

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:4-10 (24C)
SECOND READING: Romans 10:8-13 GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

A WORD FROM FATHER KELLY

May the Lord Jesus Christ bless and protect our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI! In an incredible act of love, compassion, faith, courage, and humility, Pope Benedict XVI announced this past Monday his resignation as the Roman Pontiff as of 8:00 p.m. February 28, 2013. While certainly not a common practice, the *Code of Canon Law*, that is the law of the Catholic Church, provides for such a resignation. Canon 332§2 states: "If it happens that the Roman Pontiff resigns his office, it is required for validity that the resignation is made freely and properly manifested but not that it is accepted by anyone." It need not be accepted by anyone because the Roman Pontiff is the supreme authority of the Church and as such possesses supreme, full, immediate, and universal ordinary power in the Church.

At the age of 78, Pope Benedict XVI accepted the legitimate election by his brother Cardinals and became the pastor of this universal Church and freely offered his gifts and talents to those entrusted to his care. In his eight years of

service as head of the college of bishops he has faithfully navigated us through some very difficult times. Not unlike his predecessors, Pope Benedict XVI, too, has been scarred by his limited humanity but sought to make reparation quickly and humbly at such moments.

In the same humility that Pope Benedict XVI accepted the responsibilities of the Catholic Church as its leader for eight years, he has recognized that his advanced years and health have greatly limited his ability to continue to guide the world's 1.2 billion followers. His love and compassion for the Church has given him courage to vacate the Chair of St. Peter and allow another to become the next successor of St. Peter, the first of the Apostles.

Let us keep Pope Benedict XVI in our prayers that he may enjoy a time of rest, peace, and prayer. As well, let us pray that the Holy Spirit may guide the election of a new pastor of the universal Church on earth.

ARCHBISHOP CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2013 Archbishop's Catholic Appeal. Our parish goal this year is \$74,454. Every gift means so much! If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card located in the vestibules and return it to the Parish office in the coming days. We would like 100% participation in showing our support of Archbishop Vlazny and our Catholic Church in western Oregon.

KEEP THE DOOR CLOSED

Please pull the Chapel door closed behind you as you enter or leave the Chapel. It defeats the purpose of the combination lock if you leave the door ajar. Thank you.

LENT

Extended Confessions: Saturdays 3:00 to 5:15 p.m.

Fasting and Abstinence Regulations:

All Catholics 14 years and older must abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross are offered, followed by Benediction.

Financial Report

Year to date through	2/3/2013	2/5/2012
Offertory received	\$596,013.13	\$565,107.23
Needed for Budget	\$558,490.56	\$572,307.81
Over (Under) Budget	\$37,522.57	(\$7,200.58)

Thank you to all who contribute to the support of the parish.

SECULAR FRANCISCAN MEETING

The local Secular Franciscan Fraternity would like to thank Sacred Heart Parish for opening its doors to us. We will be meeting every third Sunday from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the Office Conference Room. If you are feeling the tug to enrich your faith journey to Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi, you are welcome to come and see.



Could you not keep watch for one hour? Mk 14: 37

“In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering.” ~ Pope Benedict XVI

In this Year of Faith please consider committing to a weekly hour of Eucharistic Adoration.

Open hours: Monday 12:00 a.m., 1:00 a.m.

Tuesday 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday 2:00 a.m., 3:00 a.m.

Friday 1:00 a.m., 10:00 p.m.

Saturday 12:00 a.m., 1:00 a.m., 2:00 a.m., 3:00 a.m., noon (partner), 5:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 a.m., 2:00 a.m., 11:00 p.m.

To sign up for these or any hour please call Dan or Sarah 541-582-3717.

7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. Feb. 18: Fr. Kelly Vandehey

T. Feb. 19: Kate Kann

W. Feb. 20: Fr. Kelly Vandehey

Th. Feb. 21: Alfred & Ethel Blevins

Fri. Feb. 22: Fr. Kelly Vandehey

8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. Feb. 18: +Mildred Bartley

T. Feb. 19: +Freda & +Frank Ramsay

W. Feb. 20: +Mildred Bartley

Th. Feb. 21: +Joan Barnacle

Fr. Feb. 22: The Batzer Family

Sat. Feb. 23: +Bruce Irwin

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. We meet next on Monday, February 18th, and we will continue the study of Vatican II documents. All are invited to join us in the Parish Hall.

ST. RITA'S LENTEN OFFERING

Come join us Wednesday evenings at St. Rita Retreat Center, Gold Hill, in singing the Chaplet of Divine Mercy praises for Lent. We will begin February 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the conference center.

We welcome you to join us for this wonderful prayer experience.

PLEASE PRAY for the ill of our parish especially:

Kathy Kim, Rosary Brooks, Margaret Mucha, Vickie Harris, Shizuka McCue, John Preston, Bert and Trudy Oman, Margherita La Hue, Jeff Leroy, Lucina Guerrero, Betty Mercier, Thelma Roberts, Sharon Senske, Mabel Keenan, Marie Casilio, Mary Beveridge, Rita Morrell, Rose Casagrande, Helen Doody, Mickey Ketchum, Marion & Bill Owens, Dick & Beverly Handley, and Calvin & Maria Schwenk.

Please pray for the deceased of our parish especially: +Charles Larkin and +Tom Gass and for their families.

THANK YOU -- THANK YOU

For the many prayers offered to Our Lord by my friends and parishioners of Sacred Heart Church for my health and well-being. The problem is my right hip is nothing but bone on bone. I'm scheduled for hip replacement surgery on Tuesday, February 19th. Please keep me in your prayers. Thanks again. With trust in Our Lord, Margherita La Hue.

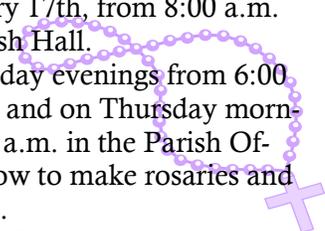


COLLECTION for the CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your generosity helps provide not only daily necessities for those in the region but also pastoral care and catechesis that restore the strength of the Church there. Please visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections to learn more about what your donations have accomplished.

ROSARY SALE THIS WEEKEND

Come see all the varieties and colors of rosaries made by the Rosary Guild. These are wonderful Easter gifts. All proceeds benefit the making of rosaries for the missions and the military. Sale is Sunday, February 17th, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We make rosaries Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Hall and on Thursday mornings from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Office. Come and learn how to make rosaries and meet some new people. Call Bertha at 541-245-6981 for details.



BUS TRIP TO INSTALLATION

Sacred Heart has been asked to arrange a bus trip for our parishioners to attend Archbishop Sample's installation.

If you are interested in attending the installation of Archbishop Sample and traveling with other Sacred Heart parishioners, please attend the meeting to be held on Thursday, February 28th at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall Nursery.

Archbishop Sample will be installed on Tuesday, April 2nd at 2:00 p.m. at the University of Portland Chiles Center. All archdiocesan parishioners are invited and no tickets will be needed. Seating will be on a first come, first served basis.



CRS OPERATION RICE BOWL!

Growing Food in Burkina Faso

In the small West African nation of Burkina Faso, 80% of the population are farmers. Frequent droughts make it difficult to produce enough food for the entire year. Often, farmers can only grow enough to feed their families for seven months. The rest of the year is called "the hungry season." This week, we pray for families in Burkina Faso and give to Catholic Relief Service Rice Bowl to help small-scale farmers.

"Be patient with everyone but above all with yourself. Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections but instantly set about remedying them, every day begin the task anew."
~~St. Francis de Sales



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 17th, scrambled eggs & ham, biscuits & gravy, pancakes and even French toast will be served up in the Hall. Come on over and enjoy with a cup of nice, hot coffee. Cost is \$18.00 per family, \$6.00 adults, and \$2.00 children under 10 years old.

Proceeds benefit the Knights of Columbus Charities in Jackson County.



USHERS CORNER

Thank you ushers at all Masses for your conscientious service to Liturgy. This "corner" will post news to you of upcoming collections, changes in protocol, and can alert the rest of us if you need more ushers!

Next weekend - 2nd Collection for St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you!



**Sacred Heart Catholic Middle School
Presents
ANNIE**



**Friday, March 15, 2013 7 PM
Saturday, March 16, 2013 7 PM
Sunday, March 17, 2013 2 PM
Sacred Heart Catholic School Gym
11th St. and Ivy in Medford**

**For questions please call the school at 541-772-4105 or email
Chris at csinclair@shcs.org
Donations accepted**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Our Religious Education children have been getting ready to journey through Lent. They have made a daily "count down" chains so they can reflect on the season and its meaning. They are coloring and completing special posters which walk them through the "Meaning Of Lent". We are also encouraging and their families to participate in Operation Rice Bowl.

Our First Communion families and children met with Father Kelly last week to continue their understanding and help them on their journey to First Communion. Please keep them in your prayers.

Thank you so much to everyone who responded to my call for rosaries so that we can keep a permanent class set available for use with our classes. These rosaries are not sent home with the children but rather are for use year after year praying the rosary in class groups. I still need about ten rosaries to complete the set.

YOUTH NEWS

We will have youth group this Sunday at its regular time. Edge 3:30 p.m. and Life Teen 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Room on the corner of 11th & Holly.

Confirmation will meet Wednesday, February 20th in the Youth Room at 6:30 p.m.



**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 donations [cash, gift certificates, and/or other items to put in our silent auction]. Please contact the Events Coordinator, LeeAnn Loftin, if you have something to donate or you wish to attend at: (541) 772-4105 ext 119. THANK YOU for your support.

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COFFEE AND DONUTS IN FEBRUARY

17th - K of C Breakfast (7:00 & 8:30)
24th - St. Vincent de Paul (7:00 & 8:30)



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SAVE THE DATE!
SUNDAY, MARCH 3
HOT FUDGE SUNDAE
SUNDAY
PARISH HALL 1:00 TO 4:00
LUAU THEME!

Come to the
Hall Island
and enjoy
a Sundae!



ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

As Lent begins we turn our eyes toward Easter and the Resurrection; hope several of you have joined the "Living the Eucharist," small study group program.

We also look forward to the Annual Easter Monday Luncheon that happens to be April 1. The theme this year is, "The Fashion Bunny". Tickets are on sale now.

Time to begin your plant starts to help with the Mother's Day Plant Sale, to be held May 5th. More information to follow ahead.

IRISH FEISH

Come to Mass Saturday March 16th at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Feish. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. 🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌

Tickets \$15.00 enjoy great Irish food, Irish dancers, music and fun!

The event is hosted by Catholic Daughters and Knights of Columbus.

Baskets are raffled and money from basket sales is split -- half will go to Magdalene Home and half to St. Vincent DePaul. If you have an item to donate for the baskets please call Connie Moyer 541-773-8736.

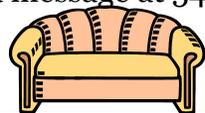


CALLING ALL QUILTERS!
Looking for a fun project for the new year? St. Rita's Retreat Center in Gold Hill is getting a facelift after 30 years. We are looking for quilters to help make a total of 28 twin-size quilts for the retreat rooms. **The Quilting Bee** will take place in the Parish Hall Nursery on Thursdays February 21 and 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 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 WOMEN'S RETREAT
You will want to attend the 29th Annual Women's Retreat at St. Rita's in Gold Hill, March 1 -- 3. Every year our sisters unite for a wonderful weekend. The theme this year is "Blessed are you Daughter by the Most High God." Judith 13:18. Call for reservations and information:
Louise, DOVE Renewal Center; 541-582-2968, 1-800-262-3683 (out of area).
Mary McKenna, Medford, 541-773-3196;
Grants Pass, Gloria, 541-479-4152;
Cave Junction, Casey, 541-479-4152.
Expect a miracle!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS 2424 N. Pacific Hwy. 541-772-3828
St. Vincent de Paul "SHELTER" needs donations of couches (No hide-a-beds), chairs, table and floor lamps, end tables, coffee tables and framed paintings for a very large living room for the shelter. We can pick up. Please leave a message at 541-779-6055.



HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

We are currently looking for families that would be interested in hosting a high school student (ages 15-18) in the Southern Oregon area. It is an amazing and rewarding experience not only for the student but also for the host families. ASSE seeks to build global community and understanding through these educational programs. We have some Catholic students we are looking to place, one in particular is a wonderful student from Germany. If interested please contact Whitney Gee at (541)840-3258 or gee.whitney@gmail.com

The Parish Office is Closed
Monday, February 18 for Presidents Day.

