



In last Sunday's Gospel we saw that the purpose of Jesus' decisiveness and dispatch in going about his mission was to allow the Spirit the scope to counter evil spiritual forces that plague humanity. Evil spirits for Mark are those nebulous forces that afflict us and that we often struggle to name. They frequently resulted in aberrant forms of behavior that placed people beyond the realm of normal social intercourse.

In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus continues this ministry of exorcisms to show how God is conquering these powers that afflict our inner lives. Three times today we hear of Jesus casting out demons. But his range of activity becomes more expansive in this section, suggesting other means through which the reign of God is expressed. Jesus also engages in healings without exorcisms (Mark 1:30-31, 34). This suggests the comprehensiveness of the reign of God. It extends over all problem areas in life, not simply those that plague the inner life. Still, the focus on exorcising demons continues as this section of Mark concludes with the summary statement that Jesus "went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee" (1:39). For Mark, preaching and exorcisms are the *raison d'être* for Jesus' ministry. By contrast, Matthew's summary statement at this point has Jesus proceeding to teach, preach, and heal. In Luke's comparable statement Jesus moves on simply to preach (Matt 4:35; Luke 4:44). This emphasis on exorcisms appears for Mark to indicate Jesus' frontal assault on what was considered to be, from an apocalyptic perspective, the basis of all the problems in life: evil spirits.

But something more is afoot. We encounter Jesus' first attempt to silence witness to his exorcisms as he refuses to allow the demons to speak "because they knew him" (1:34). Afterward, he tells his disciples that he must go on to the nearby villages and preach (1:38). The Gospel readings on coming Sundays will clarify why Jesus focuses on preaching and prefers not to advertise his exorcisms in the midst of his mission to establish God's reign.

*Scripture Reflections and Commentaries by  
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#### Readings for the Week of February 8, 2009

Sunday	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39
Monday	Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday	Saint Scholastica, virgin Gn 1:20—2:4a; Ps 8; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday	Our Lady of Lourdes Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday	Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128; Mk 7:24-30
Friday	Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday	Saints Cyril, monk; Methodius, bishop Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32; 1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45

**Attention 7th/8th grade students**, high school students, and parents! The St. Ann youth group, C.R.E.W. (Christ's Really Eager Workers), is in need of devoted teens and adults for the success of the 2009 VBS program. The first informational meeting will be held on February 8th, 2009 from 7:00-8:30 at the Hingsbergen home (please call for directions). If interested, please RSVP to Erin Hingsbergen at 856-8945 or 374-0557. \*Note: This is a non-committal "come-and-see" meeting. Please consider volunteering! Last year was a huge success. If you are unable to help out, please pray for the C.R.E.W. and the rest of the volunteers as we begin planning for 2009!

**GROCERY FUND UPDATE** Don't forget to load those Kroger cards. We now sell Frisch's \$25 and Bob Evans \$25 cards. *Get yours today!*

**The 2009 Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass** for couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary will again be held in two locations this year.

Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m., Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr will be the principal celebrant at St. Christopher, Vandalia for those in parishes located in Mercer, Auglaize, Logan, Shelby, Darke, Miami, Clark, Champaign, Preble, Montgomery and Greene counties.

Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m., Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk will be the principal celebrant at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral for those in parishes located in Butler, Warren, Clinton, Highland, Hamilton, Clermont, Brown and Adams counties.

Couples celebrating their Golden or Silver Wedding Anniversary during 2009 should notify their parish by February 20<sup>th</sup> for St. Christopher and March 6<sup>th</sup> for St. Peter in Chains Cathedral.

**Each moment you spend before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament** brings blessings upon you. "So now, O children, listen to me; instruction and wisdom do not reject! Happy the man who obeys me, and happy those who keep my ways. Happy the man watching daily at my gates, waiting at my doorposts; For he who finds me finds life, and wins favor from the Lord." Proverbs 8:32-35  
You may come to adoration at any time, day or night, CALL 863-4963.

**In the mystery of the Incarnation**, the Son of God confirmed the dignity of the body and soul which constitute the human being. Christ did not disdain human bodiliness, but instead fully disclosed its meaning and value: "In reality, it is only in the mystery of the incarnate Word that the mystery of man truly becomes clear."

--*Dignitas Personae*, Instruction on Certain Bioethical Questions, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Sept. 8, 2008, n. 7.

FIFTH SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME



**This Week in our Parish**

**Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
 9-10 a.m. CCD classes  
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
**Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:00 p.m. Education Commission  
**Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A.  
 8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul  
 8:00 p.m. P.A.C. meeting  
**Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**  
 6-8 p.m. Pack 907  
**Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:00 p.m. Father/Daughter Dance  
**Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**  
 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Confessions  
 4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass  
**Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
 9-10 a.m. CCD classes  
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

**ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS** *Membership Envelopes* – In the newest pack of envelopes, there is an envelope for Rosary Society dues. We hope all will consider supporting our organization. The dues are \$3.00 per year and the benefits are great. Men and women are invited to join in supporting our group. Thank you.

**The P.A.C.** is looking for someone to run this year's Fish Fry. You will not be doing this alone, you will have assistance. This is a good fund raiser for the kids, and a good time is had by all. If no one steps up, this event may be cancelled. Please consider. A response is needed soon. Contact Jim Kreke at 910-0857.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council 968 Hamilton**  
 Friday Fish Fry Buffet during Lent Starting February 27 from 5 to 8 p.m. Includes fish, salad, various side dishes, desserts, soft drinks and coffee. Cost is \$9.95 per adult and \$5.45 for children under 10.

**Is God calling you to be a Franciscan sister? Come and See**  
 A Come and See Weekend for single, Catholic women 18 yrs. and older interested in learning more about Franciscan religious life on Saturday and Sunday, March 21 - 22 at the convent of the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, IN. The convent is located 3 mi. off I-74 at exit 149 half way between Indianapolis and Cincinnati. No charge for the weekend. For more info or to register, contact Sr. Joan Miller, PO Box 100 Oldenburg, IN 47036; phone: 812-934-6417; email [joanm@oldenburgsf.com](mailto:joanm@oldenburgsf.com)

**Badin H.S. Class of 1989 Reunion** is set for Sat. July 18, 2009 at Symmes Tavern located in Fairfield. If interested in joining us, please email Aimee Napier Centrulla at [NTDTInc@aol.com](mailto:NTDTInc@aol.com). with your email address. We will be sending an Evite with all the details. Also, please consider joining [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) group "Badin Class of 1989" for more details. Hope to see you there!

Visit St. Ann Church on the web at: [www.stanncc.org](http://www.stanncc.org).



**Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>** **Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
 5:00 p.m. Nettie Schneider (Family)  
**Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>** **Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 a.m. Mary Shalloe (St. Ann Rosary Society)  
 10:30 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People  
**Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>** **Weekday**  
 7:15 a.m. Hank & Jane Stock (Jackie Little)  
**Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>** **Scholastica, virgin**  
 7:15 a.m. Florence Saurber (Patty Seaton)  
**Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** **Our Lady of Lourdes**  
 7:15 a.m. Rose Toerner  
**Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>** **Weekday**  
 7:15 a.m. Communion Service  
 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church in Hamilton  
**Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>** **Weekday –**  
 8:00 a.m. Mary Mitrone (Paul & Cynthia Richardson)  
**Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>** **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Celebrant  
 5:00 p.m. Gloria Hesse  
**Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>** **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People  
 10:30 a.m. Alex Goldschmidt (Greg & Angela)

Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
02/01/2009	\$ 7,378.50
Shortfall	\$ (4,693.50)
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 374,232.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 294,173.51
Shortfall	\$ (80,058.49)

**The Sterling Silvers** lunch, meeting and social will be held Thursday, February 12; 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m. at Symmes Tavern. No reservations required.

**YOU ARE INVITED** – Carnival Italia 2009 will be held in the Queen of Peace cafeteria on February 14 beginning with a Lasagna dinner to be held from 5:30-7:00pm followed with dancing until Midnight. Tickets are \$15 per person. For more info or tickets contact the school 863-8705 or parish office 863-4344.

**La Salle High School** will be holding its 22nd Annual Camelot Auction - "Viva Las Vegas" - on Saturday, February 28. Come and enjoy the evening with your friends and help support our co-curricular programs. Enjoy a lavish dinner, open bar, split-the-pot, raffles, oral auction and silent bidding on over 700 items. This year we are excited to announce that we will have live entertainment provided by "Today's Elvis" Mike Davis.

Tickets cost \$160.00 per couple. Plan to join us for an evening of fun and entertainment. For additional information, please contact Patty Trotta at 741-2385 or [ptrotta@lasallehs.net](mailto:ptrotta@lasallehs.net).