



THE DOOR

Luke 13:24

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Special points of interest:

- Jessica is on leave through January 2009. Contact the chapel regarding Club Beyond activities.
- New Men's Fellowship begins

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Toward Perfection

Is it possible to finish 2009 without having sinned? Yes. Is it likely? No. Each of us has a desire to be the best we can be, whether in sports or academics or career or parenting or . . . whatever consumes our time. I have met many who excel at their employment (in whatever form that is) and yet fail at home or in their personal life. They are often confused why that happens and what to do to change.

The main reason, I have observed, is because of their splitting life into components. They have a work component, a family component and a church/faith component. For some Christians life is a balancing act, not unlike a sports entertainer spinning multiple basketballs at one time. As soon as you get one going another is slowing down and you focus your attention on that one. For other Christians one or more components is primary and the other components are less important or even unnecessary. They have an attitude of, "I'll get to it if I have time." In the end that area of their life is malnourished at best but most likely dead.

God never intended for us

to live this way. Each of these areas can be divided for discussion but in reality they all are blended to make up who we are. In the creation garden God expected Adam to work and He gave specific responsibilities to accomplish. Work is a good thing but work is not all.

God gave Adam a family in the form of woman and then they had children. Adam would have to provide for his family, teach his family, protect his family. Families are good and fun but they are not all.

God gave Adam an ability to relate to the divine. He gave the man a mind to think and the choice to choose or reject this divine relationship. When man does not choose they he has to live life the best he knows how to do. Let's see . . . man with limited knowledge and power, God with unlimited knowledge and power. Yeah, I think I'll do it my own way. Who knows an all-powerful, all-knowing, all-present God who loves me and wants what is best for me?

This is where man fails, but he is often ignorant of why he fails. It is a spiritual blind-

ness that only God can reveal. The Holy Spirit gives man insight to a spiritual world that he could not grasp otherwise. Proverbs 28:13 states, "He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy." Failure is not about the need to "pick yourself up by your boot straps". In failure is the potential to recognize God for who He is and how distant from Him I am. The remedy of failure is confession and repentance.

We all operate at this level. The perfect Christian does not exist. "If we say we are without sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us." (1 John 1:9) Although he will never be perfect, when a Christian does make confession and repentance a part of his daily routine the Holy Spirit perfects us so that over time we mature so that he becomes more than he thought possible. Only then does he realize that work is family is faith is school is church is leisure. Either all of life is worship or we are fooling ourselves. †



"Look! Here I stand at the door and knock. If you hear me calling and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal as friends." Revelation 3.20

Consider the Call

Chaplain authorizations across the services are short. Catholic chaplain authorizations are extremely short. Of the 200 active duty Army positions, only 90 are currently filled. These priests meet a vital need for Roman Catholics across the spectrum of military operations. Perhaps God has been calling you or a relative or friend into ministry. Consider serving those around you as a Roman Catholic Priest under the Archdio-

cese for the Military Services, USA. The AMS website has information about this unique service. Click here to learn more:

[AMS Recruitment](#)

Resources

Catholics in the Military <http://www.catholicmil.org/>

Stay informed on issues that pertain to Roman Catholics in the US Military.

International Prayer for Peace

www.praying4peace.org

Catechism Conformity List [Catechism Resources](#)

Why Catholic? [Renew International](#)

Holy Day Schedule

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|---------------|-----------|-------------|------|
| Ash Wednesday | Wednesday | 25 February | 1200 |
| Holy Thursday | Thursday | 09 April | 1600 |
| Good Friday | Friday | 10 April | 1600 |
| Easter | Sunday | 12 April | 1000 |

Prayer for Chaplain Vakoc

Chaplain Timothy Vakoc was wounded in 2004 while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is a priest of the Archdiocese of St Paul-Minneapolis. His painful treatments and recovery are still ongoing. Pray for Chaplain Vakoc.

You can find more information and a blog about Fr. Tim here:

<http://www.caringbridge.org/mn/timvakoc/>

Sunday

01 January 2009

Mass Attendance: 19

Regular Offering: \$34.70

Sunday

04 January 2009

Mass Attendance: 18

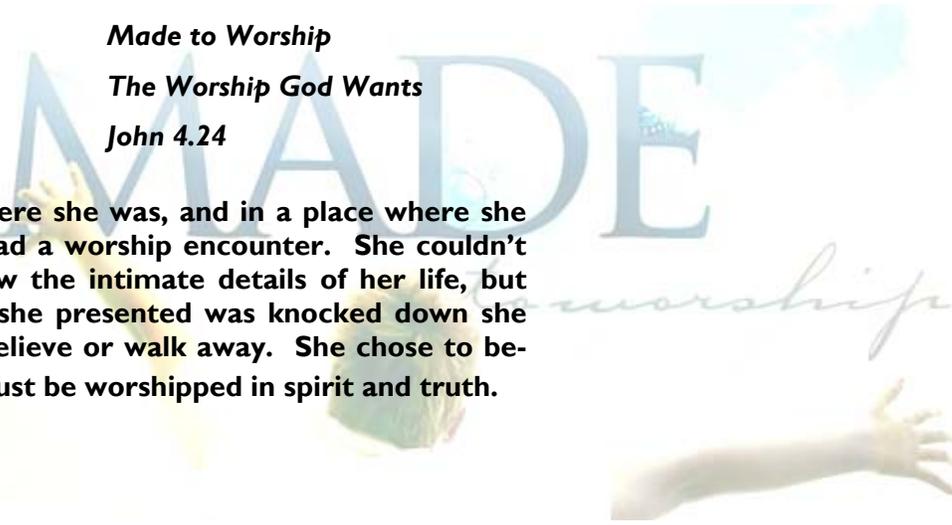
Regular Offering: \$51.80

For more information about Catholic programs, to volunteer in the Catholic congregation or schedule the facilities please see Sheri Colegrove.

This Sunday: 11 January

Jan Worship Theme *Made to Worship*
Sermon *The Worship God Wants*
Text *John 4.24*

Jesus met her right where she was, and in a place where she least expected it she had a worship encounter. She couldn't figure out how he knew the intimate details of her life, but when every argument she presented was knocked down she would have to either believe or walk away. She chose to believe in the God who must be worshipped in spirit and truth.



Commit to the Prayer Covenant

Renewal Service Completed This Sunday

Last week's service was an awesome (and I don't use that term loosely) experience for me. God opened my mind to a deeper understanding of worship— that it is following Christ 100%. Every minute of every day. Period.

If you missed it, Barry and I led in an old Wesleyan prayer renewal service. At the end I brought us to a point of entering a covenant with each other.

I stopped at that point and asked you to seriously consider making this covenant with each other and with God. It is a huge commitment and I don't want you to take it lightly. Pray this week about the following five points of the covenant and come ready Sunday to finish the covenant process. *Kelly*

1. To not continue in any known sin

2. To agree with and follow God's will for our lives

3. To pray for my brothers and sisters in this congregation

4. To read the Bible consistently

5. To encourage one another daily

Sunday
04 January 2009

Worship Attendance:
46

Regular Offering:
\$176.97

Sunday School

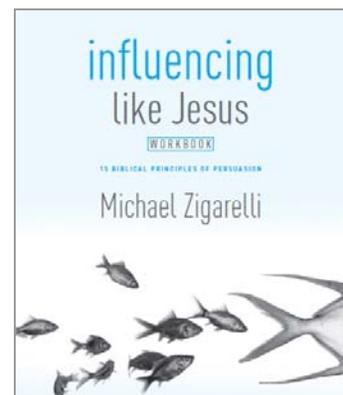
Each Sunday the children are playing games, memorizing scripture, hearing stories and having a great time in their Sunday School class. They meet in Mertz Hall at 1000.

Parents— the kids need your help as they remember Bible verses. Once they successfully memorize and understand the list of verses they

will earn a Bible Blitz New International Version Bible.

The adults are winding up their class in the Faith Lessons series. The next series is titled, "Influencing Like Jesus." Do you ever wonder how Jesus always knew what to say in any circumstance? Forget manipulation. Learn 15 principles of persuading others to be-

come fully devoted followers of Christ. At home. In the church. Among the world.



Club Beyond is an ecumenical Christian ministry reaching out to every military teen. Club Beyond is sponsored by military chaplains as a part of the overall Command Religious Program at a military installation.



What's Happening?

Middle School Events while Jess is gone. Tracey Magowan is the POC at mythreesons1970@yahoo.com or call the chapel if you need to phone her.

Monday Lunch: 12, 26 Jan

Wed Club: 14, 21 Jan

Club Beyond activities resume next week!

Camp Darby Monday Lunch

Club Beyond is partnering with Youth Services for the Monday lunches. Beginning 5 January 2009 the lunches will still be held at the chapel but YS will provide the meals. This is a big help both with the cost and the labor so make sure to thank their staff for all the work.

Romania Service Project Update

The due date for the first deposit has passed. The deposit is \$100. Some of you indicated an interest but have not paid. Call Stephanie ASAP if you haven't done so already.

Students— get ready to work. Fund-raisers coming soon!



Club Beyond Camp Darby is teaming with YouthCompass for the 2009 Spring Service Project. We will help to rebuild houses and roads in the town of Taut, Romania. You can reach me at jessintuscany@yahoo.com.

Thank you!

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2009 Service Project
Taut, Romania
10-19 April

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Regular Activities

- Mass 10:00
- Sunday School 10:00
- Prot Worship 11:15
- Women's Bible Study
Tues 12:00-13:00
Wed 17:30-18:30

To find The Door and more pictures of events, click on the Chaplain Crest below to access the Darby Chapel web page.



Click on Image

Chapel Wide Announcements

- **Night of Praise** Planning meeting tomorrow **1200** at the chapel
- **Men's Ministry** Tomorrow. Come eat some chili and meet some great Christian guys



Vacation Bible School



2009



Paul and the Underground Church

Coming in June

- ⇒ 2008 had a big turnout, let's push for over 100 in 2009
- ⇒ Make a huge difference on Camp Darby—Be A VBS volunteer
- ⇒ See Karen Pryor for more information

STOP! Don't throw out that _____. We need it for VBS. Now collecting the following donations:

1. Cardboard boxes
2. Cardboard tubes (of all shapes, especially carpet rolls)
3. Sewing fabric (to make really cool Roman costumes)
4. Roman Soldier costumes and equipment (kids outgrown those plastics swords, shields and helmets?)



**Coming to Camp Darby
Tuesday 24 February 2009**

**Outreach
Campaign
Timeline**

**Prayer Teams
Immediately
see CH Porter**

**Cards/Posters
1 February**

**AFN Spots
1 February**

**6 Week Ser-
mon Series
1115 Service
22 February**

**Movie Event
24 February**

**4 Week Small
Group Discus-
sions
26 February**

Spread the word about the movie event that will impact marriages for eternity.

