. Dick Drazba
- Thurs. 8:15 a.m. Katherine Collins
- Fri. 7:00 a.m. Arnold Morris, Ann.
- Sat. 5:30 p.m. Jim Lampton
Sam Astorino, Ann.
- Sun. 8:00 a.m. Rosemary Gwinner
10:00 a.m. Bob & Vernon Steffey

ALTAR MINISTERS - May

5:30 p.m. Ministers of Eucharist:

Paul & Sue Sculley, Tabitha Houser, Kim Ahrens,
George & Peggy Walley, Tina Barbee - alt.

Minister of the Word: Kathi Moore

8:00 a.m. Ministers of Eucharist:

Joe & Julie Gwinner, Fran Hays, Dick Rupp, Sara Hooley,
Sharon Welch, Judy Kaylor - alt.

Minister of the Word: Janice Rupp

10:00 a.m. Ministers of Eucharist:

Frank & Janet Janes, Carey Toalson, Marilyn Kerkemeyer,
Pat & Rayburn Cook, Rich Deien - alt.

Minister of the Word: T.C. Pierceall

Greeters - May

- 5:30 p.m.** Don & Joyce Kesner, Judy Spratt
- 8:00 a.m.** Greg & Diane Addison, Gail Terrill
- 10:00 a.m.** Spike & Theresa Ehrhardt, Patti Osborne

Servers - May 8-9

- 5:30 p.m.** Joseph Meidl, Danny Norman, Ashton Oberman
- 8:00 a.m.** Daniel Fohey, Darrell Kelso, Brendan Watson
- 10:00 a.m.** Katie Beilsmith, Megan Beilsmith, Elaina Sculley



DYLAN SCHRADER'S

FIRST MASS Dylan Schrader will celebrate his First Mass at Holy Family on Sunday, May 23, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in church. Holy Family will host a meal for Dylan, his family, the parish, and his friends immediately following Mass in St. Michael's Hall. Everyone in the parish is invited to attend this celebration.



It is a great honor to have First Mass celebration at Holy Family. **We ask that you call the parish office, 221-1078, by Friday, May 14th if you plan to attend the Mass and meal.**

MISSOURI RIGHT TO LIFE YARD SALE

The Hannibal Chapter of Missouri Right to Life will be holding its 30th Annual Yard Sale at Hannibal LaGrange College, Mabee Sports Center. **The sale begins on Thursday, May 20 with the sneak preview from 4-7 p.m. (cost \$1). The sale will be held on Friday, May 21 from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sat., May 22 from 8 a.m. - Noon (50% off).**

Please drop off clothing & household items on Monday, May 17 through Wednesday, May 19 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (No mattresses please). Pies and desserts are needed for our bake sale. To volunteer, call Pat Murphy, 221-9920. Take Hwy. 168 to HLG Mabee Sports Complex and drop off donations in the back of the sports complex!



FR. MIKE'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Fr. Mike will be celebrating 40 years of priesthood on Sunday, June 6, 2010 with a celebration Mass at 4 p.m. in church and a barbecue to follow at the K of C grounds (casual dress). Everyone in the parish is invited to attend.

We plan on giving Fr. Mike a gift or gifts on his special day. If you wish to donate toward the gift/s please make your checks to Holy Family and designate on the memo or send a note along with the check that it is for his gift. You may drop it in the Sunday collection. Please join us in praise and thanksgiving as we celebrate Fr. Mike's 40 years of priesthood!

Pre-School Sunday School The final Sunday Pre-School Gospel lesson will be on Sunday, May 9th. May God bless all the helpers who volunteered their time to help keep the program going.

**THIS WEEK 
IN OUR PARISH**

Sun. 5/2

Congratulations to...Dick & Janice Rupp who are celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary. We ask God's special blessings upon you as you continue to seek and serve Him with and through each other!
Rosary in church before the 8 & 10 a.m. Masses
8 & 10 a.m. Masses - all are welcome!
4-6 p.m. Youth Praise Band in church

Mon. 5/3 7 p.m. CONFIRMATION in church - **We Welcome Bishop John R. Gaydos**, as he joins us to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. All are welcome to attend Confirmation. Reception to follow - St. Michael's Hall

Tues. 5/4 8:15 a.m. Mass in church
6 p.m. K of C Auxiliary Highway Clean-up & Election of Officers Meeting - K of C Hall
6:30 p.m. School Board Meeting - St. Elizabeth Room
7 p.m. Lourdes Rosary and Perpetual Help Devotions - Ilasco-Holy Cross chapel

Wed. 5/5 6th Grade Vocation Day in Jefferson City
5:30 p.m. Mass in church
7 p.m. Men's Bible Study - St. Elizabeth Room

Thurs. 5/6 8:15 a.m. Mass in church
5 p.m. Women's CRHP - St. Michael's Hall
6:30 p.m. Men's CRHP - St. Elizabeth Room
RCIA Closing Picnic - K of C Hall

Fri. 5/7 7:00 a.m. Mass in the chapel
9:00 a.m. Fri. to 8:30 a.m. Sat. - Eucharistic Adoration in the chapel

Sat. 5/8 Lay Retirement 2nd Collection at Mass
H.S. Youth Selling Carnations for Mother's Day
5:30 p.m. Mass - all are welcome!

Sun. 5/9 Lay Retirement 2nd Collection at Masses
H.S. Youth Selling Carnations for Mother's Day
8 & 10 a.m. Masses - all welcome!
4-6 p.m. Youth Praise Band in church

ETERNAL REST...We ask Eternal Rest O Lord for the Soul of Margie Smizaski, daughter-in-law of Ed & Dee Smizaski, of our parish

**Your Gifts To God
 And Parish...**

Offertory Budget 52 wks.	\$ 1,041,248.00
Needed to Date 43 wks.	882,145.00
Received to Date	871,130.86
Over (Under) for Year	(11,014.14)
Needed Each Week	20,515.00
Received April 24-25	26,772.46
The total for Apr. 24-25 is comprised of:	
Regular Envelopes & Loose	16,325.27
Youth Envelopes	87.19
Stole Fees	125.00
Memorials	65.00
Masses	20.00
Votive	15.00
School Support	310.00
Tuition	2,330.00
Registration	7,325.00
Religious Ed.	180.00
Easter (Infirm Priests)	30.00

Building Fund	35.00
Rice Bowl	54.50
World Missions	5.00
Catholic Home Missions	1,662.86

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION
MASS**



The graduation Mass will be on Sunday, May 23, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. The graduates will be in cap and gown for the Mass and in charge of all Mass preparations.

There will be a breakfast for graduates and their families after Mass.
 All high school graduates from all area high schools are welcome to participate. Please contact Mary Lynne Richards if you plan to attend. Email her at richards.ml@sbcglobal.net or call her at 573-795-5519.

May Devotion in honor of Our Blessed Mother

The Rosary will be said 30 minutes before each Mass during the month of May. Mary, the first believer and disciple of Jesus, has given us a wonderful meditation to know and become closer to Jesus. Please join us before our masses during May for this beautiful devotion.

PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY... It's time for a new Parish Pictorial Directory. We are planning this for August, 2010. We will need help with this project...so please think about volunteering! Call the parish office at 221-1078 if you are willing to help. Watch the bulletin for additional information.

COUNTRY ESTATES POOL - Membership forms for the Country Estates Pool were sent out electronically to member's email addresses. Hard copies of the forms were sent through the mail for members who did not list an email address. If you are interested in membership, please contact Kori Locke at 248-3563. The pool will open on Memorial Day weekend.

K OF C AUXILIARY DATES....

May 1-2 - Cinnamon Rolls for sale - after our weekend masses at church.

May 4 - 6:00 p.m. - Highway Clean-Up - All are welcome to help! After the Highway Clean-Up we will have the Election of Officers. All auxiliary members interested in running for an office, please call Jacki Thurman at 406-7940.

CEMETERY FEE CHANGES... Beginning July 1, 2010, the purchase of right to burial in Holy Family Cemetery will be \$500 per space. The current cost is \$400. The opening and closing cost (currently \$400) will also increase to \$500 with the exception of weekend burials which will be \$550.

If you think you are interested in purchasing right to burial in Holy Family Cemetery, please call the parish office at 221-1078 or contact Don Zeiger.

In Our Community Help "STAMP OUT HUNGER"
The 18th Annual Letter Carrier's Food Drive will be Saturday, May 8th. Put your non-perishable food items in a bag by your mailbox. The postal service will deliver these items to a Hannibal food bank.

If anyone is interested in helping with this drive you can call Rick Cummins at 221-0957 or 795-4508.

Hannibal Letter Carriers thank you for your support!

*Pray for
Vocations*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK - May 2-9

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27 Ps 145:8-13 Rv 21:1-5a
Jn 13:31-33a,34-35

Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-5 Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-13b,21
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-5 Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-3,10 Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-10,12
Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-2,3,5
Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2,22-29 Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8
Rv 21:10-14,22-23 Jn 14:23-29

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

"And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so must you love one another." John 13:34

Adults What are the obstacles in my life that hinder or impede me from freely loving as Jesus did - universally, completely, and without reserve?

Children When did I see Jesus' love in the word or actions of someone?

WEBSITE UPDATES

Need to learn more about upcoming church events? Please visit the Holy Family Parish website at www.myhollyfamily.com and check out the online calendar. Please contact the parish office if you wish to add items to the online calendar.

Liturgical schedules are available from the homepage of the church website at www.myhollyfamily.com.

The website is full of Parish event information, activities, and key school information, including a link to Option C. Check it out! If you have something to add to the website, please send an email to Tony White at webmaster@myhollyfamily.com to get it posted.

H.S. YOUTH SCHEDULE

- Mon., 5/3:** Confirmation - in church at 7:00 p.m.
- Sat./Sun., 5/8 & 5/9:** Carnation sales after Masses
- Sun., 5/16:** Car Wash - 10:00 a.m.
Bonfire & Picnic; Tye/Dye T-shirts - Noon at Markells
- Sat., 5/22:** 5:30 pm Mass - Youth led - Pentecost
- July 8, 9, 10** - Steubenville
- Aug. 4** - Back to School Pool Party, Welcome Freshmen



CAMP SIENA (High SchoolGirls Retreat)...How do you feel as you imagine yourself with a group of other high school aged young women as you experience the following:

- Visiting a nature park where there are rocks to climb
- Being on a pontoon boar having lunch on the Lake of the Ozarks
- Tubing and skiing on the Lake and being outdoors seeing God’s creation
- Now how do you react to seeing this same bunch of young women doing these things while on retreat:
- Listening to stories about heroines and role models - saints of the Catholic Church
- Learning how to live lives of virtue
- Living a truly feminine spirituality
- Attending, participating in and leading prayer services
- Attending daily mass and opportunities for reconciliation
- A chance to talk to a respected woman one-on-one each day
- Free time and personal prayer

You can imagine it! It is an exciting opportunity you do not want to miss from July 25-29 at St. Anthony in Camdenton, MO. It is open to high school freshmen to those entering their senior year of high school. We know this is going to be an awesome four days filled with God’s grace and a ton of fun and spiritual growth. Dates are July 25-29 and the cost is \$150. Call the parish office, 221-1078 if you are interested in Camp Siena

Pray for Our Priests:

- Fr. Joe Shetler, Fr. Pat Shortt, Fr. Christopher Smith, Fr. Mark Smith,
- Fr. David Veit, Msgr. Mike Wilbers, Fr. Tom Alber, Fr. Don Antweiler, Fr. Wayne Boyer,
- Fr. Frank Bussmann, Fr. Mike Coleman, Fr. Christopher Cordes, Fr. Joe Corel,
- Msgr. Dave Cox, Fr. Bill Debo, Fr. Pat Dolan, Fr. Lou Dorn, Fr. Pat Dowling, Fr. Brendan Doyle

PRO-LIFE NEWS Abortion Funding in the New Health Care Reform Act

- **Federal funds in the Act can be used for elective abortions.** For example, the Act authorizes *and appropriates* \$7 billion over five years (increased to \$9.5 billion by the Health Care and Reconciliation Act of 2010) for services at Community Health Centers. These funds are not covered by the Hyde amendment (as they are not appropriated through the Labor/HHS appropriations bill governed by that amendment), or by the Act’s own abortion limitation in Sec. 1303 (as that provision relates only to tax credits or cost-sharing reductions for qualified health plans, and does not govern all funds in the bill.) So the funds can be used directly for elective abortions. Watch the bulletin for more pro-life information in the Sundays to come.

Stewardship...In today's Gospel, Jesus gives His disciples-and us -a new commandment:"Love one another." Good stewards who spend their time and talents in service to others are well on their way to fulfilling this commandment.

SPECIAL THANKS TO...  **US Cable**
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WEDNESDAY MORNING CONNECTION... *Uniting Sunday's Scriptures with Current Events and Life in Today's Changing World, LPI publication, May 2, 2010*

In this weekend's Gospel—taken from the Last Supper discourse in John—Jesus gives a new commandment to his disciples: love one another. Jesus continues, telling his disciples that, “This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35).

By the time Tertullian was writing in North Africa at the end of the second and the beginning of the third centuries, he was able to state that the Carthaginian pagans could look at the believers and exclaim, “‘Vide,’ inquit, ‘ut invicem se diligant’” [“Look,” they say, “how they love one another.”] (*Apologeticum* 39:7) The early Christian community, which had spread from Jerusalem across North Africa in the 150 years since Jesus commanded his disciples to love, had made that love so evident that non-believers (and possibly even some persecutors) remarked on the fact of their love.

In his 1996 work, *The Rise of Christianity: A Sociologist Reconsiders History*, Rodney Stark looks at how Christianity rose to prominence as its expression of love cut across gender, class, and nationality in its earliest centuries. In chapter 4 of his work, Stark describes two epidemics in the Roman Empire [smallpox? in AD 165 and measles? in AD 260] in which roughly one quarter of the population was wiped out (something difficult for us to contemplate today). Within this context, Christians cared for their brethren, as Stark states, with a love that “extended beyond the bonds of family and tribe, indeed to ‘all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ’ (1 Cor. 1:2). These were revolutionary ideas.

“Pagan and Christian writers are unanimous not only that Christian Scripture stressed love and charity as central duties of the faith, but that these were sustained in everyday behavior.” (Stark, p. 86)

Love (and respect) is in short supply in many places these days. While we may decry the division in the U.S. Congress recently, it is nothing compared to the raucous display that took place in the Ukrainian Parliament on Tuesday. Lawmakers pelted the podium with eggs, put one another in headlocks, set off smoke bombs in the chamber, and poured glue into voting machines (<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/28/world/europe/28ukraine.html?hp>). The parliamentarians were voting on a deal to renew the lease for Russia's use of a Crimean port for its Black Sea fleet. For the past few years, Ukraine has been essentially a divided country, with its eastern half leaning toward Russia and its western half more oriented toward Europe. These divisions were made even more prevalent after the recent election.

Such stark political divisions have also been manifested in Thailand, Kyrgyzstan (with its American base supplying troops in Afghanistan), Sudan (which is edging toward division), Nigeria, and other lands.

While there are people who would consider the United States to be a country that is “religion-neutral,” there are others who would describe it as a Christian (or Judeo-Christian) nation. Whether we accept that view or not is of little consequence if we, as baptized individuals, cannot accept at the core of our being the command that Jesus gives to all who follow him: love one another. As Rodney Stark says, pagan and Christian writers were unanimous in describing how Christians sustained love and charity in everyday behavior.

Setting aside for the moment the belief that all people are created by the one God, we might ask ourselves what it would be like if Christians could just love other Christians as Jesus commands. Think a moment about all the different people you know who are (or who you presume to be) baptized. Would pagans today say about us as they did in the second century, “See how they love one another”? - **Paul Michaels**

Prayer Eternal God, your Son gave the command of love to all who follow him and believe in his name. Help us be faithful to his law and obedient to his teaching. May our love for our brothers and sisters be a sign of our service to you, the God of all love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

RETROUVAILLE... Retrouvaille is a program to help married couples overcome feelings of hopelessness. It can show couples how to heal their troubled marriages. The next Retrouvaille is June 4-6, 2010 in St. Louis, MO and has 6 follow-up sessions. You do not have to be Catholic and if you have financial difficulties, you are still invited to attend. Call Chuck and Linda at 314-453-0110 or call 1-800-470-2230 or visit:

www.retrouvaille.org