

A Look Behind the Scriptures

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Cycle B—January 29, 2012



READING 1 Deuteronomy 18:15-20

The institution of prophecy tells us much about God's relationship with the chosen people. A sure sign of love in any relationship is communication- the initiative to open one's mind and heart to another. Through the prophets, God was in constant communication with the people-encouraging, warning, comforting. A later chapter of Deuteronomy (34; 10) says "Since then no prophet has arisen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face". Moses could handle that kind of intimacy, but apparently the people could not. At Horeb, the Israelites has been so intimidated by the Divine Presence manifested in fire and thunder that they had actually asked God not to "speak" directly to them again, but use a human intermediary instead. Pleased, God granted the request.

Here Moses announces God's decision to send a prophet like himself whom they need not fear, for the people believed a direct encounter with God would result in death, since no mortal could survive God's Presence. But God warns that intermediaries can bring problems, for some may ignore the words the prophet speaks in God's name. If anyone shows such disrespect, God says sternly, "I myself will make him answer". But more serious is the prophet who abuses his office and speaks "an oracle that I have not commanded". God's remedy is uncompromising and blunt: that prophet "shall die".

Originally, the passage referred to the whole line of prophets who would succeed Moses, but eventually this text was taken to refer to a final, messianic prophet. The selection of this text for today's liturgy identifies Jesus with that prophet and links the authority with which Jesus teaches to the charismatic authority demonstrated by Moses and his successors.

READING II 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Paul is answering the Corinthians' questions about practical matters like marriage and sexuality. But taken out of context, this passage makes little sense and may even alienate some listeners. Paul's true intent is best seen in the first and last sentences where his time is quite pastoral. Paul wants to be helpful by offering good advice for hard times. He and his contemporaries are expecting the end of the world, so he takes a practical approach, urging the Corinthians to focus on the essentials, to simplify their lives and avoid what is unnecessary. Who could disagree that a less complicated life appears easier to live than one laden with the responsibilities of children, home, and spouse?

Paul is concerned that time is running out, so he encourages stability-maintaining their current state of life rather than embracing new situations that may heighten anxiety. This is a simple message, but he doesn't deal with it simplistically. Paul is pointing to higher things, ideal values, while remaining firmly rooted in reality. He is solicitous, fatherly, and unusually flexible in his options, for he's not legislating restrictions, only offering options for how best to be ready for the Lord's return.

GOSPEL Mark 1:21-28

It's intriguing to find an unclean spirit right in the midst of the synagogue where Jesus teaches and leaves the assembly "astonished". The people sense the authority with which he teaches, an authority that perhaps evokes memories of the great prophets of their tradition. Certainly the "spirit" knows with whom he's dealing and bluntly calls Jesus out. But his tactic serves only to demonstrate further the remarkable character of this rabbi. The exorcism also serves Mark's purpose of demonstrating the authority of Jesus, though it's not the power to do miracles that Mark wants to highlight; rather the depth and power of Jesus' teaching. Driving out the spirit simply validates the supremacy of that teaching. The miracle says: Here is one whose authority is manifest in both word and deed. The possessed man "cries out" to Jesus. The man is loud, fast, and intense, apparently on the offensive and defensive at the same time, and clearly afraid. Jesus matches his intensity, but in contrast to the possessed man, we see the "authority" that set Jesus apart from the scribes.

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OLR Parish Party



You are all invited to join in a fun evening with the adults of the parish! Games, laughter, fun and dancing.

Free Beer, Soda, Chips & Pretzels

SEE YOU THERE!



Saturday, February 4

7-11 pm

Centennial Barn

**60 Compton Road
(St. Clare Convent Grounds)**

\$10 per person



TICKETS are available at the ProShopper table after Mass (during January) or at the door.

BRING your favorite snacks to share

ALSO bring your favorite alcoholic beverage or spirits

REMEMBER to bring cards or board games for entertainment

DRESS is casual—jeans are just fine!



February 12, 2012

OLR's Pancake Breakfast

9:30 am to 11:30 am
OLR Catholic Center Cafeteria

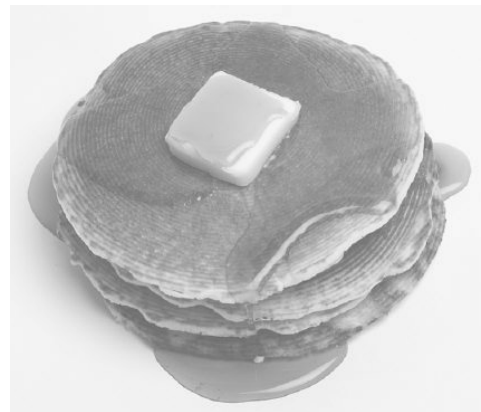


\$4.00
per
person

Menu:
Pancakes
Egg Casserole
Ham
Sausage
Fruit
Beverages

\$20.00
per
family

Mark your calendar to attend this special event! Your breakfast will benefit our local St. Vincent dePaul Society



To Volunteer to help at the breakfast, or to donate an egg casserole please call

**Lisa Herrlinger—825-4117
or Dave Nissen—825-8626**



GOOD NEWS REPORTER

1/29/12

What's happening in our neighborhoods and schools....



JOHN PAUL II
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC SCHOOL:

John Paul II Catholic School is an excellent investment in your child's academic, spiritual, physical, and social development. Your child will experience all of the benefits of a big school with a small school approach. The size of the school offers the opportunity for students to engage in faith formation, service learning, accelerated classes, foreign language, fine arts programs, academic clubs, Title 1 reading, speech and language instruction, and athletics. Our small class sizes and first rate teachers offer individualized instruction so that each and every child learns. John Paul II Catholic School is a family who prays and learns together.

**Come and visit our OPEN HOUSE on
January 29, 2012**

12:30 pm till 2:30 pm

9375 Winton Road

Cincinnati, OH 45231

Principal: Mrs. Leanora Road

For more information, please call: 521-0860

SPELLING BEE:

The following students participated in the SCRIPS Spelling Bee at John Paul II Catholic school. Congratulations to these students: **Christopher McDaniel, Sophie Imwalle, Eilene Crowe & Danielle Nissen**

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS:

Congratulations to the following students:
Nicholas Martin & Cameron Madden

THE CATHOLIC BEAT:

Have you seen "**The Catholic Beat**"? It's a new website for local Catholic news and features. You'll find it at www.thecatholicbeat.com or www.sacredheartradio.com. Just click on the big red box that says, "**The Catholic Beat**" for stories about area Catholic people, places, and events. It's updated daily! Check it out! 

TUITION GIVE AWAY: The Archdiocese is giving away \$17,500 in tuition credits and prizes to current and prospective families. To register for the "Great Tuition Give Away" to www.facebook.com/mycatholicschool. Enter by Friday, February 3, 2012 at noon.

WINTON WOODS CITY SCHOOL:

Grade Three Honor Roll, Second Quarter:
Mark Behrendt & Christopher Shipley

More than 250 students received their membership into the newly-formed Winton Woods Elementary School Honor Roll Club for the first quarter. The club was formed to celebrate the hard work of any student receiving As and Bs on their report cards. Students were given a medallion to signify their membership into the Honor Roll Club, and we see their pride each and every day as some of the students continue to wear their medals to school!

ST. JAMES OF THE VALLEY SCHOOL:

On Wednesday, January 18, St. James of the Valley School held our annual spelling bee for students in grades five through eight. Thirty students participated in the spelling bee that was held in St. Charles Hall with many parents and grandparents in attendance. All of the students competing survived the first two rounds, but after that, the competition level increased. Sixth grade student, **Andy Haun**, earned the third place plaque. We need to recognize the courage and commitment that all of the students displayed in participating in this competition.

OLR's YOUTH GROUP SPAGHETTI DINNER:

First of all, thank you to the parish for your support of the Spaghetti Dinner! It took over 40 hours of work by a group of teens to set-up, cook, serve & clean up. Good Job! A special thanks to the **Bossman Family, Virginia, Jeff, and Catherine** for all your work behind the scenes. We couldn't have done it without you. After the money was counted and the bills paid, the teens raised over \$900 for their Young Life trip to Lake Champion, New York. Thanks to the Youth Group Leaders who graciously participated in a fund raiser "pie in the face": **Carolyn Williams, Katie McElhinney, & Dave Nissen.**

MCAULEY HIGH SCHOOL:

Second Quarter Honor Roll:

First Honors:

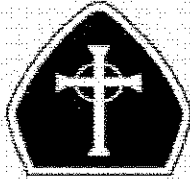
Maria Fiore & Samantha Nissen

Second Honors:

Emily Bedan, Bailey Pearce, Judith Pearce, Alaina Silber



Look for Our Lady of the Rosary Church on **FACEBOOK**.



JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2012 Tuition Raffle

**\$25 buys your chance
to win \$4,000 cash or
free 2012 tuition at JP II*
for the student of your choice!**

**Get 5 tickets for the price of 4 when you submit your entry
form at the JP II Open House January 29th!**

**This year's winner will be drawn at the
March School Board meeting.**

***If less than 320 tickets are sold,
the winner will receive 50 percent of the proceeds.**

JPII 2012 Tuition Raffle

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

For your chance to win, fill in this ticket and return to Maureen Lewis with check payable to John Paul II School. Please complete one entry form per ticket purchased.

John Paul II Catholic School...



Building Minds, Forming Faith, Changing Lives

- A community of faith, academics, & service
- State-of-the-art technology
- Rigorous curriculum
- Nurturing our children to successfully meet tomorrow's challenges

Open House Sunday, Jan. 29 12:30 - 2:30

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SCHOLARSHIPS

For members of
Our Lady of the Rosary Parish



F. Seton & Madeleine Staley Scholarship Fund

Presented to a 2011-2012 8th grade graduate of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish.

GUIDELINES: \$1,500 per year scholarship for Roger Bacon High School, Student from OLR Parish, Financial need, Academics, Co-curricular activities, Scholarship up for 4 yrs., Annual renewal.

DUE: January 31, 2012 to Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

INCLUDE:

- Scholarship Application Form (Available from OLR Parish Office)
- 250-500 Word Essay
- Copy of first semester report card
- Letter of recommendation

**Don't
Miss
This
Opportunity**



Fr. Charlie Bowes

**JOHN PAUL II
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

*Presented to a 2011-2012
6th, 7th, or 8th graders attending
JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC SCHOOL*

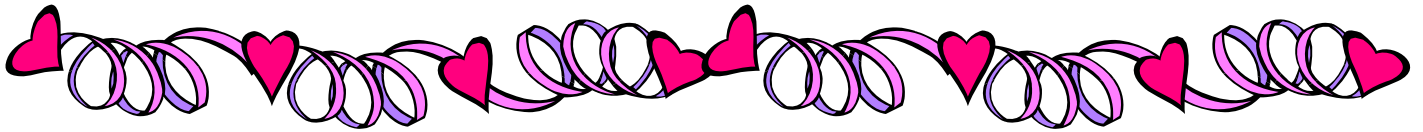


GUIDELINES: This \$1,000 scholarship for full-time student attending John Paul II School, Have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA (B Average or better), must be eligible for "in-parish" tuition, be of good character and a solid member of the parish and the community-at-large, and demonstrate compassion and dedication through their acts of kindness and volunteerism.

DUE: Applications accepted **January 17 to January 31, 2012**

INCLUDE: Students must complete the application form and short answer questions. Provide concrete examples from your experiences that demonstrate your commitment to serve as a volunteer in the parish and/or in the community.

**All papers are due in the Parish Activity Center by January 31, 2012.
QUESTIONS: Contact 825-8626**

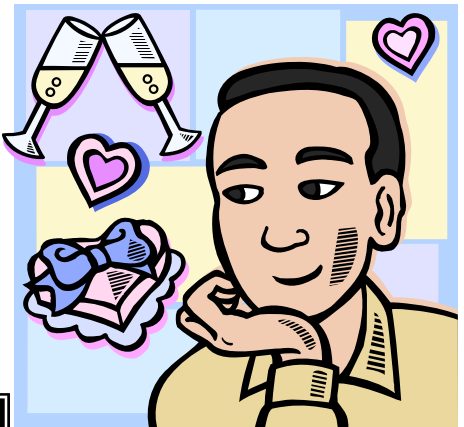


He's thinking....

*Dinner at Olive Garden or Outback, or
Maggianos, or Longhorn, or Champs, or....*

*Gifts from Dillards, or Bath & Body
Works, or Pottery Barn, or
Radio Shack, or....*

*A quiet night in with Blockbuster,
or a special weekend at Marriott...*

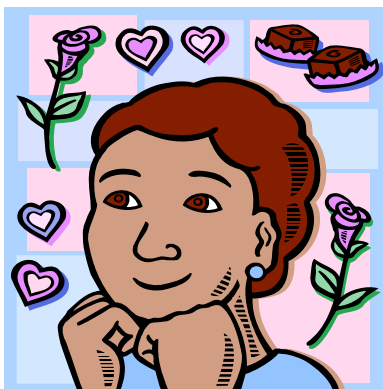
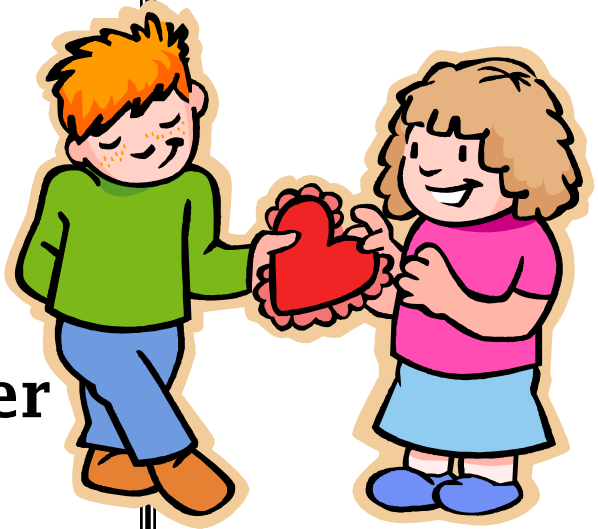


Thinking **Valentines**

Think **ProShopper**
Call **Judy Guillem** at
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to place your order

order forms for **ProShopper**
are on OLR's website at:
www.oler.net

After each weekend mass, ProShopper
cards are available. Stop by...



She's thinking....

*Gifts from Dick's Sporting for him, or Pier 1, or Macy's,
or Home Depot...*

Best Buy or Circuit City would be nice....

*Maybe dinner at Dave & Buster's would be fun
or Buca diBeppo....*

Hmmm... they all sound good to me....

