

Student Supper Volunteers

Feb 19: Deb & Sam Chiodo, Ellen & Larry Strachota, Joe & Margaret Ann Comito

Feb 26: After 10:30 am Mass we will be having a luncheon to welcome Fr. Mark everyone is welcome to attend! After 5 pm Mass we will have a small reception with finger food instead of student supper.

March 4: Knights of Columbus from SS John and Paul

Bread Bakers

Feb 18: Barb James
Feb 25: None Needed
March 3: Jan Wise

Linens Volunteers

February: Kristi Ryan
March: Raelynn Trigoutis

Money Counters

Feb 19: Joe Comito
Feb 26: Jim Greenfield
March 4: Gerry Hingst

Coffee and Donut Hosts

Feb 19: Swanda Family
Feb 26: O'Halloran Family
March 4: Open - Please Volunteer



Music

Entrance: We Gather Here to Worship 317

Psalm: "Lord, heal my soul, for I have sinned against You"

Presentation: We are Many Parts #610

Communion: Seed, Scattered and Sown #348

Closing: God, Whose Glory Reigns Above #637

Saturday 5 pm

Pianist: Melinda Hendrickson

Sunday 10:30 am

Pianist: Dennis Hendrickson

Sunday 5 pm

Pianist: Mary Craven

Stewardship Corner:

The total offertory for Feb 12 was \$1,840
Thank you for your financial support of the ministry of St. Catherine's.

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*Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time
February 19, 2012*

Back in Capernaum, Jesus is surrounded by great numbers of people. A group of friends come up with a novel idea to get his attention. Climbing the outside staircase customary in Palestinian houses, they make their way onto the flat roof. The roof would have been made of wooden beams covered with thatching and mud, so it was possible for them to make a hole in it. Then they lower through the roof their paralyzed companion, lying on his mattress. Their faith tells them that Jesus will respond to the man's need.

However, Jesus' response is not what the people expect. Speaking to the paralyzed man, he says, 'My son, your sins are forgiven' (v. 5). These words cause a stir among the crowd, for good reason: according to several Old Testament passages, the one who forgives sins is God (Exod. 34:6-7; Isa. 43:25). The scribes are correct: only God is capable of forgiving sins. So when Jesus makes this announcement, he is, in effect, saying, 'God is here.' Aware of the censure his forgiving word has caused in the crowd, Jesus proceeds to prove 'that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins' (v. 10) by commanding the man to rise and walk.

Why does Jesus first pronounce the forgiveness of the man's sins? Surely his more obvious need is for healing? We shouldn't think that the man's disease is a punishment for sin. For the people of Jesus' day, however, there was a mysterious link between illness and evil, and both were the opportunity for conversion, for being restored again by God's love. Jesus' many healings are a sign of the presence of God among his people. But Jesus has come to heal the whole human being, body and soul, and so he has the power not only to heal but to forgive sins.

If we truly want to be whole, we need to recognize our need for healing in every part of our lives. Mark uses the man's paralysis as a picture of our sinful human condition. If we, like the paralytic, want to be restored and to live fully, as God wants us to, we need to accept our need for his forgiveness.

*'Lord, I come to you conscious of my sin and of my need for your healing power.
Help me to accept your love and forgiveness, and to be restored to wholeness of life
in you.'*

- The Catholic Bible School -

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday February 19, 10:30 am

Liturgical Coordinator: Bobbi Segura

Lectors: Steve Orazem, Claudette McDonald, P.J. McDonald

Eucharistic Ministers: Linda Grady, Claudette McDonald, Bernie Gottner

Sunday February 26, 10:30 am

Liturgical Coordinator: Shiela Lingwall

Lectors: Jim Meimann, David Lingwall, Ellen Robinson

Eucharistic Ministers: Shirley Harris, Bob Heles, Janet Holms

Mass Intention

Feb 26, 10:30 am: David Robinson



This Week's Readings

Monday	Jas 1: 1-11	Mk 8: 11-13
Tuesday	Jas 1: 12-18	Mk 8: 14-21
Wednesday	Jas 1: 19-27	Mk 8: 22-26
Thursday	Jas 2: 1-9	Mk 8: 27-33
Friday	Jas2: 14-24,26	Mk 8: 34-9:1
Saturday	Jas 3: 1-10	Mk 9: 2-13
Sunday	Is43:18-25 Mk 2: 1-12	2 Cor 1: 18-22

Campus Ministry and Parish Calendar

Monday, Feb 20:	No Service
Tuesday, Feb 21:	5 pm Mass 7 pm Bible Study
Wednesday, Feb 22:	Ash Wednesday Mass 7 am & 6 pm
Thursday, Feb 23:	5 pm Mass 9 pm Candle Light Mass
Friday, Feb 24:	12 noon Mass
Saturday, Feb 25:	5 pm Mass

Please Remember in your Prayers:

William Ryan, grandfather of Kristi Ryan who passed away.

David Robinson, who passed away.

Christus Medicus: A Physician's Witness to the Culture of Life

Thursday, March 1: 7 - 8:30 pm
St. Augustin Church (parish hall)

Dr. Damon Cudihy, a Catholic Ob/Gyn practicing at the Center for Women's Health in Pennsylvania, will share a personal witness of his professional commitment to integrate into his medical practice a Catholic vision of authentic sexuality and the dignity of preborn human life.

Registration is appreciated to help us with our planning. For more information or to register, visit www.sjeciowa.org

Around the Diocese

Prospective Preschool & Kindergarten Parents Meeting

Thursday, Feb 23: 6 & 7 pm

St. Joseph Catholic School will be hosting a night for parents interested in St. Joseph's Preschool or Kindergarten Programs. The sessions will take place on February 23 at 6 pm, and 7 pm for prospective parents. Please call 266-3433 with questions!

Married Couples Retreat **Saturday March 3, 9am-4pm**

Is your marriage thriving, not just surviving? Building unity for a thriving marriage is the theme of a one-day retreat for married couples presented by Kevin and Katie Kelley on Saturday March 3 from 9 am to 4 pm at St. Augustin. \$20 per couple. To register or for more info contact Adam Storey at astorey@dmdiocese.org

Ash Wednesday Mass Times **Around the Diocese** **Wednesday Feb 22**

St. Ambrose: 10 am, 12:10 pm 5:30 pm

The Basilica of St. John: 12 pm, 7 pm

St. Augustin: 8 am, 9 am and 7 pm

St. Theresa: 6:30 am, 8:30 am and 6 pm

Parish News

Parishioners;

It is difficult to adequately express our gratitude for the outpouring of love, care and support we received in so many ways, from this parish family during David's illness and journey home.

Our sincerest thanks,
Nellie Robinson and Family

Parish Potluck to Welcome Fr. Mark
Feb 26 after 10:30 am Mass
Please sign up to bring a dish in the gathering area!

St. Catherine of Siena **Grant Applications**

Applications for the St. Catherine Foundation Grants are available for download on our website homepage. If you cannot access the forms online please contact Emily in the Parish Office at 271-4747 or saint.catherine@drake.edu for a hard copy. The Foundation Board will meet in March to review all applications.

Religious Education Schedule

February 19: Grades 1-7 meet

February 26: Grades 1-5 meet;
Youth group project