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Sat. 5:30 pm, Sun. 9 & 11 am
 Mon. - Fri. 8:30 am
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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 26, 2007

What feeling came over you when you heard today's Gospel? Did you feel scared - or smug?

There is a short story by Catholic author Flannery O'Connor called "Revelation." In it, we meet Mrs. Turpin, a farm wife who thanks God that she is the way she is and smugly places her neighbors into classes before falling asleep at night.

The story describes a long day at the doctor's office, where Mrs. Turpin encounters someone from almost every one of her "classes." When she finally gets home, she sees a vast swinging bridge carrying a procession of souls "rumbling toward heaven." At the front, dressed in white and shouting hallelujah are the "classes" Mrs. Turpin has railed against all her life. At the rear, with shocked faces, are those like herself, who had always had a little of everything and the God-given wit to use it right."

Thank you, Flannery O'Connor, for explaining the words of Jesus. Until we see ourselves clearly, we aren't ready to recline at table in the Kingdom of God.

Mass Intentions This Week

Sat. 5:30 pm People of the Parish	Wed. 8:30 am Chris McGill
Sun. 9:00 am Virginia Kinney	Thu. 8:30 am Mary & John Wantland
11:00 am Ferd Effinger	Fri. 8:30 am Mary Kissel
Mon. 8:30 am Sharon Cassidy	Sat. 5:30 pm Connie Smith
Tue. 8:30 am Fred Kunz, Sr.	Sun. 9:00 am People of the Parish
	11:00 am Katty Smith

Ministers for Next Weekend

	5:30 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
Lector	Ken Aschbacher		Dottie Masterson Brent Gettlefinger
Communion	Vickie Davis Ward Robinson Mary June Robinson	Charles Gabriel Donna Taxes Frank Wood	Brad Calobrace Matt Dougherty Suzanne Dougherty
Hospitality	S. Barbara Peterson Millie Fralick Connie Ambrose	Margaret & Ted Duerr	Sue Knabel Paul & Wiletta Bleuel

Acolyte
Ushers

Chris Boehnlein
Chuck Treibly

Collin Gallus
Sharon & Jerry Clayton
Bob
Tway

Sacristan

**Ministers of Worship, Lectors, Acolytes, Communion, and Hospitality, please sign the notebook at the entrance of the church on the day of your assignment. Please call the chair of your service to let the person know when you will not be available due to vacation and times away this summer. Lectors - Paul Bleuel, 426-0159; Communion - Dottie Masterson, 895-9017; Hospitality - Wiletta Bleuel, 426-0159 or wsbleuel@aol.com. (This ministry is in need of more volunteers.) Thank you for your continued service.

Next Sunday's Readings - Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Hebrews 12, 18-19, 22-24a; Luke 14-1, 7-14.

Sunday Collection last week was \$8,352.00. Your generosity is appreciated.

Happy Birthday

Aug. 28	Jerry Fangman	29	Lindsay Wuerth	31	John Gray
	Trisha Withey	30	Devin Wirth		Lynn Priest
29	Margaret Johnson	31	Margaret Duerr	Sept.1	Dennis Davis
	Allison Maggiolo		Booty Francis		Ellen O'Connell
	Mary Wright				Brandon Welch

Parish and News of interest

Sunday	12:15 pm	RCIA Gathering
	4:00 pm	Family Picnic
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Baptism Preparation
Wednesday	7:00 pm	RCIA Gathering

RCIA - We would be happy to hear from anyone that may be interested in looking into the possibility of joining the Roman Catholic Church. We will have two informational meetings: Sunday, August 26, at 12:15 pm and Wednesday, August 29 at 7 pm in the Parish House. Interested persons may attend either one. Please call Sr. Carmelita at 896-8401 with questions

Back to School Family Picnic is Sunday, Aug. 26th from 4 - 6 pm at Cherokee Park at Big Rock. Parents and children from preschool through grade 8 are invited to join us for fun, food and fellowship. Bring your own picnic basket, beverages provided.

Registration Forms for Children's Sunday Formation classes are due this week. Please return the form if you have not done so. Thank you.

Baptism Preparation Classes for new or soon to be parent are held quarterly. Next class is August 28th and Sep. 4th. Interested families call Sr. Mary Jo.

Regional Religious Evening Classes for Gr. 1-8 are offered at Our Lady of Lourdes. Classes are held on Wednesday evenings. Registration is Wednesday, Aug. 29, 6 - 8 pm with a pot luck dinner. Parents and children should plan to attend entire time. For info contact Ann Pifer, 896-0241.

Rome'n Seniors

The 11th Annual Christmas Party will be on Tuesday, Dec. 11. Plan now to help make it our best ever event! We will travel by bus to Holly Hill Inn in

Midway, where we will enjoy a three course dinner, and then go to the Kentucky Horse Park to see the Festival of Lights. We will leave the church parking lot at 3 pm and arrive back at 9-9:30 pm. Cost is \$48, which includes \$35 dinner. Call Bobbie Effinger, 339-2365, soon as the bus only holds 47.

Sick - Please continue to keep all the sick, homebound and suffering of the parish in your prayers especially Arnold Brown, Tom Coomes, Anna Friday, Richard Phelps, Lee Read and Charles Stottman.

Moving through Grief - The Cathedral of the Assumption and the Church of the Holy Spirit will be co-sponsoring a day of reflection, Moving Through Grief, for the recently bereaved. The retreat is designed to give hope and begin prayerful healing. It will be held in the Cathedral's Patterson Education Center at 434 S. Fifth St. on Saturday, Sept. 8, from 9:30 am until 3:30 pm. A fee of \$10 includes a boxed lunch. Reservations are requested by Tuesday, Sept. 4th at 582-2971.

Men in Black is a discernment group sponsored by the Vocation Office for adult men ages 18 to 49 who are thinking about a call to the priesthood. The MIB group will

meet on Wednesday., Sep. 5, at 6 pm in the Chapel of Bishops at the Cathedral.

Contact Fr. Jeff or Fr. Bill at the vocation office, 636-0296 or e-mail at : vocation@archlou.org.

The Golden Arrow Center for mothers and children is seeking volunteers to serve mothers who are pregnant or already have children. This is an outreach ministry of St. Martin of tours. Volunteers are needed M-F from 9 am to noon to sort, stock baby items and in-take clients. There will be a two hour training session on Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 1 pm. For more information call Doris at 589-3537.

St. Leonard's Picnic is September 7th & 8th. Chicken dinners will be served. If you would like to help at their picnic, please call Tom Sheehan, 893-5193, to volunteer a few hours.

