

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 29, 2009

"Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." John 12: 20-33

Last Chance Harvey

A wonderful movie that got little attention this winter is the romantic comedy-drama *Last Chance Harvey*.

Dustin Hoffman, as Harvey, plays a failed jazz pianist who is struggling to hold onto his job as a New York jingle writer. Harvey has spent his life running very fast, but not getting very far. He has always put his music and career first, and his family second. He travels to London for his daughter's wedding. It's an awkward and painful experience for Harvey, who pays the price for being an estranged father and distracted spouse.

Emma Thompson plays Kate, a middle-age clerk for the British Office of National Statistics. Her life is her work and caring for her elderly mother. Her lonely life has been one long series of disappointments.

Harvey and Kate meet at London's Heathrow Airport where Kate works. They are both miserable, but in their misery, they make an awkward connection that soon becomes a friendship. They offer one another the understanding and kindness that they both need. Kate provides moral support to Harvey to get through his daughter's wedding with grace and dignity. With Kate's help, father and daughter reconcile, and the moment awakens in Kate a new sense of dignity and purposefulness.

The title of the film notwithstanding, Harvey and Kate realize that there is always another chance, that it's never too late to turn one's life around. The trick is to be willing to take a leap of faith into the frightening dark, but it's much easier if you have someone to leap with you.

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62;
Jn 8: 1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21: 4-9; Jn 8: 21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8: 31-42
Thursday: Gn 17: 3-9; Jn 8: 51-59
Friday: Jer 20: 10-13; Jn 10: 31-42
Saturday: Ez 37: 21-28; Jn 11: 45-56
Sunday: Is 50: 4-7; Phil 2: 6-11; Mk 14: 1 - 15: 47

Financial News

Offertory Contributions

Last Sunday \$ 5167.33
Monthly \$ 825.00
Year Ago \$ 4912.00
Catholic Relief Collection \$377.00



Jesus holds up the grain of wheat in today's Gospel as a symbol of hope for our own Harvey and Kate moments. Christ-like love demands change, risk and a certain amount of "dying," but if we are willing to risk loving and allowing ourselves to be loved, Christ promises us the harvest of the Gospel wheat. In our willingness to nurture the seed with our openness to God's grace and the compassion of others, there will always be second chances, opportunities to begin again, new seeds to plant and endless harvests to reap.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 30 - Lenten Weekday
5:15 PM COMMUNION SERVICE
Tuesday, March 31 - Lenten Weekday
8:00 AM
Wednesday, April 1 - Lenten Weekday
5:15 PM Anna T. Prusak
Thursday, April 2 - St. Francis of Paola
8:00 AM Sam Bellomo
Friday, April 3 - Lenten Weekday
5:15 PM
6:00 PM Stations of the Cross
Saturday, April 4 - St. Isidore
8:00 AM
5:15 PM Helen Fuleki

Pray for the Deceased

Anna Klocek
Deacon Louis J. Capek

Pot of Gold Winners

(\$25) David McCallum, Stephanie Pollock,
D.M. Dezsi, Marian Paetzel, Jeanne
McMaster, Greg Makatura



Communal Lenten Penance Service

The Catholic Parishes of our cluster will gather together to have a Community Penance Service. All Catholics are invited to participate. Priests from our cluster parishes will be on hand to hear confessions on Tuesday, March 31st, 7 PM at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church.

Lakewood/St. Rose Respect Life Coalition

The new administration has opened a 30 day waiting period (until April 9th) to accept public comment on their move to rescind the current Federal regulation protecting the conscience rights of health care professionals. Such a move would violate the conscience rights of nurses, doctors, hospitals and pharmacists who oppose abortion on moral grounds. Please write the Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202, or call 202-690-7000 (as soon as possible) telling them that you oppose this move and why.

St. Malachi Center FUNraiser

Enjoy a night out for a FUNraiser at Max & Erma's Restaurant at 30105 Detroit Road, Westlake, on Thursday, April 2nd. Bring a coupon, and 20% off all lunch, dinner, and carryout sales that day will benefit the Center. It's a great way to support the Center by taking a night off from the kitchen. Also great for office lunches or meetings. Coupons are available by calling Ginny Suhr at (216) 771-3036, or go to www.StMalachiCenter.org

Help for Troubled Marriages

Are you looking for new life and resurrection in your marriage? Has your relationship grown cold or distant? Do you wish you knew how to grow closer? If so, then Retrouvaille may be for you. Retrouvaille is a program which helps couples to rediscover each other in a new and positive way. It has been written about in Time Magazine, the Wall Street Journal, Good Housekeeping and more! Retrouvaille has been very successful helping couples in troubled marriages stay together.

A Retrouvaille weekend will be held on April 17-19 at the Hilton Hotel in Beachwood. A registration fee is required to confirm a reservation. For more information, call Al or Diane Miskinis at (216) 481-1467 or 800-470-2230. You may also learn about Retrouvaille at www.helpourmarriage.com.

Undie Sunday Update

Thank you St. Clement Parish Family!!! Undie Sunday was a great success thanks to the generosity of our parish family. We delivered 452 pairs of underwear, 146 tee shirts and 20 pairs of socks to St. Herman's House of Hospitality.

These gifts will be greatly appreciated by the homeless men who are ministered to at St. Herman's.

Mark Your Calendar!

Our Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast will be held on April 5th from 9AM - 1PM. Price includes pancakes, eggs, sausage and beverage. Cost is adults \$6, seniors 65 & over \$5, children ages 10 & under \$5, and family of 4 \$20. Tickets will be available at the door. There will be doughnuts for sale, basket raffles and a 50/50 raffle. For more information or to volunteer, or to donate prizes, please call Mary at the rectory at 226-5116.



What Will Your Response Be?

Are you a senior looking for your next step? Are you an underclassman looking for summer opportunities? Do you want to work for social justice? You may now order free copy/copies of RESPONSE 2009, a directory of full-time faith based volunteer opportunities. With thousands of volunteer opportunities available from nearly 200 programs, RESPONSE 2009 is the most comprehensive guide of its kind. Positions are available in all 50 states and more than 100 countries worldwide. Volunteers serve full-time in periods ranging from one week to one year, or more. Our volunteers are from all walks of life from high school to senior citizens and every stage in between. Positions are available for both single and married volunteers, including those with children. Call 800-543-5046 or email cnvsinfo@cnvs.org. You can also access and view RESPONSE 2009 at www.cnvs.org.

Holy Name High School Spring Craft Fair

And Family Dinner

Sunday, April 26th from 11 AM - 4 PM in the Manning Gymnasium. Free entry and raffle ticket for door prizes. Chicken barbeque meal includes roll & salad. Cost for meals \$8 adult, seniors \$5, children 8 and under \$5. Carryout is available. There will be crafters featuring First Communion, prom, graduation and floral/spring items. Free parking on school grounds.