



KEEP MOVING

How many miracles is enough? Jesus' followers had to wonder at times. Watching their beloved Master ceaselessly greet and heal the masses, the disciples must have counseled Jesus to take some time off. "Come on, Lord," they might have said "You need some down time."

But Jesus had a different vision. He had been sent to fulfill a purpose, to reach God's people with His message, and every moment was precious. Who had time to rest? Today the church needs to feel that same passion for sharing God's love and salvation with the world. There's no time to waste. God has a new city, a new world for us to conquer every morning. Let's get out there and keep moving!

"Man has been created by God, not to remain unoccupied and immobile, but always to move forward, so that he may exercise and through this exercise acquire divine grace and in the future life acquire divine glory." *St Nicodemus*



WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

This Sunday we celebrate World Marriage Day. We pray for God's blessings for all our married couples, for our engaged couples and for all those contemplating marriage in the future.



WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

This week we celebrate the World Day of the Sick in which the entire Church is asked to pray for those who are both mentally and physically ill. Next weekend at all the masses, we will celebrate the Anointing of the Sick after each liturgy. Those wishing to receive the sacrament of strength and grace are asked to come up to the first few pews after Mass to receive the sacrament.

PRAYER FOR HEALTH

Almighty God, who is the only source of health and healing, the spirit of calm and the central peace of the universe; Grant to us, your children, such a consciousness of your indwelling presence, that we may have utter confidence in you. In all pain, in weariness and anxiety may we throw ourselves upon your besetting care, that knowing ourselves fenced about by your loving omnipotence, we accept your gift of health, strength and peace.



600 CLUB DRAWING THIS SUNDAY

Ste. Marguerite d'Youville 600 Club Drawing for February will take place this Sunday, February 8, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. Please join us in Ste. Marguerite Parish Hall for a pancake breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Door prize for this drawing is \$100.00. You must be present to win door prize



Religious Education Program ANNUAL CALENDAR RAFFLE

Tickets are now available for the Annual Religious Education Program Calendar Raffle. The raffle takes place each day during Lent and you have 40 chances to win. You may also win more than once as your ticket is returned to the raffle after you win. The drawing begins February 25, 2009. If you did not receive tickets in the mail or if you need more, they may be picked up during class times, at the back of the church or at the Parish Office Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All proceeds benefit our Religious Education Program.



GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

Girl Scout Cookies will be on sale in front of the church, before each mass this weekend, February 7th and 8th. There will also be a cookie booth set up outside the classrooms, after Religious Education gets out on Sunday



Do you know of a family who needs assistance? Please call the St. Vincent de Paul Society at 978-957-0322 so that together we can help those of our parish who are in need. Donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Society may be made by placing your contribution in the "Poor Boxes" located at the church entrances.

FINANCIALS

AMOUNT NEEDED WEEKLY	\$7,702.00
<u>Income received from 1/27/09 to 2/2/09</u>	
Offertory Collection	\$4,861.00
Other Income	\$5,326.00
Monthly Parish Support	\$2,426.00
TOTAL PARISH INCOME	\$12,613.00
WEEKLY GAIN or (DEFICIT)	\$4,911.00
Grand Annual Collection to date:	\$41,579.00

The second collection this weekend is the annual Peter's Pence" collection for the Holy Father. The Peter's Pence Collection supports the Pope's philanthropy by giving the Holy Father the means to provide emergency assistance to those in need because of natural disaster, war, oppression, and disease.

ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

In the spring Fr. Bob will be conducting a four-week Confirmation Program for adults who did not receive the sacrament when they were younger. The program will be in the evening for two-hours. It is essential that all participants attend all four sessions. If you are interested in attending class and receiving this sacrament this spring, please contact the Office at Ste. Marguerite or St. Francis Parishes and leave your name, phone (and email).



Drawing Nearer to the Lord
FASTING ALMSGIVING and PRAYER

In just over two weeks we will begin our observance of the holy season of Lent. St. Paul calls us to see this Lenten season as an acceptable time to become the very holiness of God. With repentant hearts we should embrace these forty days as a time to return to God wholeheartedly. We were made holy at the moment of our Baptism. Let us reclaim that holiness and walk once again in the light of the Lord.



Ash Wednesday – February 25, 2009
Ashes will be imposed at the following Liturgies:

- 7:30 a.m. – Ash Wednesday Mass
- 9:00 a.m. - Mass at St. Louis Center
- 4:00 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Service
- 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Mass

During Lent, the Church encourages attendance at daily Mass, self-imposed times of fasting, and generosity to local, national, and worldwide programs of sharing.

What will I do for Lent this year?

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. The following fasting and abstinence regulations are observed.

Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years of age and older. Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 years of age. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.



GIVING TREE

MORE THANK YOU NOTES:

“Thank You so much for helping me give my children a wonderful Christmas. Words cannot express the joy my wife and I felt watching our kids open their gifts on Christmas morning. In these difficult times it is easy to lose sight of what’s really important. God has blessed me and my family with joy, love and health. I hope that next year I will be able to help another family experience what I did this year.”

“Thanks for all the help and support that I have gotten for my daughters very first Christmas. Everything that we got was awesome and absolutely perfect.”

“I am truly unable to express the thanks that I have for the help you provided me for the holidays. Though my daughter is only two years old, I did not know how I was going to give her much of a Christmas at all, but, with your donations she had a wonderful Christmas. It literally brought tears to my eyes when she woke up on Christmas morning.....You made my Christmas as well as my daughters a great day. Without your help my morning may not have been so bright.....I am a single mom who works full time and goes to college full time and takes care of my daughter which is like working three full time jobs and money is always tight. (Excerpts, as letter was a full page.)

“I want to thank you so very much for the wonderful gifts that we received for our son at Christmas. God Bless!”

“We would just like to say thank you for your generosity and kindness at the Christmas and holiday season. Your presents for our child really helped us give our child a very merry Christmas and the attention to each gift really showed us how thoughtful and caring to our family you have been in what has been a very difficult season for us. We appreciate and thank you again for your kindness and generosity that we will always remember and be grateful for.”

“I would like to say thank you for your generous donations for Christmas this year. Because of you, our family had a wonderful holiday. Everything was great and more than we could have hoped for. Thank you so much for everything, we really appreciate it.”

“Thank You! Thank you! My words cannot express our heartfelt appreciation for your Christmas gifts. You have truly made this Christmas our very best. My son even said so himself. Since you and St. Louis School have come into our lives we are truly blessed. Through these most difficult times our faith grows even deeper every day. God bless you all.”

“I cannot thank you enough for all your help over this holiday season. I hope you have a very merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.”

FEBRUARY 8, 2009



GIFT OF BREAD AND WINE

We invite parishioners to donate the bread and wine for consecration at all Masses for a given week. The person remembered will be listed in the bulletin on the weekend and will cover all Masses for that week. Suggested offering for this gift is \$50.00. Please call the Parish Office at 978-957-0322 to schedule this special memorial.

Mass Intentions

This Weekend – February 7 & 8

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Catherine Waterworth
Thomas Waterworth, Jr.

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Paul Stanaski
9:00 a.m. Catherine Waterworth (Birthday-Deceased)
11:00 a.m. Omer Mousseau (2nd Ann.)

Weekday Masses

Monday	7:30 a.m.	Therese Laferriere
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Ed Mason
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Lucienne Lalime
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	M/M Alphonse Thibeault M/M Leo Cloutier
Friday	7:30 a.m.	Donna Whiteside
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Shirley Marchand

Next Weekend – February 14 & 15

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Bob St. Onge (1st Ann.)

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Mary (Gaye) Palumbo
9:00 a.m. Norman Ruest
11:00 a.m. Henry Houde, Sr. (16th Ann.)

ARISE PROGRAM

ARISE Together in Christ, Season II - *Change Our Hearts*, will soon be under way. Did you do for YOU, what YOU DESERVE? It's not too late to Sign Up. Sign Up sheets are in the back of the church



A blood drive and bone marrow donor registration will be held in memory of Alexandra Ullom, a 17 month old from Nashua, NH who lost her battle to a rare blood disorder last February. This will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 29, 2009 at St. Margaret School, 486 Stevens Street in Lowell. To register in advance, please call 1-800-448-3543.