



February 12, 2006

## WHO'S IN and WHO'S OUT

by Fr. Art Baranowski

A leper comes up to Jesus and begs for healing. As a leper, this person is on the outside of everybody's life. Lepers had to stay away from villages and from the Jewish worship. When lepers approached people, they had to ring a bell and call out "unclean".

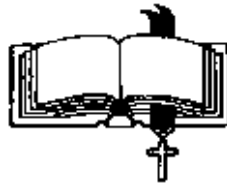
Jesus is moved with compassion for the outcast. Jesus **touches** the leper, heals him, and brings the leper back into society.

Jesus spent a lot of time bringing outcasts in. He did not simply tolerate sinners, prostitutes, and tax collectors. Jesus sought out these undesirable people and touched the untouchables.

The most basic points are these:  
No matter how you do not fit in or how at times you may feel a misfit, God's great desire is to bring you into his family, the church. Give God what God wants—to bring you fully into his church.

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### STUDY THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE SUNDAYS OF LENT IN A SMALL GROUP.



*6 sessions*

Each small group has 6-10 adults or young adults. They follow a national program used in many parishes throughout the country. Each small group looks over the Sunday readings and sees how the readings apply to everyday life. One meeting a week for 6 weeks of Lent.

### *This Sunday's Gospel*

Mark 1, 40-45

Jesus shows God's healing love in a very clear and remarkable way. Jesus is deeply moved by a leper forced by his religion and by society to live apart from everybody. He touches the leper and heals the leper and brings him into the regular community of people. Of course, the leper believes and trusts Jesus for his healing.

1. When did you experience not fitting in or not being good enough?  
Who helped bring you in?
2. Where do you see the touch of Christ toward undesirables happening today?
3. What would you ask Jesus for?  
Who would you like to include more in your life, a person not easily included?

#### *For St. Chris Parishioners* 6 -Week Lenten Small Group Program

##### Preferred Meeting Time

1st Choice Day \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Choice Day \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*Please drop this registration in the collection or at the parish office. Thank you.*

**WEEKLY CALENDAR****Sunday, February 12, 2006***(Can Collection for D.R. After Each Mass)*9:30 a.m. Breaking Open the Word  
*For those adults and teens inquiring about the Catholic Church.*9:30 a.m. Baby/Toddler Sitting  
Ages 10 months – 3 yrs.9:30 a.m. Children's Church  
Ages 3 yrs – Kindergarten

10:30 – 12 p.m. RCIA /Quest Rm.

10:45 a.m. 1st-8th Grade

1:00 p.m. Baptism

1:30 p.m. Parent/ Child  
1st Communion Mtg./ Rm. 15:30 p.m. Confirmation In Home  
Evaluation Mtg./ Rm. 16:00 p.m. Teens Return from  
Rainbow Conference6:00 p.m. Dinner for Parents /  
9th Grade Confirmation6:30 p.m. Follow up meeting for  
Parents/ 9th Grade Confirmation

6:30 p.m. Quest Leaders

7:00 p.m. Quest

**Wednesday, February 15, 2006**

4:00 p.m.-5:15 p.m. 1st-6th Grades

**No Rel. Ed.** 7th, 8th Grades

6:00 p.m. Venture Leader Mtg.

**Thursday, February 16, 2006**

6:00 p.m. Pastoral Musicians

**Saturday, February 18, 2006***(Supply Collection for D.R. After Mass)*

4:00 p.m. Confession

**Sunday, February 19, 2006***(Supply Collection for D.R. After Mass)*7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Boy Scout  
Breakfast9:30 a.m. Breaking Open the Word  
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No Quest

**St. Christopher Seniors**

We will meet on:

**Thursday, February 16**

2:00 p.m. Social and cards

4:00 p.m. Potluck

*We will order chicken to have with our potluck (if wanted). Please join us for an afternoon of fun.**(Continued from page 1)*

Don't try to prove yourself. You belong to God and to the church because God chooses you. You don't deserve God or the church.

Do accept God's choice of you. That leper had to let Jesus touch him. Let God and the church touch you. Do not stay an onlooker at Mass. Sing, even if you aren't good at it. Come early. Look at the readings ahead of time and ponder what God is saying to you because he loves you. Offer your life very specifically from this last week to God with the rest of the people at Mass.

Help bring other to God and to God's family, the church. Pay attention to people, especially those coming alone to Mass. Stay still and keep your children in church the whole time so others can hear God and so God can touch them.

All of us are lepers, sometime. Jesus is the only One able to make each of us fit in. We can help Jesus bring ourselves and others into his church, especially at Mass. Please do not be an onlooker and stay on the outside.

**St. Christopher Church  
"Memorial Fund"**  
gratefully acknowledges gifts  
in loving memory of:

**Mary Warren  
&  
Elizabeth Eastlake**

**BURIED IN CHRIST**

The members of St. Christopher's extend their prayers and sincere sympathy to the families of Fred Siefert and Al Kustowski.

**Remember to Keep in Your Prayers**

Robert Finn, Marilyn Springer, Gayle Smith, Helen Robinson, Joyce Farrell, Virginia Tracey, Connie Green, Corey Aspey, Irene Brow, Patrick Owens, Leo & Betty Visga, Ralph & Nancy Ceglarek, Dorothy Smarch, Simone Stern, Barbara Rumley, Dorothy Horn, Maria Miller, Bill Soboleski, Elizabeth Wessel, Theresa Prince, Rosie Dazer, Maureen Pochodylo, Greg Riley, Lori Charette, Helen Ferris, Albert Kubek, Kathy & Karen Carty, Kyle Clayton, Patrick McCarthy, Bernard Shafran, Loreen Metheny, Helen Senik, James Newson, Florence Ferris, Al Kustowski, Marlene Konik, Mary Blessinger, Dominic, Gino & Jordan Pecoraro, Russel Rumsey, Doris Godi, Barbara Stockwell, Harvey Brodeur, Mary Hodges, Patricia Pavlov-Leins, Jean Brockdorff, Kyle Stivers, and those who care for them.

**Welcome New Parishioners**

Richard and Amy Jewell and children Richard ("Richie" 5) and Joanna 4 are new in Marysville. This very friendly family comes from Chesterfield Township in Macomb County. Richard and Amy come from strong Catholic homes where faith always was important and they want the same strong faith for their own family. Christ continues to tell us "Seek and you will find." The Jewell's will find a deeper faith through St. Christopher's Parish because they are seekers. They will help us to seek a deeper relationship with God and with his Church, too.

**Weekend Liturgy  
February 18 & 19, 2006**

Day/Time	Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Sunday, 9:30 a.m.	Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
<b>Mass Intention</b>	Art Cunningham (8 yrs.) by his family <b>Fred &amp; Donald Spens</b> by Rosemary Spens	Parishioners of St. Christopher	Jack Murray by Sally & Courtney Kus	Carolyn Schroeder by her family
<b>Celebrant</b>	Fr. Britz	Fr. Britz	Fr. Britz	Fr. Val Gattari
<b>Lector</b>	Joe Ellery Andrew Cieslinski	Rose Chrcck Ron Horbes	Karen Frascchetti Martin Frascchetti	Jon Bilina Stephanie Makowski
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**Readings for the Week  
Of February 12, 2006**

**Sunday, February 12**

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46  
1 Cor 10:31-11:1  
Mk 1:40-45

**Monday, February 13**

Jas 1:1-11  
Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday, February 14**

Jas 1:12-18  
Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday, February 15**

Jas 1:19-27  
Mk 8:22-26

**Thursday, February 16**

Jas 2:1-9  
Mk 8:27-33

**Friday, February 17**

Jas 2:14-24, 26  
Mk 8:34-9:1

**Saturday, February 18**

Jas 3:1-10  
Mk 9:2-13

**Next Sunday, February 19**

Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25  
2 Cor 1:18-22  
Mk 2:1-12

**Boy Scout  
Pancake  
Breakfast**



**Sunday, February 19  
7:00 a.m.– 12:00 Noon**

**The Soup Kitchen**

*We need volunteers for 1 hour per day, 5 days a week to pick up donuts from the bakery and taken to the soup kitchen. Call Ralph at 364-7926 for more information. We really need your help.*

***Please drop off or mail your stewardship pledge card to the parish office. Thank you!***

**Missing Hymals**

Please return ***Glory and Praise Hymnals*** to the Church. Thank you.

**Weekday Mass Intentions  
February 13, 2006 – February 17, 2006**

Monday, 9:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.	Leo Zacharias (10 yrs.), by his family
Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.	Ann Simms, by William Simms
Thursday, 9:00 a.m.	Emma Buch, by Mr. & Mrs. Simon Kalka
Friday, 9:00 a.m.	Bea Cowger, by Larry & Joanne Campbell

**Financial Stewardship At  
St. Christopher's**

February 4 & 5.....\$8,290.25  
Children.....3.16  
Aid Church Central/Eastern Europe  
(Total).....596.00

**Stewardship Thought...**

In today's second reading, St. Paul urges the Corinthians to "do all for the glory of God." If we follow that advice in everything we do, we cannot help but be good stewards!

**Mass for Widowed  
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