

SAINT LINUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 8, 2009

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Parish Office

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Office Hours

Mon.-Sat.: 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
Closed for Lunch: 12 p.m.-1 p.m.
Sun.: 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Mass Times

Saturday: 7:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m./Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m./Family Mass

12:00 p.m./en Español

5:30 p.m./Youth Mass

7:30 p.m.

Holy Days: Please consult the bulletin
of the previous Sunday

Weekdays: Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. with Perpetual Help Novena

1st and 3rd Fridays: 7:00 p.m.

Charismatic Mass: once a month
(date and time will be posted in the bulletin)

Eucharistic Adoration:

All night adoration from 7:30 p.m., after the 1st and
3rd Friday Masses, Benediction Saturday 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4:00-5:00 p.m. and 8:00-9:00 p.m.
and by appointment

For the following Sacraments and Services, please call the Parish Center:

Sacrament of Baptism
Sacrament of Marriage
Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
Funeral and Vigil Services
Communion to the Sick and Home-bound

Ministry in Action...

Adoración Nocturna

Contacto: Avelina Benitez
(562) 929-6338

3rd Fri. 7 pm - Sat, 7:15 A.M. | Iglesia

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Contact: Dorie Sablan

Parish Center: (562) 921-6649

1st Fri. | 7 P.M.-Sat. 7:15 A.M. | Church

Adult Confirmation

Parish Center: (562) 921-6649

Altar Servers

Contact: Sr. Joseph Ann Kostka OLVM

Parish Center: (562) 921-6649

Altar Society

Contact: Virginia Lozano
(562)863-3657

Anointing of the Sick

Parish Center: (562) 921-6649

Baptismal Preparation of Children

English & Spanish

Parish Center: (562) 921-6649

Because We Care Ministry

Contact: Denise Vargas
(562) 921-6649

Bereavement Ministry

Contact: Dn. Chuck Baker
(562) 926-8045

4th Tues. | 7-8:30 P.M. | Parish Center

Bible Study-English

Contact: Barbara Fries
(562) 926-1770

Tues. | 8-9 P.M. | Rm. 8

Boy Scouts, Troop 394

Contact: Rayu Rayasam

Parish Center: (562) 921-6649

Mon. | 7-8:30 P.M. | Hall

Charismatic Healing Mass

Contact: Sion Ferrer
(213) 989-3214 (Work)

Various Mon. | 7 P.M. | Church

Church Environment

Contact: Parish Office
(562) 921-6649

Cursillo Ultreya—Spanish

Contacto: Miguel y Margarita Ramos
(562) 929-4693

Filipino Association

Contact: Rey Factoran
(714) 670-8788

Meets once a month

Funerals

Parish Center: (562) 921-6649

Golden Age Club

Contact: Rachel Witt
(562) 698-3105

3rd Sun | 1:30-4:30 P.M. | Hall

Guadalupanas

Contacto: Raul Armas
(562) 921-4171

El dia 12 de cada mes | 7 P.M. | Iglesia

Jovenes para Cristo

Contacto: Francisco Lopez
(562) 921-6649

Tues. | 7:30 P.M. | Hall

Knights of Columbus #10623

Grand Knight: Gerardo Vasquez
(562) 868-6964

2nd Tues. | 7:30 P.M. | Hall

Legion of Mary

Contact: Sylvia J. Layao
(562) 404-1174

Praesidium

Tues. | 5-6 P.M. | Rm. 10

Curia

2nd Thur. | 7 P.M. | Rm. 10

Liturgy Committee

Director: Anna Betancourt
Parish Center: (562) 921-6649

Ministerios Hispanos

Contacto: Vidal Vargas
(562) 440-7022

Ministry to the Sick

Contact: Sr. Joseph Ann Kostka OLVM

Parish Center: (562) 921-6649

Music Director

Contact: Emil Salud
(562) 921-6649

Oktoberfest Committee

Contact: Mike Betancourt
Parish Center: (562) 921-6649

Parish Council

Contact: Parish Office (562) 921-6649

ParishCouncil@StLinus.org

“Elohim” Charismatic Prayer Group

Contact: Brenda Cadavona
(562) 921-1123

Fri. | 7:30-10 P.M. | Rm. 11

Grupo de Oración

Contacto: Yolanda Peraza
(562) 756-5955

Amalia Sanchez 228-5132

Wed. | 7-9 P.M. | Hall

RCIA

Contact: Marge Baker

Parish Center: (562) 921-6649

Mon. | 7-8:30 P.M. | Rm. 8

Religious Education

Contact: Adele Gutierrez, DRE
(562) 921-5179 Office

Call for Schedules

Religious Goods Store

Contact: John A. L. Moran

Parish Center: (562) 921-6649

Open after all Weekend Masses

Religious Vocations

Parish Center: (562) 921-6649

Santo Niño Devotions

1st Fri. | 6:30 P.M. | Church

Separated & Divorced Group

Contact: Rosa Muro

(562) 485-7689

1st & 3rd Thurs. | 7 P.M. | Parish Office

St. Linus Fundraisers

Contact: Nimfa Castro

(562) 865-1167

St. Linus School

Principal: Sister Catherine Casey

(562) 921-0336 Office

www.linuslions.org

St. Linus Ushers

Contact: Cornell Watson

(562) 868-1160

Weddings & Quinceañeras

Coordinator: Connie Renteria

(562) 902-4914

Young Adult Ministry

Contact: Stella Farrell

Parish Center: (562) 921-6649

Youth Ministry/LIFE TEEN

& Confirmation

Contact: Dean Diomedes

(562) 921-6252 Office

Sun. | 7:15-8:45 P.M. | LIFE Nights|Hall

Other meeting times vary

ST. LINUS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. PATRICK'S DANCE

The St. Linus Knights of Columbus will be having a St. Patrick's Day Theme Dance on Sunday March 1, 2009 in the parish hall from 2:00pm - 7:00pm. Tickets will \$8.00 per person and music will be provided by live band "PENUMBRA". We need your help to make this a huge success. We will have a No Host Bar and there is a large dance floor. To correct last weeks bulletin mistake, doors will open at 1:30pm.

Also don't forget about our Valentine's Day Dance which will be held on Saturday February 14, 2009 from 8:00pm - 12:00. Doors will open at 7:00pm and tickets are \$9.00 pre-sale and \$10.00 at the door. Live band music provided by "YESTERDAY".

Upcoming special event dance to be held on Saturday March 21, 2009. Watch this space for further information.

Call now for tickets Gerardo Vazquez 562-868-6964 or Dennis Adame 562-889-9322

A MASS WITH A HEALING SERVICE

PLACE: St. Linus Catholic Church
DATE: Monday, Feb. 9, 2009
TIME: 7:30 PM LITURGY (Spanish)
CELEBRANT: Fr. Joshua Lee

El Padre Joshua es el Pastor de la iglesia St. Hilary's en Whittier, CA.

El es un Pastor carismatico y un predicador dotado. Su profesion era enfermeria antes de recibir la llamada para entrar al sacerdocio, al responder a la llamada del espiritu el se convirtio en Monje Benediction en St. Andrews Abbey por muchos anos antes de comensar sus deveres como sacerdote pastoral en la Archidiocesis de Los Angeles. El Padre Joshua es dinamico y un altavoz bien buscado en el annual SCRC Charismatic Convention. El es tambien director spiritual y un amo del retratamiento.

El pasado July 2002, el senor efectuo curativo de un paciente del cancer en los Servicios de la iglesia St. Irenaus servicios curativos por la supervision del Padre Joshua. Venga con su familia y amigos y experimente las energias curativas del Espiritu Santo.

A MASS WITH A HEALING SERVICE

PLACE: St. Linus Catholic Church
DATE: Monday, Feb. 16, 2009
TIME: 7:30 PM LITURGY (English)
CELEBRANT: Fr. Bill Adams

Fr. Bill Adams was ordained a Redemptorist priest in 1963. Fr. Bill is a charismatic priest and a gifted preacher. He has worked in many ministries, including as a parish priest, retreat director and as a parish missionary. He past President of the SCRC Renewal Center in Los Angeles for several years prior to moving into provincial assignment. Fr. Bill did graduate work in Sacred Scriptures; it is no wonder that his special love is the teaching and the preaching of the Christian faith and God's love through the Scriptures. Come and bring your family and friends to experience the Pentecostal healing power of the Holy Spirit.

GOLDEN AGE CLUB: The regular monthly meeting of the Golden Age Club, which meets at St. Linus Parish Hall 13915 Shoemaker Ave. every third Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m., will be held Sunday Feb 15th. A trip to the Cherry Blossom Festival is being planned. Come and join us for trip planning and a social hour after the meeting. See you there!



We would like to thank all of our parishioners and visiting parishioners for being extremely generous with your weekly donations in helping our parish. Our collections for the week of **FEBRUARY 1, 2009** it was **\$10,755.69**. May God bless you.

2009 St. Linus Parish Census

The St. Linus Parish Council is beginning to develop the 2009 St. Linus census to take place March 14-15 & March 21-22, 2009. What is a parish census and why should we do it? **There are four key reasons:**

- The parish census will tell us how many families/people belong to St. Linus Parish and will verify the accuracy of our existing data base.
- It will help us meet and identify those who are a part of our parish who may not be included in the database.
- It will give us an opportunity to get out into the community to meet our neighbors and inform them about our parish and what we have to offer them to help them meet their spiritual needs.
- It will give us the opportunity to invite our neighbors to come and see St. Linus in action.

This is a big undertaking, but is very achievable with your help. Our goal is to make it simple, make it fun, and make it meaningful for not only our parish, but for our community as a whole. To find out how you can help, simply contact the Census Committee either by email or telephone and leave your name and contact information (name, email address, home and/or cell phone numbers or all of the above). We look forward to hearing from you! Here's how to contact us: **Email: 2009census@stlinus.org**

Telephone: 562-921-6649 (Please leave info with Anna Betancourt)

Whittier Life Center

The first study to examine the abortion-breast cancer link among American women was published in 1981 and reported that abortion "appears to cause a substantial increase in risk of subsequent breast cancer." A major risk evaluation was reported. **Abortion can kill more than babies. If you or you know someone who has had an abortion, please inform them to get a mammogram ASAP or call (562) 693-8803.**

Together in Mission 2009 A Time for Reflection

This week, you are asked to read and reflect upon the *Together in Mission* materials that you received today. Those of you who subscribe to the Archdiocesan newspaper, *The Tidings*, will receive more information about the campaign in this week's edition.

Together in Mission provides substantial financial support to 35 parishes and 48 schools in our Archdiocese. These parishes and schools provide education, ministry and a Catholic presence for tens of thousands of people.

Sometimes it is difficult to envision how your pledge can help so many people. But, it does. To see how, please review the materials and read the statements of those whose parishes and schools receive support.

The theme of the campaign is "**I turn to you, Lord.**" **Psalm 32 (7)** *Together in Mission* provides an opportunity to show our concern for those served by the parishes and schools that need your financial support.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. Also, we will conduct our annual *Together in Mission* in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend and the following weekend.

As always, what you give should be given in gratitude for what God has given to you. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



COMING UP NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BAKE SALE!!

WE WILL ALSO HAVE CAPPUCCINOS, FRAPPUCCINOS
& HOT CHOCOLATE FOR SALE

Place your gum here,

Youth Ministry/LIFE TEEN

LIFE Nights are catechetical meetings that immediately follow the Youth Mass on Sunday evening from 7:15 - 8:45 PM and take place in the parish hall unless otherwise noted. Teens in preparation for confirmation are expected to attend most nights.

Tonight: off-site social/Frantone's Fundraiser 4 PM – close (see below)

Next week: "Know Your Momma" - Back to our semester theme: "Person of Christ." This week we take a look at Mary's role in Salvation History and her importance in the Church, through her relationship with Jesus.

Fun at Frantone's

LIFE TEEN invites you to a night of fellowship and good food at Frantone's restaurant, 12253 E. Imperial Hwy. Norwalk, tonight from 4-closing. Mention that you're from St. Linus and they will donate a portion of the total sales receipts back to Youth Ministry. This is a multi-generational whole parish event and an opportunity for adults in the community to build relationships with our young people. Parent's who work the Basketball tournament don't want to go home and cook at the end of the day, stop by Frantone's for dinner.

Step up to LIFE

This is the theme for Youth Day 2009 and it's less than a month away. Youth Day is an event for 9th – 12th graders that kicks off the Archdiocesan Religious Education Congress at the Anaheim Convention Center each year. Youth Day is Thursday, February 26, 2008. Permission slips for teens to attend Youth Day are available now! Space is limited, first come first served. Participants will be encouraged to attend Mass on Ash Wednesday, at 5:30 PM. Following the liturgy we will have a community building event with the group from St. Paul of the Cross from 7 – 8:30 PM. We will be sharing a bus with them for youth day and think it will be a great idea to get to know some of our traveling companions a little better.

Empty and Beautiful

This year's Youth Ministry retreat is not far away. March 20-22. Titled after the Matt Maher song about St. Paul, the weekend is based on his life and focuses on the ongoing conversion of the "Apostle to the Gentiles." A retreat is a great experience to: unplug, get away, pray, have fun, deepen relationships, and make friends. All high school teens are welcome and invited to join us. Regardless of where you are right now in your faith, this retreat will set the stage for an opportunity to a New LIFE. Please see the side door for flyers and permission slips or visit the parish website for more information.

Social Networking

St. Linus LIFE TEEN is now on myspace and facebook. Parents and teens can search us by our e-mail address: youthministry@stlinus.org and add us as a friend. Friends will receive the most updated information about events, and activities and be "in-the-know" about all things youth ministry at the parish. St. Linus Youth Ministry, has a Catholic Christian identity at its core, please consider all friends and profiles before posting.

Dear Friend in Christ,

Do you ever find it difficult to apologize, especially to a minor? Often we cannot bring ourselves to apologize when we know we have done something wrong like causing another pain or inconvenience. It needs a kind of humility and courage that we sometimes lack.

Today, let us ask God to help us to break down the barrier that prevents us from making this gesture of repentance and THANK Him that He is still willing to FORGIVE US...He treasures our relationship with Him – let us not let Him down.

Have a THANKFUL week and may God richly bless you.

Fr. Gregory and the Mustard Seed Communities Family * With God anything is possible *

St. Linus Goes Green

Have you noticed that since October St. Linus has a large recycle bin near the trash bins in the church parking lot? Generally, when the church talks about good stewardship, it is referring to tithes and offerings. But what about being good stewards of the earth? Most of us care about the environment, but we have to do more than care. We need to take steps to become a part of the solution. So what can your group or organization do to become environmentally friendly here at St. Linus? Here are some very simple steps that are easy to incorporate into your ministry. First of all, make a strong effort to use the recycle bin. When your group has food and or beverages, please recycle all the cans, bottles and plastics. This takes a little more effort on your part but in the long run, you are helping the earth. If you need to make any copies, make them on recycled paper if possible. Do not throw any paper/cardboard/recyclables in the trash. Please use the WHITE Recycle bin. It is picked up once a week. By the same token, please do not put any trash in the white recycle bin. They will not pick it up if there is trash included. If your group happens to put trash in the recycle bin, your group will be called and asked to remove it. Make a start today; add a few more things over time and eventually your green efforts will become a part of your daily routine. Thanks for being responsible stewards of the earth.



St. Linus Catholic Church – Fund Raiser
FREE ... Electronic Waste (e-Waste) Recycling
Safely & Properly Dispose Of Your e-Waste Products
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FREE Recycling - Disposal ... Televisions, Computer Monitors, Computers, Printers, Scanners, Circuit Boards, Computer Peripherals, Copiers, Faxes, Tape / CD / DVD Players, Telephones, Cell Phones, Audio-Visual Products ... Most Electronic Equipment, Working Or Not.

Sunday February 15th 2009 • 12:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

- **Event coordination is by Sahil Shah of Boy Scout Troop 394**
- **This fund raising event is a part of Sahil's Eagle Scout project**
- **For event information contact Sahil at (562) 896-7691**
- **Proceeds will go towards St. Linus' building renovation**

e-Waste Collection-Recycle Services are provided by Omni Technics Inc
 Tel: (562) 627-1910 • Calif CEWID #104713

Proper Recycling Helps • Save Our Landfills • Protect Our Environment

Please Note: This recycling service does not include large household appliances: Washers, Dryers, Refrigerators, Microwave Ovens, etc. ... No Broken Glass, Batteries, Fluorescent Devices, Hazardous Materials or Substances, Unsafe-To-Handle Items, please.

Please fill-in this form when dropping off your e-Waste Items. • Please print legibly •

Sunday February 15th – 12:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. St. Linus Catholic Church Fund Raiser e-Waste Disposal - Recycling			<u>Item</u>	<u>Qty</u>
Name:	_____ <small>First Name Last Name Business Name (If from your business)</small>		Monitor	
Address:	_____ <small>Business Address (If business)</small>		TV	
City:	_____		Computer	
Zip:	_____ Phone #: _____ (If 5 or More TV's or Monitors)		Printer	
Notes:	_____		Scanner	
			Stereo	
			VCR DVD	
			Other	

Remember to remove all sensitive business/personal information from your data storage devices prior to recycling.



is sending a CONTAINER of gently used items to Nicaragua to help open the newest home for children with disabilities.

IT IS EASY TO HELP...Look around your home *Is there something you can donate?* Collecting items thru February 28, 2009.

Furniture		Baby Equipment		Office	
Item	Qty				
Bunk Beds		Baby Feeding Chairs	12	Typewriters	2
\$250 purchased in Nic.	60	Cribs	8	Computers	6
Mattresses		Baby Strollers	12	Printers	6
\$85 purchased in Nic.	120	Waiting Chairs (Rocking Chair)	12	Fax Machines	2
Dining Tables	12			Telephones	6
Folding Chairs	100	Building Supplies		Standing Fans	16
Chairs	50	10 Toilets	10	Televisions	10
Dressers	24	Doors- 40 wood/ 20 metal	60	CD Players with Radio	8
Sofas	15	Kitchen Cabinets	25	DVD Players	2
Ceiling Fans	50	Kitchen Sinks	8	Desks	6
Lamps	6	Ceramic Tiles	7200	Office Chairs	6
Book Shelves (any size)	12	Bathroom Ceramic Tiles	2400	Classroom Desk & Chairs	40
Picture Frames (any size)	24			4-Drawer Filing Cabinets	6
		Linens		2-Drawer Filing Cabinets	4
Large Appliances		Pillows/ Pillow Cases	150		
Large Deep Freezers	4	Bed Linens twin size	150	Small Appliances	
Standing Freezers	4	Bath Towels	100	Microwaves	4
Refrigerators	5	Wash Rags	200	Blenders	4
Industrial Washers	4			Food Processors	4
Industrial Dryers	4	Sports & Therapy			
Coolers (ice chests)	5	Floor Gym Material		Kitchen Basics	
Gas Stoves purchased in Nic.		Large Outdoor Play Equipment		Plates	500
\$1400 for 6 burner		Educational Toys in Spanish		Cups	500
\$800 for 4 burner	4	Physical Therapy Equipments		Forks, Knives, Spoons	720
		Outdoor Furniture		Large Pots	12
		Golf Carts (for local trips)	2	Large Pans	12

Please, **only gently used items** with all the necessary parts for assembly.

To donate, please see the regional contacts

Santa Clarita- Kathy Regalado
Kathy.Regalado@mustardseed.com
310.502.6909

West Los Angeles- Jackie Koci
Jaqueline921@gmail.com
310-425-9411

Ventura- Karen Reynolds
please call 720.635.0857

Simi Valley- Tom Armbruster
please call 805.624.0703

Norwalk- Giorgia Diomedes
Giorgia.Diomedes@gmail.com
323.819.4516

La Mirada- Dianne Tilcock
DianneTilcock@officemax.com
714.271.5573

For questions or to find out how to help:
call or email - Kathy Regalado
310.502.6909 or kathy.regalado@mustardseed.com
www.mustardseed.com

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¡PROCLAMAR LA PALABRA!

Entrenamiento para Lectores

“El proclamador de la Palabra no solo tiene un oficio en la Iglesia; no es digamos un simple predicador o lector y nada más, como quizás muchos lo ven o lo entienden.

El Proclamar la Palabra de Dios es una Dignidad, es una Misión Divina, y esa dignidad no la puede ejercer cualquier persona que simplemente lea bien, si antes no ha penetrado en el contenido de esa Palabra, si no vive el mensaje de esa Palabra”.

Venga a un taller para lectores que se llevara acabo el jueves, 12 de febrero y jueves 19 de febrero a las 7:00 pm en la iglesia de San Lino.

Todos los que son proclamadores y los que están interesados en ser proclamador deben atender este taller. Para más información, llame a la oficina parroquial (562) 921-6649.



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On January 31st we concluded our celebration of Catholic Schools Week, the time each year when we share with the parish and community the many ways our school makes a difference in our community while educating students in an atmosphere of faith and values. The pastor, principal, staff and students thank all of the families, parishioners, friends from St. Linus and volunteers who helped make our week special.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Linus School new student application forms (grades Pre-K through 7) for the 2009-2010 school year will be available in the parish hall on Sunday, February 22nd from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Applications are also available in the school office between 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (except Wednesdays when office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.).

Please call the school office at (562) 921-0336 for further information.

Prospective students for Pre-Kindergarten must be 4 by September 1, 2009. Prospective students for Kindergarten must be 5 by September 1, 2009.

Lenten Prayer Box- Take it home with you- sign up today!



As we do during the advent season with our Angel Box, we will begin sharing the family Lenten Prayer Box on the first Sunday of Lent, March 1, 2009. If you have never had the opportunity to take the Prayer Box home with you, this is an invitation to sign up for a week during the Lenten or Easter seasons. We have 14 weeks of Lent and Easter. Since we have seven Masses here at St.

Linus every weekend, we will need a total of 98 families to sign up. Please consider taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity to gather your family for prayer each night of the week. Each box contains a crucifix with a candle and several options for prayers, family reflections and meditations. Choose one that you like or pray one of your own. The goal is to encourage family prayer time. Remember, *“The family that prays together, stays together”*. If you would like to take the prayer box home for a week, please fill out the bottom portion, tear it off and drop it into the collection basket or simply drop it off at the parish office. We encourage as many families as possible to participate. Even if you’ve done it before, you are encouraged to take it again. Thank you for making family prayer a part of your Lenten journey.

YES! My family would like to take the Lenten Prayer Box home for one week during the Lenten- Easter season. Please call me to make arrangements.

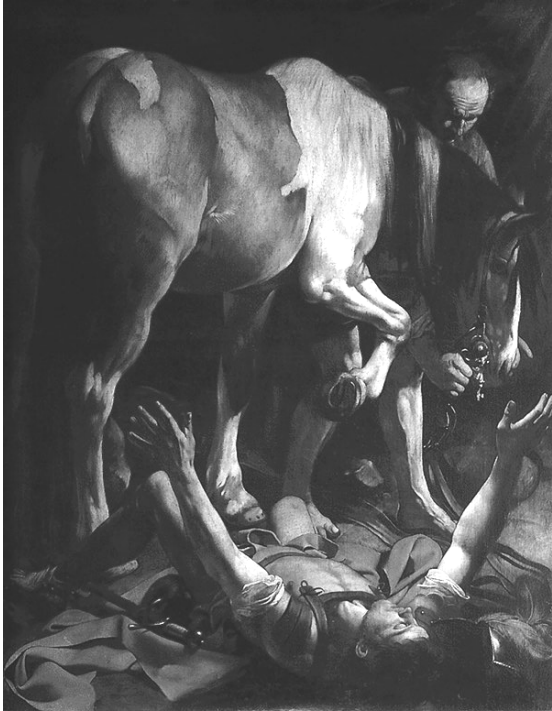
Family Name _____ Phone Number _____

Please circle the Mass your family attends.

Saturday 5:30 pm, Sunday 7:30 am , 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12 Noon, 5:30 pm or 7:30 pm

"The Year of St. Paul"

Commemorating the 2,000th anniversary of the Saint's birth.



*The Conversion of St. Paul - c. 1600-1601
Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio*

The Conversion of St. Paul

(By Dean Diomedes – Youth Ministry Coordinator)

A few Sundays ago, on January 25, the Catholic Church celebrated the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. In the approved changes for the readings of the day, we heard in the first reading, St. Paul's account of his encounter with the risen Christ (Acts 22:3-16). The story is found three times in all in the book of Acts, (9:1-9, 26:2-18) and at the beginning of the first account in chapter nine, we read that Saul, is breathing murderous threats against the disciples of the Lord and that on his way to Damascus to gather more followers of "the Way" he is knocked to the ground by a sudden flash of light that renders him blind for three days, and thus marks the beginning of his conversion.

Don't sweat the small stuff. Tradition tells us Paul was knocked off his horse and while being a Roman citizen, it is likely for him to have been riding a horse, that particular detail never appears in scripture. The detail is less relevant than the fact that the event was the beginning of something new for Saul, and it wasn't even necessarily his name either. Paul is the Gentile equivalent of the Jewish name Saul, meaning there was no drastic name change

either, as we like to think. More important than the details is the focus on the beginning of something new, and for Saul it was a new life in Christ.

The key is conversion. Conversion means change. Paul had a drastic conversion that was marked by an extraordinary event. For most of us change is not that dramatic. For us, opportunities for conversion happen in the small and the ordinary. The laugh or smile of a child, witnessing a random act of kindness between two strangers, a minute detail of something we've seen a thousand times, but were only aware enough in a moment to catch it for the first time. This kind of conversion takes practice, a trained eye, and a soft heart. This kind of every-day conversion takes much more work. Too often, work I'm not willing to put in. Sometimes I think it'd be much easier to believe in and follow Jesus if I could just get knocked to the ground, blinded with a flash of light, and hear his voice speaking to me by name. (Fireworks would be nice too).

However, conversion is not something that is reserved for canonized saints, it's for all of us. Just as each of us is called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:2), called to be saints. We are called to conversion. Conversion is not simply a one-time thing. The initial decision to become a follower of Jesus is good, but it doesn't end there, it must be continuous, on-going, and life-long.

As we approach Lent, a time of prayer, penance and change, let us be mindful of the call we receive on Ash Wednesday when we are marked with the sign of the cross on our foreheads to "turn away from sin, and be faithful to the Gospel."

Let us also use the words of internationally known author, lecturer, retreat leader and spiritual director, Megan McKenna to guide us with St. Paul on our road to conversion as she reminds us: "Change means letting go, dying and rising. It is the continual paradox of death and resurrection, which is experienced in prayer. For prayer is a longing for change. It is asking that we become what God dreams us to be. If you don't want to change then don't pray. To live is to change. To be holy is to have changed often."

This Week at St. Linus...



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 7:30 AM Fr. Gary Landry, (R.I.P.)
5:30 PM Martin Mendoza, (R.I.P.)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 7:30 AM Ana & Edward Witt, (R.I.P.)
9:00 AM Dr. Rafael Caldera Perez, (R.I.P.)
10:30 AM Guerrero Macapaz, (R.I.P.)
12:00 PM Cuca Vargas & Carlos Garcia, (R.I.P.)
5:30 PM Miguel De Lara, (R.I.P.)
7:30 PM Betty Bolten, (R.I.P.)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 8:30 AM Ray Kanan, (R.I.P.)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 8:30 AM Augusto & Lorenza Teodora,
(66th Wedding Anniversary)
7:00 PM Fr. Gary Landry, (R.I.P.)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- 8:30 AM Lourdes Fortunanto, (R.I.P./Birthday)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 8:30 AM Frank Antonio Landeros, (R.I.P.)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- 8:30 AM Mike Julien, (R.I.P.)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- 7:30 AM Ernesto Duarte,
(R.I.P./3rd Death Anniversary)
5:30 PM Manuel Vargas & Rafael Roja (R.I.P.)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- 7:30 AM Bill McSeveney,
(1st Death Anniversary)
9:00 AM Dr. Rafael Caldera Perez, (R.I.P.)
10:30 AM Ian Swarr,
(Military Service Departure)
12:00 PM Jose Estrella, (Death Anniversary)
5:30 PM Manuel Garcia, (R.I.P.)
7:30 PM Fr. Gary Landry, (R.I.P.)



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 7-9:00 PM Boy Scouts, Hall
7-9:00 PM Parish Council Meeting, Parish Office
7-9:00 PM RICA Spanish, Room 11
7-8:30 PM RCIA English, Science Room
7:30-9 PM Grupo de Oración, Room 10
7:30 PM Healing Mass, Church

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 5-6:00 PM Legion of Mary, Parish Office
6-7:30 PM Religious Education, Room 10/11
7-9:00 PM Knights of Columbus, Hall
7-9:00 PM Oktoberfest Committee, Parish Office
7:30-9 PM Jovenes para Cristo, Room 10
8-9:00 PM English Bible Study, Room 8

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- 5:45-6:30 PM Religious Education, Church
6-7:30 PM Religious Education, Room 10/11
6:30-9 PM Grupo de Oración, Hall
7-9:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Church
7:30-9 PM Jovenes para Cristo, Room 11

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 7AM-2PM School Pictures, Hall
7-9:00 PM Legion of Mary, Room 10
7-9:00 PM Spanish Lector Training, Church

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- 3-5 PM School Drama, Hall
7-8:15 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 10
7:00 PM Elohim Prayer Group, Room 11

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- 8 AM-7 PM Convalidation Reception, Hall
8:45-9:30 AM Religious Education, Church
9-10:30 AM Religious Education, Room 10/11
10:00 AM Baptisms, Church
7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Dance, Hall

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- Religious Education BAKESALE in the Hall!!!!**
1-2:30 PM Spanish Baptisms, Church
1-4:00 PM Golden Age Club, Hall
4PM-Closing: YM/LIFETEEN Fundraiser, Frantone's

Question of the Week**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

(The Healing Power of Christ)

February 8, 2009

Reading I: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Adults

How has a difficult time in my life become a source of strength, hope and healing?

Children

When have I asked Jesus for help in the past, and how did he answer my prayer?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23
 Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30
 Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37
 Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10
 Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32;
 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

Pregunta de la Semana**5° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

(El poder sanador de Cristo)

8 de febrero de 2009

Primera lectura: Job 7,1-4.6-7

Segunda lectura: 1 Corintios 9,16-19.22-23

Evangelio: Marcos 1,29-39

Adultos

¿Cómo un tiempo difícil en mi vida se ha convertido en una fuente de fortaleza, esperanza y sanación?

Niños

¿Cuándo le pedí ayuda a Jesús en el pasado, y cómo contestó mi oración?

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Gn 1:1-19; Mc 6:53-56
 Martes: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Mc 7:1-13
 Miércoles: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mc 7:14-23
 Jueves: Gn 2:18-25; Mc 7:24-30
 Viernes: Gn 3:1-8; Mc 7:31-37
 Sábado: Gn 3:9-24; Mc 8:1-10
 Domingo: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Sal 32 (31);
 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mc 1:40-45