

Third Sunday of Lent

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BULLETIN ARTICLE DEADLINE: Mon. by 4:00 pm

PARISH INFORMATION

NEW PARISHIONERS: We welcome all new families and individuals. Please call the rectory to register or see one of the priest after Mass.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Emergency Assistance Call 289-6101, Box #1164

TRANSPORTATION: Need a ride to the 4:30 or 10 Mass? Call Cathy White 776-0363, ext. 13.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD For those in K-2nd grade at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

BAPTISM Please call the rectory for information.

MARRIAGE Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor at least six months before their intended date, and before any reservations/deposits.

COMMUNION CALLS Please call the rectory to request Holy Communion if someone is ill or homebound and as a result unable to attend Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. in the church chapel. Contact Therese Noecker, 776-7636. or Carmela Garza, 517-8311.

HOSPITAL VISITS/ANOINTING OF SICK Please call the rectory if you or a family member is hospitalized or if you want Anointing of the Sick.

FATHER GAVIN OUTREACH CENTER 771-9411: Mon., Wed., Thurs., 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

PARISH NEWS

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!

We are looking for business owners (restaurant owners, financial planners, realtors, shop owners, contractors, etc.) to place sponsorship ads on homework folders given FREE to all students at SMOS. Prices for ads range from \$99 (business card size) to \$1200 for the full back, and many in between. Contact Anne Carr at lescarrs@yahoo.com or 421-4292 before the Feb. 28th deadline.

CONTRIBUTIONS

“Due to recent changes in the tax laws, beginning with contributions made in 2007, donors will no longer be able to deduct cash contributions unless they maintain a bank record (like a cancelled check or direct deposit record on a bank statement) or a written contribution statement from the donee organization. If you wish to ensure deductibility of your contributions, please use a check, direct from your bank account, or your parish envelopes. The parish will track such contributions, and will produce a written statement of contributions made during the calendar year. The parish cannot track currency contributions not in parish envelopes.

February 24, 2008

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. March 1st—4:30 p.m. Marty Johnson, Ryan Kiernan, Tiara Fitzpatrick

Sun. March 2nd—8:00 a.m. Ben Dela Roche, Eduardo Espinoza, Dominic Civettini

Sun. March 2nd— 10:00 am Sarah Connolly, Stephen Hagen, Katherine Hesed

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. —March 1st—4:30 p.m. Carol Helfrich, Sr. Mary Jo Ritter, Gregory

Sun. —March 2nd -8:00 a.m. Cam Jansen, Joe Iovanna, Mary Talbott Sun. —March 2nd -10:00 a.m. Patty Duffy, Patty Hendrickson, Bob Kramer, Virginia Coates-Favron, John Merideth, Deb Halter, Harriet Pilch, Richard Buthod

LECTORS

Sat. —March 1st —4:30 p.m. George Mills, Anne Hagen

Sun. March 2nd —8:00 a.m. Pat Bittick, Rochelle Schneider Sun. —March 2nd - 10:00 a.m. Prudence Kramer, Bob Waeltermann

GREETERS FOR MARCH

4:30 p.m. Lucille Shirley 8:00 a.m. Martha Brake 10:00 a.m. Kay Reid & Betty Schneider

COFFEE & DONUTS 3/2/08

Donut Pick-up: John & Barb Lenzini Coffee for March: Linda Holdinghaus Donut Clean-Up: Bob Kramer

DRIVERS 3/1/08 Betsy Mahony

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS—

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again.” John 4:13 Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions we always want more. True satisfaction only comes when we follow Jesus.



Monday, February 25th

6:30 a.m. Casey Family Intention 8:00 a.m. Rose Ivicsics

Tuesday, February 26th

6:30 a.m. Dorothy Leonard 8:00 a.m. Lillian Grensaullus

Wednesday, February 27th

6:30 a.m. Severin & Ruth Gadell

Thursday, February 28th

6:30 a.m. George Pollard

Friday, February 29th

6:30 a.m. Healing of Deb Zobrist 8:00 a.m. August Meyer Jr. 92nd Birthday

Saturday, March 1st

4:30 p.m. Edward Cochran

Sunday, March 2nd

8:00 a.m. Parishioners 10:00 a.m. Sheila Moglia



February 24 through March 2, 2008

- Sunday: Ex 17:3-7 Ps 95:1-2,6-9 Rom 5:1-2,5-8 Jn 4:5-42
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b Pss 42:2-3;43:3-4 Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25,34-43 Ps 25:4-5b,6,7bc,8-9 Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1,5-9 Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20 Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2,6-9 Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-11b,14,17 Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4,18-21b Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a Ps 23:1-6 Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41

SPRING APPEAL



Our annual appeal is off and running. At the time this publication went to press parishioners had contributed \$855.00 to this year's drive. Hopefully, by the weekend we will have our 1st tulip blooming. Last year over \$28,500 was donated by our parishioners, school parents, friends and families. If you can be a part of the effort, your donations will be greatly appreciated.



SVDP ANNUAL BUTTER BRAID SALE!

The wait is almost over for the annual SVDP Butter Braid and Frozen Cookie Dough Sale. Clear out your freezer and make space for these delicious fruit pastries and mouth-watering cookies that your family always enjoys. A variety of items will be on sale after all masses the weekends of Mar. 1 & 2 and Mar. 8 & 9.

Let's work together for a great...



GAVIN OUTREACH CENTER RUMMAGE COLLECTION & SALE

It's time to move out all those unwanted treasures that are just collecting dust and taking up space! The end of winter rummage collection will take place on Sat. Mar. 1 from 3:00-6:00 p.m., and on Sun., Mar. 2 from 7:30 a.m. - Noon. A truck will be parked on 39th Street, just outside of church, to collect your clothing, household items, toys & books, and small furniture items, or you may drop them off anytime between now and Mar. 7th on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Gavin Outreach Center, 3135 Lafayette Ave. The Rummage Sale will take place the following weekend, Mar. 8 and 9 from 8:00 a.m. - Noon at the GOC.

SAVE THE DATE!



Members of our St. Vincent De Paul conference and our Social Justice Ministry will be co-hosting a Lenten devotion with the Stations of the Cross followed by a light Lenten supper in the Church Hall on the evening of Fri., Mar. 7th. Mark your calendar and watch the bulletin for more details.

DRIVER NEEDED



One of our parishioners is in need of a driver to pick her son up at St. John the Baptist School on Mondays and Wednesdays. The pick up time is 2:45pm and then return him to his home on Flad. If interested, please call Mary at 771-5535.



GET HOOKED ON ST. STEPHEN FISH FRIES!



Come and join us all Fridays in Lent except for Good Friday from 4:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m. in the School Hall. We will be serving fried and baked cod, jumbo shrimp, spaghetti, green beans, hush puppies, french fries, mac & cheese bites, applesauce and coleslaw. In addition, we have a baked "Catch of the Day". There is adult and child dinners, dine in and carry out, and a Kidz Korner where they can draw, make crafts and play games. We are located at 3929 Wilmington (at Livingston). Thanks for supporting our school.

ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI TRIVIA NIGHT



It will be on Saturday, March 8th with the doors opening at 6:30 p.m. and questions beginning at 7:00 p.m. sharp. Cost is \$15 per person, limit 8 per team. For reservations call 481-8400.

ST. MARGARET'S CREDIT UNION MEETING



On Sunday, March 9th at 1:30 p.m., the Credit Union's annual meeting will take place in the Parish Hall. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by calling 314-865-3133.

SOME PEOPLE EXPERIENCING LENT—

From the



Last Saturday, we had our parish Lenten Retreat. About 30 people participated, and a sense of insight and reflection grew through the day. We started with a beautiful call to awareness, including especially our own bodies, notably through breathing. It was a joy to recall, and sense clearly, how we take in life so automatically, and breathe out what's not life-giving—and that we do this constantly, at all times! Life and breath were appreciated as ongoing gift. Then we looked at how to sustain this sense of life throughout a day, always realizing the gift and the Lord within us, as an ongoing conversation. We finally thought of the Eucharist, in so many settings, with different people, uniting us in real presence with those there and far off too. Faith sharing and large-group reflecting tied these experiences together, so we felt being a group in renewal, with a gift to give those beyond the room.

Our catechumens and candidates continue their proximate preparation for the sacraments. Angela and Darren will be Baptized, and receive Confirmation and the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil March 22, and will profess their faith within the Catholic Communion. Perhaps the rest of us can spend a few moments considering what a major step this is in these peoples' lives, the grace they receive to do so, and their courage and faith. We must appreciate that their faith is in the Lord, as well as in our community, and in the whole Catholic Church. They model this trust and courage for us.

Our children are also undergoing several movements toward renewal. Tomorrow (Monday), most of the school children will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which they take quite seriously. Our second-graders in St. Margaret's school, along with children in the Atruim and PSR, are preparing for First Communion, and for Confirmation. Since these sacraments are commonly celebrated as part of the Easter Season, their preparation becomes part of the Lenten renewal.

With all these people finding renewal, I hope you're finding some meaningful way this Lent to do the "Lenten thing" of leaving some things behind to find new Easter life.

Weekly Collection for FY 2008

Week of February 17, 2008	\$4,331.10
Average for FY 2008	\$7,521.31
Budgeted Average FY 2008	\$7,909.62
98 Envelopes Used	



We welcome our newest parish members, *Andrew William Freeman*, son of Brendan and Angela, *Sera Juliet Siemer*, daughter of Matthew and Nancy, and *Adian Robert Cagle*, son of George and Carolyn, of our parish family. Congratulations on the baptism of their child. We send them along this Christian parenting path with our prayers.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, 2/25- Parish Council, 7:00 p.m. RMR Youth Chorus, 7:00 p.m. School	Thursday, 2/28- Eucharist Adoration 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Side Chapel Senior Exercise 12:30—1:30 p.m. CH Cub Scouts Blue & Gold, 4:00—9:00 pm. CH
Tuesday, 2/26— Senior Exercise 12:30—1:30 p.m. CH Confirmation mtg., 7:00 p.m. School Café (students and sponsors)	Friday, 2/29 School Mass 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday, 2/27— Athletic Assoc., 7:00 p.m. RB Finance mtg., 7:00 p.m. RMR Administration mtg., 8:00 p.m. RMR Choir, 7:15 p.m., Church	Sunday, 3/2- SVDP 8:50—9:50 a.m. Butter Braids RMR RCIA 11:30 a.m. RMR DuBourg Swing 6:30 p.m., 8:00 p.m. CH

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

from Catholic Relief Services

Water is symbolic of life. The Israelites wandering in the desert grumble against the Lord and Moses because of their thirst. God hears their cry. Moses strikes the rock and water gushes forth. Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well and tells her he is living water and proceeds to turn her life around. Despite having his legs paralyzed by polio, fourteen year old Pailash in Calcutta, India was able to join a Catholic Relief Services' sponsored school, and is learning skills that will help him earn a livelihood in the future. Catholic Relief Services has helped Pailash avoid despair about his situation. Instead, he is able to respond to the challenges he faces. We who contribute to Operation Rice Bowl become sources of hope, streams of living water, for people around the world. Our prayers open us up to the streams of running water that flow out from our life in Christ. Our fasting brings to mind the image of drought and famine that results when water is cut off; when we live without reference to Christ, the source of life, hope and love.

THEMES OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: LIFE AND DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

Each week of Lent we consider one of the 7 themes of Catholic social teaching articulated by the U.S. bishops. You may pick up a flyer with all seven themes and corresponding scripture references in the church vestibule.

The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. Every person is precious; people are more important than things. Thus, the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.

Some Scripture Verses: Genesis 1:26-27 (created in the image of God) / Deut. 30:19 (choose life) / Psalm 8:5-7 (humans made little less than a god) / John 12:32 (Christ will draw all to himself) / I Corinthians 15:22 Christ died for all.

Life and Dignity of the Human Person at SMOS—We are fortunate to have a parish nurse at St. Margaret's to help with outreach to our parishioners and neighbors. Since she began in this ministry three years ago, Cathy White has led several parish-wide health initiatives and also begun visiting seniors in their homes. During these visits, she does a simple assessment of their physical condition and also offers spiritual support by praying with them. According to Cathy, this is truly the heart of parish nursing - caring for the body, mind and spirit of those she serves. *In 2007, Cathy made 83 home visits and fielded approximately 830 calls for this ministry.*

In 2006 the ministry expanded to include a Prayer Shawl group that meets monthly to knit or crochet shawls for those that are ill or experiencing difficult times. These blessed shawls bring comfort to the recipients in their time of need. *Due to this ministry's hard work they were able to donate an extra 18 shawls to Beauvais Manor over the holidays.*

This ministry also includes programs that enable parishioners to enhance their own health care and that of their senior neighbors. At the monthly blood pressure screenings offered after Mass, Cathy typically sees 20-25 people and a *twice-weekly exercise program geared to seniors who want to improve their flexibility, strength and coordination, was begun in 2008.* In 2007, over 150 people of all ages participated in the "Walk to Jerusalem" program during Lent and *another walking program will begin in March '08.*

**SUCH AMAZING GENEROSITY**

Last week Fr. Tom received through the mail one of two checks for \$10,000.00. This very generous gift is granted from the Kemper Foundation, Commerce Bank Trustee with the intention of assisting with tuition for our families who could not afford Catholic education otherwise. We are greatly indebted to William T. Kemper, Jr. for his generosity to our school through this grant given over the next two years and for his great generosity in past years.

Patty Hendrickson, Kathy Kennebeck and I began the application process a full year ago. Fr. Tom's persistence in meeting with and calling the Kemper Foundation's grant manager was also instrumental in procuring this funding for our students. Many thanks to all who made this grant possible.

Such generous grants allow us to maintain a tuition rate that is both affordable by most of our families and yet covers enough of the cost of an SMOS education that our school is not overly burdensome for our parish. Although the grant is directly intended to offer tuition assistance for 2008 – 2009 and 2009 – 2010, it will also benefit both the school as a whole and parish indirectly.

Thank you, Mr. Kemper and Commerce trustees, your generosity supports our children today and into their futures.

**IMPORTANT FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION**

Any Catholic family wishing to apply for tuition assistance through the Archdiocese and any SMOS family wishing to apply for tuition assistance for the 2008-2009 school year, must obtain a "FACTS" application from the School Office. Students must attend a Parochial elementary School or an Archdiocesan, Regional or Parochial High School to be eligible. **The due date for the application is April 1, 2008 and must include a copy of your 2007 Income tax return.** To pick up a "FACTS" application, please contact the school at 776-7837.

**SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

It is time for School Registration again. If you would like to register your child at SMOS for the school year of 2008-2009, please contact the School Office at 776-7837.

PARISH NURSE

By: Cathy White



Walking Program: It's time to get ready for our trip to Jupiter, Florida. We have a week to pack but don't forget your comfortable tennis shoes, walking shorts, water bottles, and most importantly, sunscreen.

Registration for the "**Walk to Jupiter**" program will begin next week, March 1st and 2nd after all masses. At this time you will be given your daily log book and necessary information/instructions for the trip. It would be a great idea to have your blood pressure checked before we leave so I'll have fellow nurses on hand to help with this.

As usual, 20 minutes of walking (or jogging or working out at the gym) is equal to one mile. If you sign up next weekend, your name will be entered in a drawing; winner to be announced the following week.

The first leg of our trip is 1,139 miles. As a group, we can make it! Keep in mind the old Chinese proverb, "One step at a time is good walking".