

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
FIRST READING: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 (27C)
SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17-4:1 GOSPEL: Luke 9:28b-36

A WORD FROM FATHER KELLY

Lent is marked by its call to on-going conversion. Together we journey with the Elect and the Candidates who will be welcomed into our faith community at the Easter Vigil. Already they have spent much time looking at their own conversion process in making their decision to become Catholic. These 40 days is our time of preparation as well. As we move forward in conversion we become more aware of the areas in our lives that need to change and our sinfulness becomes more apparent. Part of our conversion is seeking forgiveness and pardon.

I invite you to one of our two Lenten Reconciliation Services: 7:00 p.m., March 5th or 10:00 a.m., March 6th. At both services we will begin with a short Liturgy of the Word, take a few moments to examine our conscience, and then confess our sins to one of the many priests available to hear individual confessions.

I strongly encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity as there will be only limited time for Reconciliation on the Saturdays of Lent. Please do not frustrate yourself by

having to wait in long lines and risk the possibility that your confession may not be heard (we stop hearing confessions at 5:15 to prepare for Mass). Please plan ahead and please, please do not wait until the last minute. If you find you cannot make it to Sacred Heart Church for our Reconciliation Service, you are invited to come to one of the other Reconciliation Services at our neighboring parishes in the coming weeks. These dates and times are also listed in this bulletin.

Also, just a reminder, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is not a time for spiritual direction or lengthy counseling. Remember, there are others behind you. Take time before celebrating the sacrament to examine your conscience so that when you enter the reconciliation room you are ready to confess your sins (without explanation or excuse), receive penance, pray an Act of Contrition, and receive absolution. Then, when you leave, begin to live anew the great gift of life that God has given to you. Pray, fast, and give alms, for charity alone covers a multitude of sin. May our process of conversion bring us to the joyful celebration of Christ's Resurrection!

LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

- March 5** Sacred Heart, Medford (7:00 p.m.)
- March 6** Sacred Heart, Medford (10:00 a.m.)
- March 12** Our Lady of the Mountain, Ashland (7:00 p.m.)
- March 13** St. Joseph, Roseburg (7:00 p.m.)
- March 14** Shepherd of the Valley, Central Point (7:00 p.m.)
- March 19** St. Anne's, Grants Pass (7:00 p.m.)

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.

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.

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.

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 at 6:30 p.m. in the conference center. We welcome you to join us for this wonderful prayer experience.



AS YOU GIVE YOU SHALL RECEIVE

Valentines were sent to the homebound via our Legion of Mary. The people who received them were so thankful for the letters mailed to them from Sacred Heart School students and for the Valentines made by our Sunday School Children and delivered during our weekly Communion visits. For some of our homebound parishioners, the letter and cards are the only valentines they received. Thank you for caring.



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.

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 merciful, just as also your Father is merciful. Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven.”

~ Luke 6:32-37

7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

- M. Feb. 25: Fr. Ben Tapia
- T. Feb. 26: Fr. Ben Tapia
- W. Feb. 27: Ann Brophy
- Th. Feb. 28: Pat and Ed Ford
- Fri. March 1: Fr. Kelly Vandehey

8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

- M. Feb. 25: +Rose Davis
- T. Feb. 26: +Janice Gnos
- W. Feb. 27: +Ralph Cavanaugh
- Th. Feb. 28: +Janice Gnos
- Fr. March 1: +John Jackson
- Sat. March 2: Sick and Homebound

PLEASE PRAY for the ill of our parish especially:

Marjie Meyer, Cynthia Sugiura, Brian Chachere, 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: +Bernie Kelly, +Elizabeth Grayhek, +Charles Larkin and +Tom Gass and for their families.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Hawaiian Theme!

HOT FUDGE

SUNDAES

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

PARISH HALL

1:00 TO 4:00 P.M.

*Brought to you by Father Kelly
and the Hospitality Committee*



USHERS CORNER

Second Collection this week
for St. Vincent de Paul.

COFFEE AND DONUTS

February 24th - St. Vincent de Paul
March 3rd - Sacred Heart School
March 10th - Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Come on over after these morning Masses
and enjoy some camaraderie and a good
donut.



IRISH FEISH – CELEBRATION!

March 16th, tickets \$15.00, sales after each Mass.
Enjoy great Irish food, Irish dancers, music and
fun! We begin with Mass at 5:30 p.m.

Basket ticket sales to benefit St. Vincent DePaul
and Magdalene Home will begin March 2nd.

If you have extra baskets or donations, please call
Connie Moyer 541-773-8736.

This event hosted by Catholic Daughters and
Knights of Columbus





**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

Religious Education Prayer for Lent:
Dear Jesus, as we prepare for your resurrection, we ask you to help us become better disciples by following your example. During this time of Lent, we ask you to help us to be more mindful of the poor and those who especially need our prayers. Help us to be the best disciples ever! May we celebrate Easter praising God with "Alleluia". We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen".


First Communion Class (for children only) is Sunday, March 3rd at Sacred Heart School at 9:50 a.m.

For further information please contact Mary Stallard at 541-779-4661 ext:107

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.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL AUCTION

 In preparation for our upcoming 17th Annual SHCS auction, we are changing gears...from procurement of items to compiling the guest list and table reservations. If you would like to attend our Masquerade/Mardi Gras Auction on March 9th at 5:00 p.m. at The Red Lion, PLEASE call the school to register. Dinner/Auction is \$65/person and we will take your reservation/money until March 6th so don't delay; call today!

Thanks for your support and we look forward to a super successful evening.

Thank you Advertiser of the Week
COUNTRY FINANCIAL -- Debby Giuliani
Please thank our Advertisers with your patronage.

To place an ad please call Jack Wallich at 1-800-867-0660. Thank you.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL FOODBANK

The need for food in our area is very real. Our Foodbank which operates through Sacred Heart School is staffed by school volunteers and students. There is a large plastic tub for non-perishable items in the vestibule of the church. When doing your weekly shopping please remember the poor and donate this way on the weekends. Items that are especially needed are: Applesauce, Chicken Noodle Soup, Corn, Mac and Cheese, Peanut Butter, Pork n Beans, Spaghetti Noodles, Spaghetti Sauce, Tomato Soup, Top Raman, and Tuna. Thank you.

**PLEASE JOIN US IN THE MORNING OFFERING PRAYER
FOR LIVING THE EUCHARIST.**



Morning Offering

**God, our Father, I offer You my day.
I offer You my prayers, thoughts, words,
actions, joys, and sufferings
in union with Your Son Jesus' Heart,
Who continues to offer Himself in the Eucharist
for the salvation of the world.
May the Holy Spirit, Who guided Jesus,
be my guide and my strength today
so that I may witness to Your love.
With Mary, the mother of our Lord and of the Church,
I pray especially for members of my family
and this Parish, that all will strive
to live the Eucharist.**

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Thank you to all who supported the Sweetheart Ball, held at the Rogue Regency.
Congratulations to Queen Ashlee, Princess Madison and Princess Maggie.

Welcome to our newest member: Sylvia Stephenson. We look forward to seeing you again at our next meeting, March 11th. Our speaker will be Vaughn Maurice from **Dogs for the Deaf**. His topic will be: Assistance from Dogs. Thank you to Father Ben for his talk on: "Holiness in Daily Life". Being Christian and Saint are the same. We become Saints because of who we are. By virtue of Baptism we become holy. Our foundations are faith practice and hatred to sin. The Glory of God and Prayers keep us going. These were some of the points Father Ben mentioned.



Our next event is the annual Easter Monday Luncheon, to be held April 1, at Twin Creeks. Tickets are on sale now for \$15 each. For further information call Louise at 541-776-2441. Specialized Baskets will be given as door prizes; Spa Basket, Kitchen Basket, Religious Basket and a Garden Basket. If anyone has items to fill these baskets, call Louise.

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.



PARKING REMINDER

Please do not park in the half circle drive in front of the parish hall. This area is reserved for emergency vehicles. We do not paint the curbs red because we do allow funeral hearses and wedding limos to use the drive. We appreciate your help with this.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Men of the Parish are invited to Business meeting on the 2nd Monday and our Social on the 4th Monday at the Knights Hall.

Want to know more?

Ask any Knight and see our web sight
~ <http://kofc1594.org>

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;

Gloria, Grants Pass, 541-479-4152;

Casey, Cave Junction, 541-479-4152.

Expect a miracle!

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS 2424 N.
Pacific Hwy. 541-772-3828**

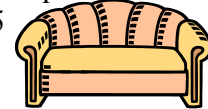
Can you help?

Volunteers are needed in the KITCHEN

Cashiers are needed in the THRIFT STORE

To volunteer please call 541-772-3828 (Ext. 7)

Donations of furniture (couches -(no hide-a-beds), chairs, tables, lamps are needed in the "SHELTER" We can pick up. Please leave a message at 541-779-6055



HELP AFTER AN ABORTION

Women and men who've experienced abortions have loss, grief, and emptiness with a sense of guilt and other emotions. Jesus Christ, our newborn Savior, offers them hope, healing, and a new start through a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat.

Two upcoming retreats are: Medford, March 15-17; contact ProjectAurora@aol.com or 541-942-2861 and Bend, April 26-28; contact ProjectRachel@CatholicCharitiesOregon.org or 1-800-249-8074. All materials, lodging, and meals are provided in the \$175 fee. Financial assistance is available.