

Our Lady Queen of Peace

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March 11, 2012



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Parish Office

671-3062

School

671-0247

Cafeteria

375-5335

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Evening

5:00 pm

(Rosary before Mass - Fatima Prayers included on 1st Sat.)

Sunday

7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am

Holy Days

as announced

Weekdays

8:00 am

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesday after 8:00am Mass

ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

2nd Monday of each month after 8:00am Mass

ROSARY FOR PEACE

Every Monday evening at 7:30pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

First and third Sunday of the month after 11:30am Mass

Make arrangements by calling Parish Office

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45pm or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

As soon as marriage is contemplated, contact one of the parish priests.

Welcome to Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish

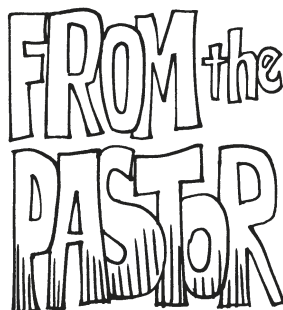
We rejoice to have you with us, whether a long-time resident or newly arrived in our parish! Please fill out this form and return it to the Parish Office or place it in the Sunday collection basket if you would like to be a registered member of our parish. If you have recently changed your status, married, moved out of your parents' home or graduated from college, you need to re-register. Please help us keep our records in order.

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ Phone _____ # of people registering _____

email address _____

Please circle one: New Registration Address or phone number change Moving out of parish

Upcoming OLQP Parish Events**2012****March**Sun 18 **Red Hat Bingo, KC Hall****April**Sat 28 **Daughters Tailgate Sale
Athletic Association Trivia Night,
KC Hall****May**Sun 6 **Ladies Auxiliary Bake Sale after
all Masses**Mon 7 **Confirmation**Sat 19 **Preschool Graduation****June**Sat 9 **OLQP Picnic****July**Sun 15 **Hope Builders**M-F 23-26 **Athletic Association Soccer
Camp****August**Sat 18 **Daughters Tailgate Sale, OLQP
Knights Fairmont Horse Races****September**Sat 22 **PSR Chili Supper, Cafeteria**Sun 23 **Quilt Social****October**Sat 6 **Hoedown**Sat 13 **Harvest Moon Auction, KC Hall**Sun 14 **Fall Festival, Cafeteria**Sun 28 **Daughters Fashion Show,
Cafeteria**

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Almost Halfway

We are almost halfway through Lent! So, how is your Lent going? Have you been faithful to the little acts of penance that you committed yourselves to? Have you been finding time for prayer in your life in order to take God a little more seriously? Have you been going out of your way to help the poor or your brothers and sisters who are in need of something?

If you answered "yes" to all of the above questions, then praise God. He will do wonderful things with our efforts to use Lent to seek holiness and become more faithful in following Jesus. But what about those of us who have fallen flat on our faces and have either failed at our commitments or never really embraced Lent to begin with? What about all of us who are slowly becoming aware that we might be suffering from what is commonly known as CLS (*Crappy Lent Syndrome*)?

Not to fear. If you are suffering from CLS, then know that you are not alone. St. Peter himself, after making one of the most famous Lenten resolutions in history, ("*even if the others abandon you, I will stay by your side!*") failed at his commitment and went out and wept bitterly. But, what redeemed Peter was that he did not give up. Even as a failure, he picked himself up and kept trying. Jesus did not hold his weakness against him, in fact, Jesus made him the head of His Church.

If our Lenten journey is not what it should be, we can still make use of the time that we have left. Take the time to commit yourself in some way to prayer, fasting and/or "almsgiving. There will be opportunities to go to confession in the next several weeks. Please take advantage of these opportunities as we prepare ourselves for the celebrations of Easter.

BINGO
*Every Friday Night
Knights of Columbus Hall
Doors open at 4:30 pm
Bingo starts at 6:45 pm
Hope to see you there!*

**Young
at
Heart**

On Monday, March 12, we will enjoy lunch at Marty's Bistro (High Ridge Blvd.) at 1 pm. Hope to see everyone there.

Fr. Mike

School News...

Congratulations to our 8th graders.
They have chosen their high schools for next year.

Bailey Alexander – St. Pius
Madison Becnel – Notre Dame
Hailey Bertani – Northwest
Melanie Boyer – Ursuline
Nathan Bufka – Northwest
Tommy Carbone – Northwest
AJ Drew – John F. Kennedy
Jordan Duff – Northwest
Maureen Ganey – St. Francis Borgia
Tom Gantner – DeSmet Jesuit
Brandon Hicks – Northwest
Ann Kenney – St. Pius
Molly Kovarik – St. Pius
Patricia Larson – Notre Dame
Brandon Love – St. John Vianney
Grady Lucas – St. John Vianney
Lauren Marks – St. Pius
Austin Poulsen – St. John Vianney
Tyler Puszkar – St. John Vianney
Megan Reiter – Northwest
Kelsey Stephan – Cor Jesu
Dylan Vancil – Northwest
Cameron Whitehead – Northwest
Nick Wigge – Northwest
Jeni Woolsey – Northwest

RCIA

All parishioners or guests are invited to sit in on any of our sessions when the topics being discussed might interest them.

For any questions or further information please call Deacon Paul, 314-954-0378, or email deaconpaul@olqpparish.org.

Schedule of Topics:

- Mar 12 - The Nicene Creed
(What we believe as Catholics in the Creed we profess at each Mass)
- Mar 19 - The Way of the Cross and Our Lord's Prayer (A prayerful walk through and explanation of the Stations and a deeper look at Jesus' prayer)
- Mar 26 - The Meaning of Holy Week
(Explanation of how our Parish celebrates Holy Week and how those being Baptized, Confirmed and Receiving Holy Communion will be received into the Church)

YOUTH MINISTRY**6th, 7th and 8th grade Crazy Game Night**

What is a Crazy Game night? It is much like a Trivia Night without the trivia. Teams of 6-8 players register and they will play rounds of card games, board games, minute to win it games and have a lot of fun. Each team has a shopping list of items that they are to bring with them to the event to help out kids their age that suddenly find themselves in foster care. There is no admission fee, just bring in a couple of the items from the list. Remember you can shop for a couple of items or several items off the shopping list: **toothbrush/ toothpaste, deodorant, comb/brush, shampoo, socks, stuffed animal, journal, pen/pencil, activity book (word search, Sudoku, etc), magazine, manicure set, nail polish, T-shirt (something to sleep in), pack of gum, coloring book/crayons or anything else you think would be good.** To register as a team email:

terry.ostlund@olqpparish.org by Monday, March 19th. This event is being held in the Church cafeteria. We will have some snacks for sale at the event at very affordable prices or you may bring your own food for your table to share.

"IT" Group News

As we reach the half-way point of Lent; feel good about the accomplishments and sacrifices you have made. If you haven't started, it's never too late. Have you worked a Fish Fry? Grabbed a few extra chores around the house? Now is a great time to jump into Lent. **Enjoy the week!!!**

This weeks Theme -

No meeting tonight March 11th -

Enjoy time with you family and friends!!!

Next Week -

March 18th meeting update - Let's get together and prepare for our March Youth Mass!!!

Never been to Youth Group? - Get with "IT" and just do "IT"!!! Every Sunday night from 6 pm - 8 pm in the Cafeteria meeting room.

To become part of "The IT Group" - all you need to do is show up and you're in.

All teens in 9th - 12th grade are welcome to join us!
Everyone is invited!!

John and Sue Whitehead
314-954-7461

Terry Ostlund, Youth Coordinator
314-566-8363

Catholics Come Home Corner

During Lent, when your friends or co-workers express curiosity about Catholic customs and symbolism, use those moments as opportunities to evangelize. Following is a common question Catholics hear during Lent and an evangelizing answer.

Abstinence: So why aren't you eating pepperoni pizza on Friday?

You love pepperoni pizza. You eat it all the time. Suddenly, you can't have it on Fridays?! What could possibly be going on? It must be that Catholic thing, again. Absolutely! On Fridays during Lent, we particularly remember the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. In memory of this great sacrifice, we continue the tradition of penance and sacrifice – abstaining from meat on Fridays is an outward manifestation of an interior reality: the conversion of our hearts. As Pope John Paul II said, "In fact, the external aspects of fasting, though important, do not convey the full measure of the practice. Joined to the practice should be a sincere desire for inner purification, readiness to obey the divine will and thoughtful solidarity with our brothers and sisters, especially the very poor." Christ himself fasted and prayed in the desert. Through fasting and praying, we unite ourselves with the sacrifice of Christ and offer him reparation for our sins and failings. It's a little thing to give him in the face of his ultimate sacrifice, but what a grace that our God accepts and loves little gifts!

House Springs Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Campaign

Please return the baby bottle with your donation at Mass or during the week to the Parish Office no later than Saturday, March 31st. Please return the bottle even if you were unable to collect any money. Checks should be made payable to: Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Brigade.

Seasons of Hope is Coming Volunteers Needed

A unique Christ-centered support group for the bereaved will be offered at OLQP on six Saturday mornings this Spring. The facilitators would like some helpers, who have also experienced a loss of a loved one, to join in. Please contact Joan Ross, 636-677-3278 or Linda Weber, 636-671-4281 for ways to get involved.



Parish Corner

Every week a different organization is featured in the bulletin.

Ushers

Ushers volunteer their help at weekend Masses and other services. They welcome the worshipers, help with seating (if needed), take up the collection, distribute the bulletins and tidy up the Church after each Mass. To volunteer or for more information please call Cliff, 636-274-1838.

Peace Pantry Collection March 24th and 25th Needs This Month Canned Beets, Carrots, Cream Corn, Hominy or Broth

Thank you for your continuous support!

God bless,
Peace Pantry



St. Vincent De Paul

...is a small organization of parish men and women who have joined together to help their neighbors in need. We have dedicated ourselves to helping families in need in our parish and to assist them materially and spiritually.

Please Patronize Our Sponsors

We wish to thank **A-B Heating and Cooling** for being a sponsor for our bulletins. Because of their generosity we do not pay to have our bulletins printed. Please remember to patronize our sponsors when in need of their type of service.

**Protecting God's Children Class
Sponsored by OLQP Parish
March 28th, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
in the Cafeteria**

To register: please call Pat Hoskins at: 636-671-0247, or email, pat.hoskins@olqpparish.org.

Every year the Archdiocese does an audit to make sure anyone working with our children has attended the class and passed a background check.

It is our obligation, and opportunity to protect all the children at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish.

Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Parent helpers, School volunteers, PSR volunteers, Oasis volunteers, Liturgy of the Word volunteers, ANY VOLUNTEERS that work with our children here at Our Lady Queen of Peace, must attend this class. You will also be required to have a background screening check. You only attend class once. Every even year, the background checks are resubmitted. You don't need to do anything, we take care of it.

If you are no longer working with children or volunteering, and you would like to have your name removed from the list, just contact Pat Hoskins.

This is a perfect time to prepare for Spring, Summer and Fall Sports.

God Bless you,
Pat Hoskins
Safe Environment Program

**Il Ritiro Retreat Center
Mass of Anointing of the Sick**

The Franciscan Community of Il Ritiro, Dittmer, has a 10 am Mass of Anointing of the Sick the fourth Sunday of every month at its Chapel of Our Lady of the Cedars. All those who are sick and in need of reception of this healing Sacrament are invited to come.

"By the sacred anointing of the sick and the prayers of the priests the whole Church commends those who are ill to the suffering and glorified Lord, that He may raise them up and save them". (Catechism of the Catholic Church)

The Il Ritiro Retreat is located in Dittmer on Eime Road and St. Francis Lane. For additional information, please call, 636-274-1736.

**4th Annual Used Book Fair
March 30th, 31st and April 1st
We Want Your Books!**

Our Lady Queen of Peace will be holding their Annual Used Book Fair. We are looking for donations of books; kids, adults, cooking, crafts, history, etc.

Your donations can be dropped off in the Church lobby (please place donations in box on the bench by the east door).

**EASTER FLOWER FUNDRAISER
FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

Our Holiday Poinsettia fundraiser was such a success raising over \$350 for St. Vincent De Paul that we are again taking orders for flowers to be used on our altar for this Easter.

Your donation will not only be used to enhance our altar for the Easter season but will also benefit someone in need in our community through our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

You may use the form below, put it in an envelope marked "FLOWERS" and put it in the collection basket or turn it into the parish office. All orders MUST be in by Monday, March 19th. Additional order forms are available in the Church lobby.

Of course, if you just wish to make a monetary donation for flowers it will be gratefully accepted also.

If you have any questions, please call Joanne at 636-274-0590.

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|                             | Price   | Quantity | Total |
|-----------------------------|---------|----------|-------|
| Easter Lily full 3-4 blooms | \$10.00 | _____    | _____ |

Cash or checks accepted.

Checks made to OLQP St. Vincent de Paul

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Amount paid \_\_\_\_\_

If your flower is donated in the memory of a loved one, please add their name below.

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**Vatican International Exhibit  
of Eucharistic Miracles  
March 10th and March 11th**

In His Mercy, God has shown us the flesh and blood of Jesus through Eucharistic miracles. Come see 126 Vatican authenticated miracles of the world. This walk-through exhibit will be available for viewing at Saints Peter and Paul Parish, Eighth & Allen, St. Louis, 63104 on Saturday, March 10th, from 2:00 - 7:00 pm (except during Vigil Mass 5 pm - 6 pm) and Sunday, March 11, from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm (except during Mass 9:30 am - 10:30 am). For questions, call Elizabeth Chitwood at 314-968-0777.

**St. Patrick's Dinner  
St. Stephen's Parish (Richwoods)  
Sunday, March 11, 11 am to 3 pm  
Corned Beef and Cabbage  
or Ham Dinners  
Carry-outs available  
Adults \$8, Children (6-12) \$3  
Under 6 free  
For more information please call  
573-678-2207 or 573-678-2203**

**Jefferson County Health Department  
Teaches Class on Food Handling  
Tuesday, March 13th, 6:30 pm  
Knights of Columbus Hall  
Cost \$20 (due that evening)**

**Movie: October Baby  
'Every Life is Beautiful!'**

This movie opens Friday, March 24, at 5 area theaters, including Ronnie's and Des Peres 14. The movie is loosely based on the real-life abortion survivor Gianna Jessen. Opening weekend is important for movies because it helps determine how long the movie will remain on the big screen. <http://octoberbabymovie.net/>.

A special viewing will be at Ronnie's Saturday, March 24th, 9 am including a prayer before and a YouTube video of Gianna Jessen after the movie. Advance purchase (\$6) is required. Any questions or for more information contact Mary Motttert: [homescmot@charter.net](mailto:homescmot@charter.net) or 636-692-1341.

**Seven Days of Inspiration**

Take one a day...  
and feel great all week!

Dreaming is never  
a waste of time.

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The sun always
reappears.

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Do what you love.  
It's good for you!

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Love and joy
will not pass you by!

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Don't underestimate  
the power of  
good thoughts.

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You're overdue for
some pampering.

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Get the most  
from this day!

**Parish Office email**  
[parishoffice@olqpparish.org](mailto:parishoffice@olqpparish.org)  
**OLQP Web Site**  
[www.olqpparish.org](http://www.olqpparish.org)  
**submit articles for bulletin**  
[olqpbulletin@yahoo.com](mailto:olqpbulletin@yahoo.com)  
**Deadline Friday at 4:30 pm**  
**(9 days before publication)**

**Senior Citizen's Prom  
"Black Tie"  
Saturday, March 31st, 5 - 9 pm  
Dinner and Dancing  
Northwest High School  
Admission is free**

Hosted by Northwest High School Student Council  
RSVP: Lana Romaine, 636-274-0555 ext. 148  
or email [lromaine@nrw1.k12mo.us](mailto:lromaine@nrw1.k12mo.us)

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Our next Eucharistic Adoration is  
Wednesday, March 14,  
from 8:30 – 8:00 pm.

Please come to spend holy time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. See the love in His eyes as you come to Him. Come on behalf of yourself and the whole world.

Feel His mercy overflow as you kneel in repentance for your sins and for those of the whole world.

Offer your heart to Jesus, and feel His love course through you. His love restores your soul, and heals the wounds of the world.

*In the stillness of the sanctuary, Jesus waits for you. Jesus, in the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration this Wednesday, from 8:30 am – 8 pm. This time spent with Him is most intimate and holy.*

## Catholic Relief Services Collection

Next week, our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from the Collection help provide food to the hungry, welcome and support to displaced refugees and invaluable life skills to those seeking a better life. **How will you help?** Next week, please give generously to the Catholic Relief Services Collection and **Jesus in disguise**.

## 2011 Contribution Statement

If you would like a 2011 Contribution statement please send a note (marked "Linda") to the Parish office, you may put it in the collection basket or call the parish office, 636-671-3062.

Thank you,  
Linda

*Absent from the body present with our Lord.  
In your kindness pray for the repose of the soul*

**Frederic Fleming**, brother of Susan Oldeg

**Charles Krieger**, father of Kevin Krieger

**Audrey Hutton**, sister of Carol O'Shea

**Leo Parra**, father of Denise Schnable

*May God welcome them home, fill them with peace,  
and bless those who will miss them.*

## Our Gifts to God and Parish

### Special Collections

|                      |    |       |
|----------------------|----|-------|
| Black/Indian Mission | \$ | 17.50 |
| Eastern European     | \$ | 20.00 |
| St. Louis Review     | \$ | 23.00 |
| St. Vincent de Paul  | \$ | 35.00 |

### New Building Fund

|                        |    |            |
|------------------------|----|------------|
| Lavender Envelopes     | \$ | 310.00     |
| Total Received to date | \$ | 719,715.83 |

### Offertory

|                        |           |                  |
|------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Sunday Envelopes       | \$        | 15,149.50        |
| Sunday Loose           | \$        | 651.00           |
| Above and Beyond       | \$        | 85.00            |
| Candlemas              | \$        | 25.00            |
| First Offering         | \$        | 5.00             |
| Present and Future     | \$        | 442.00           |
| <b>Total Offertory</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>16,357.50</b> |
| <b>Offertory Goal</b>  | <b>\$</b> | <b>14,000.00</b> |

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**1,190 registered members**

**261 online, loose and envelopes used this week**

### As of March 5, 2011

|                               |    |            |
|-------------------------------|----|------------|
| Contributions Year To Date    | \$ | 442,146.70 |
| Projected Year to Date Budget | \$ | 504,000.00 |

### Scrip Gift Cards

|                           |    |          |
|---------------------------|----|----------|
| Sales                     | \$ | 1,740.00 |
| Profits/tuition reduction | \$ | 75.66    |

Scrip Gift Cards are available in the Parish Office from 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday and every weekend after Mass.

## Stewardship

### Start With Prayer

*"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..."* Exodus 20:4

Have you created idols for yourself in different shapes? An idol can be in the shape of money, sports, fashion, travel, or anything else we value more than God and His Word to us.

**Parish Activities**

|      |          |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|------|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon  | March 12 | Rosary for Vocations after 8 am Mass,<br>Church<br>PSR, 6:15 - 7:30 pm<br>PSR Reconciliation (grades 2-8), 6-7:30 pm,<br>Church<br>RCIA, 7 pm, Cafeteria meeting room<br>Rosary for Peace, 7:30 pm, Church |
| Tues | March 13 | Devotions after 8 am Mass<br>Quilters, 9 am - 3 pm, 6 - 8:30 pm<br>Parish Council, 6:30 pm, Rectory<br>History Class (Fr. Don), 7 pm, Cafeteria<br>meeting room                                            |
| Wed  | March 14 | <b>Eucharistic Adoration, 8:30 am - 8 pm,<br/>Church</b><br>Knights Meeting, KC Hall                                                                                                                       |
| Thur | March 15 | Choir Practice, 7 pm, Church                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Fri  | March 16 | <b>Stations of the Cross, 8:30 am, 2:15 pm,<br/>6 pm, Church</b><br>Fish Fry                                                                                                                               |
| Sat  | March 17 | Blood Pressure Screening after Mass,<br>Cafeteria meeting room                                                                                                                                             |
| Sun  | March 18 | Hospitality Sunday<br>Blood Pressure Screening after Mass<br>Youth "IT" meeting, 6 - 8 pm, Cafeteria<br>meeting room                                                                                       |

**Mass Intentions**

|       |          |          |                           |
|-------|----------|----------|---------------------------|
| Mon   | March 12 | 8:00 am  | Mike McAlone              |
| Tues  | March 13 | 8:00 am  | Jeanette Ellison          |
| Wed   | March 14 | 8:00 am  | Vince Ferrara             |
| Thurs | March 15 | 8:00 am  | Oscar Buchheit            |
| Fri   | March 16 | 8:00 am  | Dorothy Langan            |
| Sat   | March 17 | 8:00 pm  | Deacon Tom Murphy         |
| Sun   | March 18 | 5:00 pm  | Patrick & Florence Heller |
|       |          | 7:30 am  | Joseph Gerlesky           |
|       |          | 9:30 am  | People of the Parish      |
|       |          | 11:30 am | Roland and Irma Ecker     |

**March 17th and 18th****Special Ministers of the Eucharist**

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| 5:00 pm  | Margaret Bottchen, Christine Camden,<br>*Donna Clifton, Mary Copeland, *Pat Hoskins,<br>Peggy Mikko, Barb Nennering, Katie Tutass |
| 7:30 am  | Mary Bjornstad, Andrea Lawson, Vicki De Long,<br>Ruth Haen, Michele Huff, *Jo Jahnsen,<br>*Marie Strayhorn                        |
| 9:30 am  | *Joanne David, Margaret Gerling, Trish Guethle,<br>Lee Hoffman, Richard Rousseau,<br>*Helen Salamone, Kelly Smith, Maria Webb     |
| 11:30 am | *Tom Ecker, Carol Freihaut, Dan & Kim Horn,<br>*Tom Mattingly, Paul McDonnell, D. Ortmann                                         |

\* You are responsible to clean the vessels after Mass

**Please pray for those who are ill**

(parishioners are in bold)

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| <b>Frieda Siebel-Spath</b>                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Mary Bequette</b>     |
| <b>Jackie Nappier</b>                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Margaret Bottchen</b> |
| <b>Helen Wendt</b>                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Richard Ortmann</b>   |
| <b>Carl Grimwood</b>                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Craig Nelson</b>      |
| <b>Cheryl Salamone</b>                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Audrey Hastings</b>   |
| <b>Maria Stonecypher</b>                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Dave Buckey</b>       |
| Sam Taylor of our community                                                                                                                                                                       |                          |
| Mark Buchheit, son of Dottie Buchheit                                                                                                                                                             |                          |
| Maryann Stewart, sister of Tim Lodes                                                                                                                                                              |                          |
| Verna Ruth Oermann, cousin of Helen Wendt & Betty Oermann                                                                                                                                         |                          |
| John and Elaine Muich of our community                                                                                                                                                            |                          |
| Kelsey Lavrrar, granddaughter of Carl & Bernice Grimwood                                                                                                                                          |                          |
| Pam Szolga, sister of Frank Saggio                                                                                                                                                                |                          |
| Ed Rabbit Sr., father of Tammy Groppe                                                                                                                                                             |                          |
| Kevin Lewis, friend of Ken and Jan DeClue                                                                                                                                                         |                          |
| Joan Holke, friend of Ken & Jan DeClue                                                                                                                                                            |                          |
| Emily Buckey, daughter-in-law of Mary Buckey                                                                                                                                                      |                          |
| Liam Buckey, grandson of Mary Buckey                                                                                                                                                              |                          |
| Trudy Girard, sister of Lynette Rawlins                                                                                                                                                           |                          |
| Holly Smith, daughter of Lynette Rawlins                                                                                                                                                          |                          |
| Rachel Preston, granddaughter of Lynette Rawlins                                                                                                                                                  |                          |
| Louise Gunter, mother of Lynette Rawlins                                                                                                                                                          |                          |
| Jim Rawlins, husband of Lynette Rawlins                                                                                                                                                           |                          |
| Reese Gunter, great niece of Lynette Rawlins                                                                                                                                                      |                          |
| Allen Chott, nephew of Judy Mottert                                                                                                                                                               |                          |
| ~those serving in the military, the homebound, shut-ins of the<br>parish and all in nursing homes. To add a name please call the<br>Parish Office, 671-3062. Names will be removed after 3 weeks. |                          |

**Proclaimers**

|          |                             |
|----------|-----------------------------|
| 5:00 pm  | Bev Gregory, Terry Soer     |
| 7:30 am  | Shirley Tenny, Linda Weber  |
| 9:30 am  | Don Moeller, Jo Ann Vess    |
| 11:30 am | Laura Huss, Richard Ortmann |

**Servers**

|          |                                          |
|----------|------------------------------------------|
| 5:00 pm  | Brent Ambrose, Nicole Diener, Joe Wigge  |
| 7:30 am  | McKenzie Beck, Ann & Jane Kenney         |
| 9:30 am  | Marissa & Mitchell Ginger, Alec Poulsen  |
| 11:30 am | Tom Carbone, Chris Dutton, Sarah Marting |

**Ushers**

|          |                                                                                               |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5:00 pm  | Larry Bottchen, Bill Clifton, Ken Ganey,<br>Ralph Munzlinger, Don Reno, Helen Stewart         |
| 7:30 am  | G. Bachmann, Doug Bjornstad, Robert De Long,<br>Jeff Eschbach, Wally Freihaut, John J. Nahlik |
| 9:30 am  | Tom Broadbent, Tim Diffey, Al Jensen,<br>Cal & George Flynn, Ray Wieschhaus                   |
| 11:30 am | Gary Freihaut, Kevin Huss, Andy Nappier,<br>Jim Robertson, Al Schuld, Ben Slodkowski          |



Diane Yocom,  
Susan Whitworth,  
Joanne David,  
Helen Stewart  
and Joan Thompkins



**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**Cycle B**



**THEME: Learn from the past, live in the present, plan for the future.**

So often, in Lent, we use the model and image of a journey, a journey towards the possibility of new life, resurrection life, a journey through current obstacles, through sin and human inclinations that can block our way to the promise of resurrection life, a journey that begins as we move away from past experiences, past failures, as we learn from past experiences how to navigate life in the here-and-now, learn how to live well now in order to live into the possibilities that lie ahead. This model and image of a journey is firmly grounded in God's Word in scripture, God's word of mercy that forgives past mistakes, God's word of love and encouragement that guides us now, God's word of promise that gives us hope.

**THE READINGS:**

**FIRST READING: II Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23**

Our first reading is taken from the Second Book of Chronicles. The Chronicler's History can be dated to the period of restoration in Israel's history, a time of rebuilding after the devastating period of loss during the Babylonian Exile. The work is highly theological in nature. It does not shy away from paying attention to past mistakes, but, as is so prevalent in the Old Testament, stresses throughout that God has a plan for His creation, that God's plan is ever to show mercy and begin again.

For the people returning home to Jerusalem, the work of the Chronicler provides a blue print for present life, a plan for re-building and living now, a plan that calls for faithfulness, for seeing God's people as truly distinctive, but also a plan that recognizes God's hand directing the work of all creation, raising up a foreign king, Cyrus, to advance the well-being of God's people, a plan that calls for Israel to make its way in a larger world. And again, God's plan does not stop with "fixes" for the present moment, but looks to the future, to what can be – for Israel and for all creation – if people can live well now and look to what can really be.

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:4-10**

The second reading is taken from the Letter to the Ephesians. Ephesians, Colossians and II Thessalonians make up the deutero-Pauline letters, letters whose Pauline authorship is questioned. Whether or not they were written by Paul, they all give evidence of Pauline thought patterns and teachings.

Ephesians represents a definite progression beyond the thought patterns of the undoubtedly Pauline letters. Most notably, the letter claims that the community of believers participates not only in the death of Jesus, but also in His resurrection, that they already share in the new life won by Christ.

As a corollary to this assertion, the Letter to the Ephesians describes the proper way of life for the community of believers in the light of their present participation in the death and resurrection of Jesus. While the Body of Christ is the letter's most common metaphor for the Church, Church takes on a broader meaning. It is universal, the community of all communities of believers, the locus where God's cosmic plan is being worked out, where God's saving purpose is made present to all. While the Body of Christ image is used in undisputed Pauline letters to describe the relationship of believers to Jesus Christ and to each other, Ephesians broadens this perspective to describe the role of the Church in the world – to body Christ forth in the world and be the means of carrying out God's plan for the whole of the created universe.

**GOSPEL READING: John 3:14-21**

The Gospel reading is taken from John. In many ways, the Gospel of John shares the perspective of the Letter to the Ephesians, a perspective that can be termed "realized eschatology." *Eschatology* refers to the final things, to ultimate salvation, to the resurrection of the just. *Realized eschatology* refers to the fact that the saving grace of God is operative in our lives right now, that NOW is the moment of our salvation, that what we do now, how we live makes a difference, has ultimate significance.

Two large complexes of symbols function in John's Gospel. The first centers around baptism and the second around Eucharist. It is the baptism complex that comes into play in today's Gospel reading. Jesus has announced that unless a person is born from above, he has no life in him. What He says is misunderstood and, in the typical fashion of John, that causes Jesus to launch into a long, developed speech in the course of which the distance between Jesus and His opponents grows. What Jesus says in this speech draws on images of the crucifixion – a way of understanding baptism as a dying

with Him. Acceptance of baptism, acceptance of the life makes God's life and grace active in us NOW. That life and grace leads us forward to the promise of eternal life with God. But for those who don't accept, for those who prefer darkness to light and life, their future fate is already determined by how they live, how they choose now.

The whole effect of the speech, the whole purpose of our Lenten journey, is to pose the questions, "What do we choose now?" and "What effect will our choices now have on the possibilities open to us in the future?"

**FOR REFLECTION:**

- In my journey with God, what past experiences do I need to leave behind. In what ways do my past experiences, especially experiences of sin and failure, keep me from living fully in the present or having hope for the future?
- What, for me, is my "Book of Chronicles?" What gives me a guide for how I live now? Does my guide for living now open me to hope for the future?
- In what ways do I body forth Christ to the world around me? In what ways does my parish community and diocese body forth Christ to the larger world? How is the universal Church a means for Christ to be present in the world?
- How do I understand my life as caught up between the "already" and the "not yet." What does it mean to me to say that I already live salvation? What does it mean for me to affirm that how I live now has eternal significance?
- What do I choose now? What effect will my choices now have on the possibilities open to me in the future?

## Lenten Schedule

### Extra Masses

**6:30 pm Monday evenings (not March 12)**  
**8:00 am every Saturday morning**

### Stations of the Cross

**Every Friday - all are welcome at any**  
**8:30 am (except Good Friday)**  
**2:15 pm (when school is in session)**  
**6:00 pm (except Good Friday)**

### Fish Fries

**Every Friday in Lent, 3 - 7 pm**  
**Good Friday, Noon - 6 pm**

### Confessions

**No confessions on Holy Saturday, April 7th**  
**Every Saturday from 4 - 4:45 pm**  
**All Day Confessions, March 31st**  
**from 10 am to 4:45 pm**

**Regional Weekend of Reconciliation**  
**from 7 - 9 pm on Friday, March 23**  
**and from 9 am - 3 pm on**  
**Saturday, March 24th**

**Priests from this region of our deanery**  
**will be available for confessions at**  
**St. Anthony's in High Ridge.**

### Eucharistic Adoration

**Every Wednesday from**  
**8:30 am to 8 pm**

### Holy Week

**Palm Sunday Blessing and**  
**Distribution of Palms**  
**Saturday, March 31st, 5 pm Mass**  
**Sunday, April 1st, all Masses**

**Holy Thursday, April 5th**  
**Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7 pm**

**Good Friday, April 6th**  
**Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, 7 pm**

**Holy Saturday, April 7th**  
**Easter Vigil, 8 pm**

**Easter Masses**  
**7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 am**

## ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN REGULATIONS

Then to all Christ said, "Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self, take up his cross each day, and follow in my steps." (Luke 9:23)

The Church has always helped us fulfill these words of Jesus by prescribing very definite penance for all Catholics. Accordingly, the Pope and the American Bishops have outlined obligatory fast and abstinence as follows:

**Ash Wednesday (February 22, 2012) and Good Friday (April 6, 2012)** are days of *abstinence* for all Catholics *over the age of 14*. On these two days, *fast*, as well as *abstinence*, is also obligatory for those *from the ages of 18-59*. Abstinence means abstinence from meat. Fast means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted). No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation.

**All Fridays in Lent** are days of *abstinence* from meat. Here again Catholics will not hold themselves lightly excused, but if there is a serious health problem, this obligation would not apply.

We should strive to make all days of Lent a time of prayer and penance.

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I have a two sided insert for this week.  
Thanks so much and have a beautiful day!  
Bless you, Linda