



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a (25A)

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

FATHER KEN'S KORNER

Living in the Proper Spirit of Lent

It seems that the most predictable aspect of our flawed human nature is the constant need for reform or renewal. We begin with structure and we gravitate toward chaos. What starts as enthusiasm and organization invariably, without vigilance, slouches toward sloppiness and laziness. New Year's resolutions unwind without some accountability. Passions come and go and relationships break down unless we commit to constantly fostering them. And nowhere is this more obvious than in the practice of our faith. We forget our first love or we become lukewarm as the Christians of Revelation did. It can honestly be both shocking and discouraging at times when we realize for the first time how easily this can occur, despite our best intentions.

Here is the Good News! God knows of this sad tendency better than we do. This is why he gave us the sacraments, especially Reconciliation and the Eucharist. This is why he encouraged us to remain vigilant through the discipline of prayer. And this is why he gifted us, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, with the structure of our liturgical year. Lent is one of our annual communal opportunities to repair the damage incurred by spiritual sloth and renew our commitment to developing an intimate relationship with Christ.

However, that being said, our fallen nature even has the ability to take these helpful structures and pervert and/or subvert them. Let me give you an example of what I am talking about. The day before Ash Wednesday is known variously as Shrove Tuesday or Fat Tuesday ("Mardi Gras" in Cajun) or "Carnivale" (Carne/Meat Tuesday) and it has been made famous throughout the world for the festivals held on that day. The original purpose of these festivals was a practical one. Catholics used to fast from breads, dairy products, meats and eggs but to avoid wasting food immorally, they would hold a feast the day before the fasting was to begin in order to use up soon-to-be-forbidden food stuffs. For instance, Shrove Tuesday was originally marked by the eating of pancakes and baked goods as people used up the remaining flour and eggs in their homes. Mardi Gras or Carnival similarly had as their aim the using up of meat products that could not be frozen or preserved in some fashion. No wasted food. No temptation to break the fast. Community and family bonding. And generally, these efforts at fasting would also lead to

almsgiving as the faithful often just held aside the money they would have spent on such items and gave it to the poor later. Today, sadly, "Mardi Gras" and "Carnivale" are marked by debauchery and alcohol abuse among the secular world in places like New Orleans and Rio de Janeiro and the spiritual aspect and even the practical aspect of the day have been completely lost. This shows just how easy it is for our flawed human nature to take something healthy and wholesome and turn it on its head.

It is for this very reason, I think, that Pope Francis has been challenging all of us to create our own "synthesis of the Gospel". It is very easy, even for the well intentioned, to take the three-fold holy tasks of Lent (fasting, prayer and almsgiving) and turn them into superficial, legalistic actions to be checked off of some list. If taken to the extreme, this ultimately results in following the letter of the law only and losing sight of the spirit of the law. Pope Francis would say that in order for these activities to achieve their highest aim and spiritual intent, they should lead us to a deeper living out of the Gospel (i.e. more deeply loving God and neighbor). This is what he means by the phrase "synthesis of the Gospel". If the task is not enabling us to love one another and God more deeply then we are failing to synthesize the Gospel and live out our calling to love. Example: How does giving up TV watching or video games for Lent lead us to become more loving. Answer: By itself, it does not. However, if we used that newly freed up time for prayer or family activities then we are succeeding in the goal. That is synthesis. Love of God and neighbor are strengthened. Another example: How about giving up fast food for Lent? Answer: By itself, this might have the practical benefit of helping us lose weight but there is no clear spiritual benefit if we stop there. However, if we remain spiritually conscious of saying no to the temptations to give in to our fast food cravings and also use that newly tempered self-discipline to conquer temptations to sin we have synthesis. Keeping God's commandments by avoiding sin is loving God according to St. John. And if we take our fast food allowance and make a donation to the food bank or other worthy charity...more synthesis. How will your Lenten plans help you to achieve your synthesis of the Gospel? If you can answer that question, you are well on your way to living the proper spirit of Lent.

LENT

Stations of the Cross: Fridays 5:30 p.m. English
7:00 p.m. Spanish

Soup Supper in Hall: Fridays 6:00 p.m.

Confessions:

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

All Fridays of Lent are days of **abstinence** - refraining from eating meat by all Catholics ages 14 and older.

Reconciliation Services:

Tuesday, April 1, 10:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart
Tuesday, April 1, 7:00 p.m. Shepherd of the Valley
Wednesday, April 2, 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart
Thursday, April 3, 7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Mountain
Tuesday, April 8, 7:00 p.m. at St. Anne's, Grants Pass
Wednesday, April 9, 7:00 p.m. St. Joseph's, Roseburg

STATIONS OF THE CROSS/SOUP SUPPER

Come, pray and break bread this Lent with your parish community! Every Friday during Lent, English Stations of the Cross begin at 5:30, followed by a Parish Soup Supper hosted by a Hispanic parish group and on 4/4, by the Knights of Columbus.

Stations in Spanish begin at 7:00 p.m.

PATRICIANS - CATHOLIC DISCUSSION

Our topic will be "Jesus, decent into Hell"
Our Spiritual Advisor is Father Michael and we meet Monday, March 17th at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.



Make the decision this Lent to invite Christ to enrich and transform your marriage. **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** (wwme.org) is offering two weekend retreats in Oregon this spring: **April 25-27 at Powell Butte Retreat Center** near Bend, and **May 30-June 1 at Our Lady of Peace Retreat Center** in Beaverton. WWME, a catholic lay movement for over 45 years, seeks to "proclaim the value of Marriage and Holy Orders in the Church and in the World". Apply online at rediscoverthespark.org or by phone at 503-853-2758.

ROSARY/DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Come pray the Rosary mornings at 8:00 a.m. - before Mass. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed after the 8:30 Mass; Monday-Saturday. The world needs more prayer.



LEGION OF MARY

Legion of Mary meets every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. You are welcome to come over Wednesday morning for coffee & muffins after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Stay for the meeting if you wish. Guaranteed to be a good start to your day!

SECULAR FRANCISCAN MEETING

The local Secular Franciscan Fraternity meet this Sunday, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the Parish Office Conference Room. You are welcome to come..

**SOUTHERN OREGON
MEN'S ACTS RETREAT**

April 24-27 at St. Rita's Retreat Center, Gold Hill
Adoration – Community – Theology – Service
Contact: Jim Harlan at 541-941-5025 or email harlanfamily2@juno.com "Let Go – Let God"

**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC
ADORATION**



"Have a Holy Hour every week. Start praying. Pray for guidance and trust in God." ~ St. John Vianney

Please sign up for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration. Call Dan and Sarah Rice at 541-582-3717 for information.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES
RICE BOWL - Guatemala**

This week CRS Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the people of Guatemala. We re encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, *Rights and Responsibilities* and reminded that as Christians, we are called to uphold and protect the basic rights of others. Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters in Guatemala and all around the world, that we may come to know and protect the rights of all people.

“The Lord measures out perfection neither by the multitude nor the magnitude of our deeds, but by the manner in which we perform them.”
~ St. John of the Cross

**Oregon 2014 Citizens Initiative
STOP TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABORTION**

Today, more than 4 in 10 abortions -- approximately 4,000, are fully paid for by Oregon taxpayers. This Citizens Initiative will not restrict a woman’s legal ability to choose abortion, but it will insure that taxpayers who are morally or fiscally opposed to paying for abortions will no longer be forced to. In the next weeks the Jackson County Right to Life will have volunteers here, and across Southern Oregon collecting signatures to get this petition on the ballot.

Follow us/like us on Facebook at the Jackson County Right to Life page... Contact Sanda Collegio at 541-779-8587 and lasanda4life@gmail.com to volunteer.



PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish especially: Pamela Demian, Sharon Anderson, Eileen Van Dyck, Patti Otto, John Zeleznik, Joan Bain, Linda Blixt, Jeff Leroy, William Cummings, Marie Casilio, Patti Wittenbrock, John Kuchler, William Carhart, Rachel Scott, Barney Deffley, Jennifer White, Nanette Hall, Brian Chachere, Margaret Mucha, Shizuka McCue, Rita Morrell, Marge Kearney, Dick & Beverly Handley.

Please pray for the deceased of our parish, and for their families, especially:
+Don Kocina, +Betty Thomas, +Lois Tokar, +John Preston, and +Katherine Sunseri.

7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS
M. March 17: The Janes Family
T. March 18: +Florence McGillicuddy
W. March 19: John & Madeline Kosmatka
Th. March 20: Connie Hanker
Fri. March 21: +Albert Teisheira

8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS
M. March 17: Fr. Ken Sampson
T. March 18: Fr. Ken Sampson
W. March 19: +Lucy Caires
Th. March 20: +Evelyn Marko
Fr. March 21: +Margaret Steinkamp
Sat. March 22: +Margaret Steinkamp

LITURGY CORNER

From the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, paragraph 97, we read: “The faithful, moreover, should not refuse to serve the People of God gladly whenever they are asked to perform some particular ministry or function in the celebration.” Paragraph 105: “The following (person) also exercises a liturgical function: the sacristan, who carefully arranges the liturgical books, the vestments, and other things necessary in the celebration of the Mass. “

“Father asked me to be a sacristan. I was nervous at first and yet delighted because I saw this as a way to serve. I was also excited to really know what went on in that little side room before Mass, it seemed so special. Well, it is special, and I came to understand that I was really serving our Lord through serving our priests. I have been blessed by each priest who serves our parish community...I do not remember how long I have been serving as a sacristan, it feels so a part of me now.” – Kathy Zoll

Please consider this request for **you** “to perform some particular ministry or function in the celebration” – as a sacristan, Eucharistic minister, lector or other liturgical minister! We need you. For more information, please call or email abrophy@shcs.org. Thank you! Ann Brophy, Pastoral Associate

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Plans for the annual Easter Monday Luncheon are well on the way. Jane Horton has accepted Chairmanship, Joyce DeZell & Louise Gorman make up the rest of the committee. Location is Twin Creeks, on Monday, April 21st. Tickets are \$15.00, and can be purchased by calling Louise at 541-776-2441. Tickets will be on sale after Mass, in a couple of weeks.

Items are needed for 5 different baskets: Spa, Kitchen, Organic, Wine, and Garden Baskets. Items can be dropped off by calling Louise Gorman, at the above number.



Thank you, Father Michael, for the inspirational words on Lent Prayer, Fasting and Alms giving.



SACRED HEART WORK PARTY POSTPONED

Scheduling difficulties have resulted in postponing the March 29 work party. And so, look beyond the weeds on the church grounds and instead enjoy the pops of color spring provides us through God's grace, (and previous plantings!).

SACRED HEART PARISH,

Our Knights of Columbus Council grew by four (4) this last week. Our brother council in Central Point at Shepherd of the Valley Church hosted a 1st Degree Exemplification. Please take a moment to congratulate the following for becoming Knights:

- Fr. Arturo Romero
- Fr. Michael Antony
- Kim Ramsay
- Sean Cutler

We give thanks to the Central Point Council for inviting us and for being such wonderful hosts.



Vivat Jesus
Lee O'Driscoll
Grand Knight



**Congratulations
Pat Oldenburg
this months winner
of the Catholic Daughters Raffle!**

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.



CATHOLIC SENTINEL LOOK FOR IT!

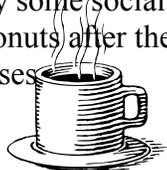
The Catholic Sentinel newspaper is available at the doors of the church every other week. The newspaper's website, CatholicSentinel.org, offers daily Vatican, world and national news and photographs from the Catholic News Service, as well as news, information, and photos about Oregon's Catholic community generated by the staff. Read and stay informed!

COFFEE AND DONUTS

Come to the Hall and enjoy some social time and Donut Country donuts after the 7:00 and 8:30 Sunday Masses.

Hosted by:
March 16:

7:00 Dean Federhart and Stan Zwan
8:30 The Jones Family



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SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY!

Parents keep an eye out in the bulletin for a scheduled informational night regarding all Summer Events for our Sacred Heart Youth!

Steubenville Update: Great NEWS! Steubenville just got BIGGER and BETTER! Natalie and the youth group from St. Ann's in Grants Pass have invited us to join them and combine our Steubenville trips!!! This will add more fellowship, AND an extra day of fun and exciting activities *Just For You*. We will now be departing on our great adventure, July 23rd and will be returning on July 28th in the evening. The extra day of fun will take place on July 24th at *Silverwood Theme Park* (on our way to Spokane, WA for the Steubenville Northwest Summer Youth Conference). We have added a day of fun; however, this raises the cost of the Steubenville trip. It will now cost \$405.00 per youth. Have no fear! There will be a variety of different fund raisers for your child to participate in. There are a limited number of spots on the Greyhound bus that we have rented, don't wait! Sign up today!!! Registration will be open until the bus is full, but it won't take long to fill with the invitation open to both Sacred Heart and St. Ann's in Grants Pass.

Project Revamp: This is a 3 part event to revamp the Sacred Heart youth room. *Phase One* will take place on April 13, 2014 from 3-6pm. This first phase is an event for the youth (6th-12th grade, and any parent volunteers) at Sacred Heart to help choose colors for the youth room and begin to grow in fellowship and community. The gathering will take place in the Parish

Hall, beginning at 3:00pm. We will be providing pizza for the youth and we will also have some games to play. The youth will also be able to choose the paint colors for the youth room and also share their ideas about what should be done in the youth room to make it a comfortable space for them to meet. The event will end with mass together as a group beginning at 5:00pm. In order for your child to participate in this event you must have filled out the Emergency Information Form and have turned it into Whitney Compton in the Parish Office (it is necessary that you fill out one form per child, not one form per household). Phase two will be cleaning out the youth room, organizing the youth room and painting the primer on the walls in preparation of phase three. Phase three will be to paint the youth room, move any necessary donations (couches and rugs) to the youth room and put the youth room together. Look out in the bulletin for more information (time and date) about phase two and three of Project Revamp. So that we can make sure there is enough food for all the youth you will need to sign up for this event! *How?* Just contact Whitney Compton in the parish office, let her know how many of your children will be attending (If she is unavailable, just leave her a message stating the event, Project Revamp, your family name and how many will be attending) and you're in!



CONFIRMATION

Our next class is Wednesday,
March 19, 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

March 17 is St Patrick's Day

(a simple explanation for children)

St Patrick, a patron saint of Ireland, was born in Britain. When he was 16, he was forced to go to Ireland to be a slave there. For six years, he took care of sheep and was very lonely. He prayed often and felt God's strong love. Eventually he escaped and went back to Britain. Then he decided to study to become a priest and teacher, so he could go back to Ireland to teach others there about Jesus. And Patrick became such an incredible teacher that because of him, almost all the people in Ireland became Christian!

Activity: - Breastplate of St Patrick

There is a prayer called the "Breastplate of St Patrick." Part of it is particularly good for helping children feel Jesus' closeness. You and your child (ren) could make a booklet using the words below. Read the prayer to your child (ren), and then have them

illustrate themselves with Jesus according to the words. Talk about how they can draw some of the more symbolic verses. Words for the booklet:-

COVER: Prayer of St Patrick

PAGE 1: Christ be with me // Christ within me.

PAGE 2: Christ behind me // Christ before me //
Christ beside me

PAGE 3: Christ to win me // Christ to comfort me //

PAGE 4: Christ beneath me // Christ above me

PAGE 5: Christ with me in quiet times

PAGE 6: Christ with me in dangerous times

PAGE 7: Christ in the hearts of all who love me.

*Religious Education Classes are open to any child from
Preschool -- 5th grade every Sunday at 9:50 a.m. until
11:15 a.m. at Sacred Heart School. Enrolment for these
classes remains open throughout the school year. So come
and join the fun!! It's never too late!!*

*For information or questions contact Mary Stallard
541- 779-4661 ext: 107*

MINISTRY JOB OPENING - St. Anne Catholic Church, Grants Pass is seeking a dynamic person who can fill a new position opening for a Pastoral Associate. Full time with benefits.

There are two major duties in this position.

1. **Faith Formation** Dynamic candidate needs to be able to recruit and train similar volunteers to help in the following ministries:

- RCIA
- Children's Faith Formation
- Summer Vacation Bible School
- Adult Confirmation
- Adult Faith Formation
- Supervise the Safe Environment program via the Archdiocese guidelines

2. **Music and Liturgy** Qualified candidates must also be able to organize, recruit, train, and guide

- Lectors, extraordinary ministers of holy communion/altar servers
- Have competency in keyboard and or guitar skills
- Able to lead a music group
- Able to teach about the liturgy within a parish setting
- Recruit and lead parishioners to more fully participate in the liturgical life of the parish especially in music ministry which includes forming and organizing music groups, teaching new music, and coordinating music for special liturgies: funerals, Triduum, etc.

Employee collaborates and reports directly to the pastor who is very supportive of employees. Skill in English and Spanish will be a considered. Computer skills essential.

To apply, please email a cover letter and resume to SearchCommittee@stannegp.com or send to St. Anne's office (1131 NE 10th St., Grants Pass, OR 97526) attention to Fr. William Holtzinger.

Closing date: March 6, 2014.