

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 (69C)
SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 GOSPEL: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

A WORD FROM FATHER KELLY

This week Father Ben will be driving his mom back home to Tijuana, Mexico after a nearly six-week visit. Both of Father Ben’s parents drove up together to spend Christmas and New Years with their son. Father Ben’s dad returned to Tijuana after two weeks for work. It has been a pleasure having them here with us at Sacred Heart as they have had the opportunity to come to know some of our families and to know where their son is serving the people of God.

But there is another reason it is good that they come to visit. Such visits serve as a reminder that we, who have chosen to devote our lives to the priesthood and the consecrated life in the service of God people, are real. We were born like everyone else, we have families (dysfunctional as they may be) like everyone else, and we have a life here that is organic and that keeps us human.

Yes, human. We bring certain gifts, we carry with us our defects, we are hurt when others say mean things to us or about us, and we are affirmed and boosted when complimented. In the distant past the priest and/or religious was seemingly placed upon a pedestal where it was believed they could do no wrong. Today, we have been humbly dismantled from that pedestal and often times ridiculed for the vocation we live, chastised for something we did not say or do well, or pointedly disrespected because we did not respond to one’s demands. There does, however, exist, or should, a balance where we are recognized for our humanity and respected for the office which has been entrusted to us by our bishop as our chief pastor.

It is this balance, is it not, that our parents seek to instill within us: they humbly remind us we are not yet perfect (and never shall be in this life), but they so clearly see our potential as they willingly recognize our God-given gifts and talents and ever challenge us to make use of them for the betterment of our community.

It has been a great privilege spending time with Father Ben and his parents. Their presence has reminded him that he is first and foremost their son and so can still offer him guidance and counsel, and second their priest. As their priest I have seen them encourage Father Ben and respect his priesthood as a leader of this faith community. I thank them both for spending time with us! Vaya con Dios!



MAGDALENE HOME AUCTION

Reserve your seats NOW for the Angel Banquet & Auction, Saturday, February 2, in the Sacred Heart Church Parish Hall! \$40/person, includes all beverages, a catered dinner with dessert, and bidding privileges on some amazing auction items! Full-sized, heritage baby quilt, vacation stays on the Oregon coast and around the world, one year of free massages, fishing trip with Tim George, and many other temptations! All proceeds benefit the young mothers and babies at Magdalene Home.

Doors open at 5pm, with hors d'oeuvres and silent auction bidding, dinner at 6pm, followed by live auction. Come join the FUN!

To reserve your seats call:
 Kathy Zoll at (541) 601-8766
 or Dave Paradis at (541) 772-7123.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION

Thank you for your generosity in last week’s Collection, which totaled \$1,167.63, for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Because of your support, millions of faithful can gain a deeper understanding of their faith through Catholic resources on the Internet, television, radio, and print media. Remember, half of your donations are staying in our archdiocese to support local communication projects. To learn more about the important work supported by the Collection for CCC, please visit www.usccb.org (search “Catholic Communication Campaign”).

Financial Report		
	1/13/2013	1/15/2012
Year to date through		
Offertory received	\$527,453.69	\$518,799.51
Needed for Budget	\$506,132.07	\$518,653.95
Over (Under) Budget	\$21,321.62	\$145.56

A parish thrives and grows on the financial contributions of all the parishioners. Thank you to all who contribute.



Today - Final Sign-up Sunday in the Pew

For Information, call 541-301-9599

PICK UP YOUR L.E. BOOKS – AFTER EACH MASS

Feb. 2 & 3 – Sat. & Sun. – Tables inside PARISH HALL

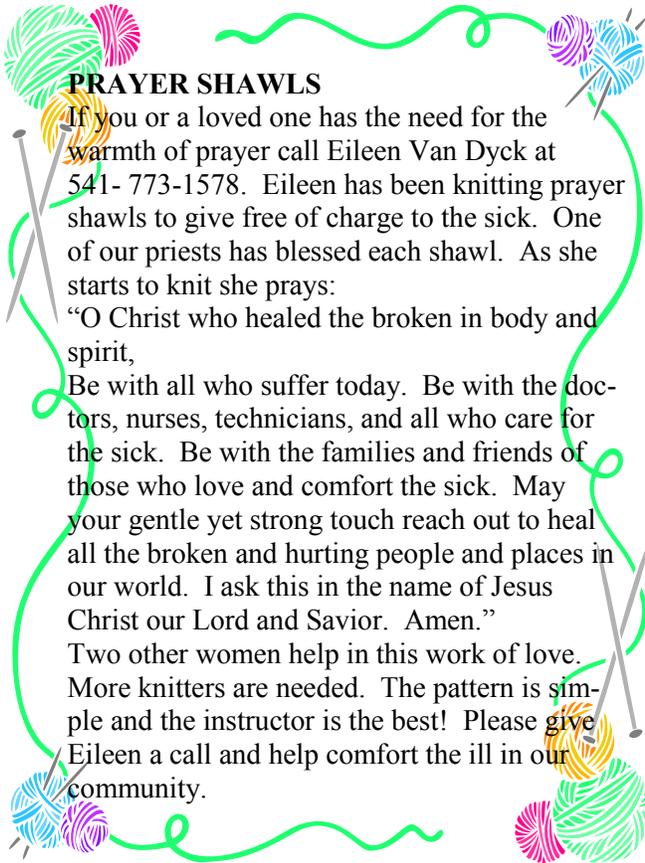
SMALL FAITH-SHARING GROUPS FOR LENT – START FEB. 12

- ✚ Meeting in the PARISH HALL
- ✚ For Six weeks during LENT - Feb. 12 to Mar. 19
TUESDAY Afternoons: 1 – 2:30 PM
TUESDAY Evenings - 6:45 – 8:15 PM
- ✚ Learn about and discuss topics related to the Eucharist
- ✚ Prayerfully reflect on the Sunday Mass readings using lectio divina.

2012 PARTICIPANTS IN SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUPS SAID:

The most valuable part of the Small Group experience for me was:

- ✚ Sharing; More understanding – especially the Holy Spirit!; Sharing thoughts with others; Lectio Divina
- ✚ Getting together with like-minded people in the Church community
- ✚ Learning about my faith more fully; More intimate discussion; Sharing; better understanding of Liturgy of Mass
- ✚ Lectio Divina explained; very nice - good people; sharing thoughts, experience, etc. with others; meeting other parishioners; hearing others answers to questions
- ✚ Interaction & getting to understand my faith better thru others; enjoyed the small group and getting to know them; learning about the Eucharist; meeting other parish members
- ✚ Getting to know other people in the parish and their views and ideas regarding shared faith; small groups
- ✚ New people I met and a greater understanding; All great!
- ✚ The sharing; Participant sharing; the Leader Sharing



PRAYER SHAWLS

If you or a loved one has the need for the warmth of prayer call Eileen Van Dyck at 541- 773-1578. Eileen has been knitting prayer shawls to give free of charge to the sick. One of our priests has blessed each shawl. As she starts to knit she prays:

“O Christ who healed the broken in body and spirit,
Be with all who suffer today. Be with the doctors, nurses, technicians, and all who care for the sick. Be with the families and friends of those who love and comfort the sick. May your gentle yet strong touch reach out to heal all the broken and hurting people and places in our world. I ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.”

Two other women help in this work of love. More knitters are needed. The pattern is simple and the instructor is the best! Please give Eileen a call and help comfort the ill in our community.



“The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth.”

~ *Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

Come, praise God for one hour in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel. Please call Dan and Sarah Rice at 541-582-3717 for information.

PRAYER SERVICE FOR HEALING

For those afflicted with a chronic or a temporary illness, of body or soul, a prayer service will be offered on Wednesday, 6 February, at 5:30 p.m.. We will listen to God’s words and ask Him to send His Spirit to strengthen us through the imposition of hands by the priest.

PATRICIANS
The Patricians is a discussion group that meets on the 3rd Monday of the month after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Father Carmelo is our Spiritual Advisor. Our next Patrician meeting will be on Monday, February 18th. We will continue the study of Vatican II documents. All are invited to join us in the Parish Hall.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord God, You desire to give pastors to your people. Through the intercession of your most holy Mother, spread forth over your Church the spirit of mercy and strength. Rise up worthy ministers for your altars and help make them valiant yet humble defenders of your Gospel. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS
M. Jan. 28: +Genevieve Wardleigh
T. Jan. 29: +Richard Larkam
W. Jan. 30: Sick and Homebound
Th. Jan. 31: Father Kelly Vandehey
Fri. Feb. 1: Georgia Blankish
8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS
M. Jan. 28: +Morries Garbarini
T. Jan. 29: +Janice Gnos
W. Jan. 30: Lauren & Molly Brophy-Jespersen
Th. Jan. 31: +Bill Eibner
Fr. Feb. 1: +Tom Kane
Sat. Feb. 2: +Madonna Radke

PLEASE PRAY for the ill of our parish especially: Margaret Mucha, Vickie Harris, Gloria Hoover, Shizuka McCue, John Preston, Bert and Trudy Oman, Margarita La Hue, Charles Larkin, Lucina Guerrero, Betty Mercier, Thelma Roberts, Sharon Senske, Mabel Keenan, Marie Casilio, Mary Beveridge, Jeff Leroy, Helen Doody, Rita Morrell, Rose Casagrande, Mickey Ketchum, Marion & Bill Owens, Dick & Beverly Handley, and Calvin & Maria Schwenk.
Please pray for the deceased of our parish especially: +Jim Plummer, +Mary Withey, +Ann Buckley, +Wilson Edinger, +John McKenna, +Maureen Leatham, +Robert Sierakowski, and +Alice Kovenz, and for their families.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The children have been learning about praying the rosary and how important it is in our life. Children made a rosary from marshmallows, olives, candy and beads. Praying the rosary really can involve all our senses!! We would love to have a class set of rosaries to use with our children so if you have an extra rosary to donate we would be indeed grateful.



We continue each week collecting pennies for St Vincent De Paul; cans for Father Ildefonce's mission in Africa; and canned and package goods for the Sacred Heart Food Bank for our yearlong Service Project.

Religious Education is available for all children Preschool through 5th Grade every Sunday 9:50 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. at Sacred Heart School. Please call Mary Stallard ph# 779-4661 ext 107 for further details or any questions.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL AUCTION

We are busy procuring items for the upcoming Mardi Gras Auction [March 9, 2013 at the Red Lion] and we need your help. We will gladly accept your donations [cash, gift certificates, and/or other items to put in our silent auction]. Please contact the Events Coordinator, LeeAnn Loftin, at the school if you have something to donate or you



would like to attend this event:
(541) 772-4105 ext 119. THANK YOU for your support.

THE NEW CATHOLIC SENTINEL

The Sentinel, available after Mass, includes a generous helping of Catholic school photos and stories, including a look at school uniform history. The drama program at Jesuit High is seen as a form of service. Police are seeking a thief who enters schools to take computers and a Catholic teacher is called an "island of peace" at an inner-city public school. Meanwhile, a Dominican friar has set up a chapel at Lloyd Center Mall, hoping Christ will touch lives in the marketplace. Please take one and check it out!

YOUTH NEWS: We have youth group this Sunday at its regular time. Edge 3:30 p.m. and Life Teen at 6:30 p.m. Super Bowl Sunday, February 3rd, we won't meet so kids can enjoy family celebrations at home .

COFFEE AND DONUTS

Come enjoy some nice hot coffee, good conversation and out of this world donuts after the 7:00 and 8:30 Masses.

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January 27th
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*"Learn to abide with attention, in
loving waiting upon God, in the state
of quiet."*



SAFETY REMINDER FOR CHILDREN

When children leave Mass, or coffee and donuts to go to the Hall bathrooms an adult should accompany them. Our buildings are open to all people and we cannot control who may be around when children are. **Keep them safe by watching out for them.** Please go to the Hall with them even if they seem old enough to be off alone. Thank you.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS!!!

The following ladies are the newest members of Altar Society: Adeline Amiths, Dede Mete, and Jennie Berntsen. Welcome -- we look forward to seeing you again at our next meeting.

Saturday, February 16th, the Sweetheart Ball at the Rogue Regency, is fast approaching. Thank you to all who have purchased tickets in support of St Anne's Altar Society. For tickets please call: Louise: 541-776-2441.

There will be no Night meeting February 1.



CALLING ALL QUILTER!

Looking for a fun project for the new year? St. Rita's Retreat Center in Gold Hill is getting a facelift after 30 years. We are looking for quilters to help make a total of 28 twin-size quilts for the motel rooms. If you are interested or want to find out more, please call Kathy Hogge 541-773-9805.

Donations of material and batting are also appreciated.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

February 5th is the next meeting. Our guest speaker will talk about St Rita's Retreat Center. Did you know that there is a wonderful Catholic retreat Center in Rogue River?

We gather in the church at 8:00 a.m. for the Rosary, followed by Mass, then to the hall for a light snack. Please bring something to share, coffee and tea will also be available. The meeting starts at 9:30.



We will welcome our new member Kathy Hogge and recognize several re-instated members. Since October we have welcomed 5 new members! Please invite a guest; you may know someone who is just waiting to be asked.

Membership dues (\$25.00) are due this month. If you are unable to attend the meeting and still wish to be a member you may send your payments to : Alice Fitzgerald, 4601 S. Pacific Hwy. #8, Phoenix, Oregon 97535.

Daughter In Faith, Connie Moyer, Regent

Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body

What: Multimedia presentation by Fr. Bill Holtzinger

Who: Engaged, married, single adults, parents, & H.S. teens

Where: St. Anne's Kelly Youth Center, Grants Pass

When: See below

Cost: Your time

Adult Seminar

January 27

1 PM - 4 PM

Teen Seminar*

February 10, 17, 24, March 3, 10

6 PM - 8:30 PM

*Youth permission forms required and available at our web-site

The "Theology of the Body" is the summary of Blessed Pope John Paul II's vision of the human person who is at once a body, soul, and spirit. The Theology of the Body offers cogent and uplifting answers to the questions of meaning for true love, marriage, sexuality, pleasure, heaven, eroticism, God's plan for us, celibacy, virginity, family, church, contraception, pornography, rape, and much more. This "theology" is now considered one of the most compelling teachings of sexual ethics in our time.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES PREGNANCY SUPPORT & ADOPTION SERVICES

is in need of loving, caring families interested in expanding their family through open adoption. We have a shortage of families and need couples who are willing to join us in ministry to women facing an unexpected pregnancy. Our next Orientation Class is February 1 & 2, 2013. For more details or to schedule a Free Informational Interview, contact Shawn Cass at 503-238-5196 or psa@catholiccharitiesoregon.org.

2013-MISSION TO ST. MARY'S MISSION HOSPITAL (KENYA)

As you know from the past, Jean and I are involved with St. Mary's Mission Hospital(s) in Kenya and have been for many years. Father/ Doctor Bill Fryda - the founder, has been extremely busy in making "SMMH(s)" truly remarkable in goals and actual accomplishments. Some mind boggling statistics for 2011 (2012 numbers will be available soon):

- 308,698 people came for help via the outpatient clinic
- 10,543 babies were delivered
- 26,387+ major surgeries performed and many more minor surgeries

The list goes on and on ... Jean and I will be in Nairobi from the 2nd to the 20th of February, teaching computer skills and working in the hospitals. If you can find some \$\$ tucked away, please consider

sharing it with St. Mary's. We will be a conduit to St. Mary's and every penny contributed goes to St. Mary's, every penny! So please, if you can make a tax deductible contribution (Check made out to **AFCA** and **"MMCT"** on the memo line) and send or hand it to us:

Palese
2780 Lone Pine Road
Medford, OR 97504

We will forward them on to AFCA and will bring a contributor list to St. Mary's where we will place the list on the Altar during Mass and thank God for your contributions and ask Him to bless you and your families. I can't answer the question "What is a life worth?" but I can tell you that \$1.50 can save a life.

Thank You and God Bless,
Don & Jean

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Volunteers are currently needed: In the Office
In the Kitchen
In the Thrift Store
At the Urban Rest Stop
TO VOLUNTEER - Please call - 541-772-3828 (Ext. 7)

Whatever your gifts are, come out and we will find a spot for you.

Your help is greatly appreciated!