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~Mark 6:31

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Dear Parishioners,

“Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile” (Mark 6:31) These words spoken by Jesus in the Holy Gospel are still very important for us to hear today. We live in an incredibly busy world. We do need to take some time to be renewed and refreshed by the Lord. We would like to invite each of you to participate in our parish mission on March 21-22. Fr. James Kubicki, S.J. will give a meditation each evening, and there will be ample time for prayer and reflection. It has been some time since we have gathered for a parish mission. Please be sure to reserve these dates on your calendar. We would also like to invite you to take some time in our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. Each one of us needs to spend some time in the desert being quiet before the Lord. We have been blessed to have Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration for almost 20 years. This might also be a good time to commit to one hour a week of prayer in the chapel. It will change your life! We also invite you to the other excellent talks and devotional activities found in this leaflet. Let us use this Lenten season to be renewed and transformed in Jesus. May God bless you!

Fr. Michael Creagan,
Pastor

Fr. Joseph Fink,
Parochial Vicar

Jerry Scherkenbach,
Deacon

Fasting & Abstinence **Regulations**

Following the example of Jesus, the Church has encouraged fasting and abstinence from meat as preparation for major celebrations and growth in the spiritual life. Fasting is taken on to remind us of our dependence on God, to express a desire for repentance and to provide spiritual development.

Abstinence: Catholics, age 14 years and older, are asked to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays during Lent.

Fasting: Catholics between the age of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. On those days, two additional smaller meals are permitted, if necessary, to maintain strength. Eating between meals is not permitted.

If someone is ill, taking medicine or working in a job where fasting may be a problem (police officer, fire fighter, etc.) they may be exempt from the rule.

On Our Lenten Journey... Becoming an Easter People

-SOUP SUPPERS prepared by Fr. Joe Fink and served by Ann Osendorf and the Junior High Youth, will be served Friday evenings during Lent, from 5 to 6pm, in the Msgr. Foran Great Room, (prior to the Stations being said). Everyone welcome! RSVP by calling (651) 789-8357.

-STATIONS OF THE CROSS are said on Friday evenings during Lent: Feb 19, 26, Mar 5, Mar 12, Mar 19 and Mar 26, at 6:30pm, in the main church.

-LENTEN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION on the Catholic Social Teaching of the preferential option for the poor. Wednesdays: Feb 24, Mar 3, Mar 10, Mar 17 and Mar 24, from 6:30-7:30pm, in the Parish Center. Call Tom Alleva for more information, (651) 451-8474.

-RECLAIMING THE CULTURE OF MARRIAGE OF LIFE TALK by Fr. Bill Baer and Dan Kelly on why Christian Marriage is good for the society and how Marriage and Life are connected. **Feb 25**, 7:00-9:00pm, Msgr. Foran Great Room. *Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life.*

-24TH ANNUAL MARIAN CONGRESS *Immaculate Heart of Mary: Hope for Our Times.* Speakers: Prof. Americo Lopez-Ortiz, Fatima's International President; Fr. John Gallas, WAF Spiritual Director; Fr. James Parker, Diocese of Rockford, IL. Saturday, **March 6**, 8:00am Mass with Bp. Piché; Program: 9:15am to 3:00pm, Msgr. Foran Great Room. Call (763) 502-0792 or www.fatimaonline.org to register. *Sponsored by The World Apostolate of Fatima.*

-ARCHDIOCESAN CENTER FOR MISSION PARISH APPEAL

Fr. Mario Ochoa, will be here the weekend of **Mar 13/14** for the appeal. A Taco Dinner will be held on Mar 13 after the 5:00pm Mass, in the Great Room. Funds raised will support the people of San Jose, specifically, for a new health clinic that Father Mario has recently opened in their community.

The Wisdom of Lent

First Sunday

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news.

Second Sunday

This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to him!

Third Sunday

What sign can you show us? I will raise up the temple.

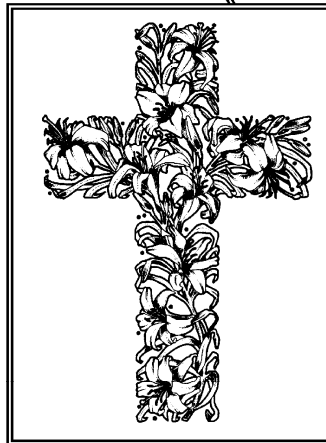
Fourth Sunday

Whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

Fifth Sunday

The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

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Parish Mission

Mark your calendar now and make plans to attend. Everyone is welcome!

How to Live the Eucharist

**Sunday and Monday,
March 21 and 22, 2010
7:00—8:00pm each day,
in the Church**

Pope Benedict's Apostolic Exhortation "The Sacrament of Charity" calls the Eucharist a Mystery to be Believed, a Mystery to Celebrated and a Mystery to be Lived. The first two are pretty understandable, but what does it mean to "Live the Eucharist?" and how, practically speaking, do we do that?

Fr. James Kubicki, S.J., is the director for the apostleship of prayer. The website is: apostleshipofprayer.org.

Eucharistic Adoration

An opportunity for Prayer in the Desert

The season of Lent recalls the 40 days that our Lord withdrew to the desert to prepare himself for his earthly ministry. Whenever Jesus would do something or make an important decision, He would always withdraw to a quiet place to pray. He did so before he chose the apostles and before performing many miracles and teachings.

The desert is a place of quiet. It is in silence that we can be with God. Many people complain about being too busy or stressed and feeling empty. We live in such a busy world, and we need some quiet time with the Lord to be refreshed.

This Lent is the perfect opportunity to visit the Perpetual Adoration Chapel. Day and night the chapel is available for us to spend time in the Eucharistic presence of our Lord. Perhaps the best Lenten resolution might be to commit some time each week to spend in silent prayer before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Special Events

Special Holy Hour with Taize Prayer **Wednesday, February 24, 7:30 to 8:30pm, Church**

Spend an hour in prayer before the Eucharist in the main church. The meditative songs from Taize, France, will be used.

Solemnity of St. Joseph **Friday, March 19, Masses: 7:30am, 9am (school) and 5:30pm**

Lenten Talks

All the Way to Heaven is Heaven

Based upon the works of St. Catherine of Siena, Dr. Loomer examines how we can start living heaven now.

**Wednesday, March 3, 7:30pm
(in Church after R.E. penance service)**

Dr. Thomas Loomer is a husband, father and theologian. He studied at Tübingen in Germany and worked with Fr. Joseph Ratzinger (now known as Pope Benedict XVI). Dr. Loomer owned and operated Loomer Theological Booksellers for many years. He also helped to found the Catholic Worker houses in Stillwater and teaches a catechism series. He gave a talk at the National Prayer breakfast in Washington DC a few years ago.

The Family of God in the Letters of St. Paul
This talk will explore Paul's notion that all Christians are brothers and sisters through adoption in Jesus Christ into God's family.

**Monday, March 8, 7:30pm
Msgr. Foran Great Room**

Dr. John Martens is a husband, father, parishioner and professor of theology at the University of St. Thomas. A graduate of the University of Toronto and McMaster University, Dr. Martens has a great love for his work teaching scripture to the college students and seminarians.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

(with individual Confession)
Tuesday, March 16, at 7:00 p.m.

HOLY WEEK RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Monday, March 29
7:00 to 7:20 a.m.

Tuesday, March 30
7:00 to 7:20 a.m. and
5:00 to 5:20 p.m.

Wednesday, March 31
7:00 to 7:20 a.m. and
5:00 to 5:20 p.m.



HOLY WEEK LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday, March 29
Mass at 7:30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 30
Masses at 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 31
Masses at 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Holy Thursday
Morning Prayer at 7:30 a.m.
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday
Morning Prayer at 7:30 a.m.
Stations of the Cross at 12:00 noon
Celebration of the Lord's Passion (including Veneration and Communion) at 5:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday
Morning Prayer at 8:00 a.m.
Easter Vigil (with String Quartet)
at 8:00 p.m. (2 hours)

Easter Sunday
Masses at 7:30, *9:00 and *11:00 a.m.
*with Brass Quintet