

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21 (36C)
SECOND READING: Philippians 3:8-14 GOSPEL: John 8:1-11

A WORD FROM FATHER KELLY

Over the past six months, or so, I have spent a lot of time in prayerful reflection and searching my own soul about the pastoral and administrative ministry that I have provided here at Sacred Heart Church and St. Joseph Mission in the past 20 months. In December it became very clear to me that I do not possess the skills necessary to remain as your pastor. With that realization, I wrote a letter to Archbishop Vlazny resigning as pastor of Sacred Heart Church as of 1 July 2013. The Personnel Board is currently meeting monthly to work on new assignments and assignment changes.

As much of what I learned about myself is very personal, I will share only generally why I made the decision to resign: 1) Although I have been ordained for nearly seventeen (17) years, I served as a pastor for only two of those years prior to my arrival here in Medford. It was a very small parish of less than 400 households. That was twelve (12) years ago. I then served as Director of Vocations for the next nine (9) years. Again, although I was helping each weekend at one or more parishes, I was removed from the general workings of parish life. Certainly my time as Director of Vocations taught me many good things, but sadly it did not teach me the skills necessary for a parish of 2,400 households; 2) the lack of such skills has

brought a great deal of stress into my life and so my physical, mental, and emotional health has deteriorated greatly. The busy-ness of Sacred Heart has not permitted me to give the necessary attention to these areas. Depression and stomach issues have been the most obvious of symptoms; 3) my transition into the parish was pretty difficult with several people approaching me with expectations that I simply could never meet. I attempted to respond as best I could, but again I lacked the necessary skills to educate and explain as to why such expectations could not be met.

YOU have been great! Most of you have been remarkably supportive, affirming, welcoming, and loving toward me. I have let you down by not being able to be the pastor you deserve or the pastor Archbishop Vlazny thought he was sending to you. My limited skills and weakened health have truly hampered what is such a great potential in this parish. I have grown very much to love you and care for you...but my love and care must now recognize that another pastor will help you grow into the parish family that will bring Christ Jesus to the people of the Rogue Valley. I will miss you!

This has been a very difficult decision, but one I believe to be correct. The "up-side"? We still have three and a half months together. Let us celebrate and enjoy one another!

7AM MASS CANCELED FOR 3 WEEKS

Father Kelly will be on vacation from April 1-19, 2013. Therefore, during those weekdays there will be **no 7:00 a.m. Mass**. The weekend Mass schedule will continue as normal. Mass Intentions that were scheduled for these days have been moved to Sunday Masses beginning the Second Sunday of Easter. They will be listed in the weekly bulletin.

Financial Report

Year to date through	3/3/2013	3/4/2012
Offertory received	\$664,037.99	\$633,106.12
Needed for Budget	\$628,301.88	\$643,846.29
Over (Under) Budget	\$35,736.11	(\$10,740.17)

God gives all, then calls us to share. Thank you for sharing!

"It is not always in the soul's power not to feel a temptation. But it is always in its power not to consent to it." ~ St. Francis de Sales

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULES

Palm Sunday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.
Palm Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., noon, and
 5:00 p.m. with 10:15 a.m. in Jacksonville

Tenebrae: 8:30 a.m. Holy Thursday, Good Friday
 and Holy Saturday

Holy Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Bilingual

Good Friday: 12:00 noon



Stations of the Cross

1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Seven Last Words Reflection

3:00 and 5:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service:

Reading of the Passion

Veneration of the Cross

Communion

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil: 8:30 p.m. Bilingual
 (no Saturday 5:30 p.m. Mass)

Easter: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., & noon,
 with 10:15 a.m. in Jacksonville

No 5:00 p.m. on Easter Sunday



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

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!

Drinking Clean Water in Pakistan

This week we focus our prayers, fasting and
 almsgiving on Pakistan, where poor communities
 often do not have access to clean water. CRS
 helps communities build water pumps so they
 can have clean water nearby for use at home and
 on their farms. This week, consider fasting from
 all beverages except for water, and donate what
 you saved to your Rice Bowl.

THE INSTALLATION MASS of

ARCHBISHOP ALEXANDER K. SAMPLE

Archbishop Sample will be installed at 2:00 p.m.
 on Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at the University of
 Portland Chiles Center. All are invited. For infor-
 mation contact: www.archdpdx.org or Todd Coo-
 per at tcooper@archdpdx.org or 503-233-8386.
 The Archdiocese will broadcast the Mass via web-
 cast, which we are planning on airing in one of our
 facilities. Details will be forthcoming.

THE PATRICIANS

A CATHOLIC DISCUSSION GROUP

The Patricians will meet Monday March
 18th at 9:30 a.m. in the Hall. With Father
 Carmelo, we'll continue our study of Vatican
 II documents - Chapter II, "The people of
 God." All are welcome. To come and join
 this discussion.

7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. Mar. 18: +Paul Herbst
 T. Mar. 19: Fr. Kelly Vandehey
 W. Mar. 20: Phillip Heidt
 Th. Mar. 21: +Edna Nielsen
 Fri. Mar. 22: The Batzer Family

8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. Mar. 18: +Joseph Frawley
 T. Mar. 19: Padre Cy Leach
 W. Mar. 20: Eileen Shingle
 Th. Mar. 21: Jean Whalen
 Fr. Mar. 22: Kiki Keizer
 Sat. Mar. 23: +Arnold Paradis

PLEASE PRAY for the ill of our parish

especially: Eileen Van Dyck, Margaret Welk,
 Cynthia Sugiura, Brian Chachere, Kathy Kim,
 Rosary Brooks, Margaret Mucha, Vickie Harris,
 Shizuka McCue, John Preston, Trudy Oman,
 Margherita La Hue, Jeff Leroy, Lucina Guer-
 rero, 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:**+Geneva Sessions, +James Bottroff,
 and +Virgie McGee and for their families.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES SUNDAY MARCH 24TH AND 31ST

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

This year's First Communion class has been busy attending classes to help prepare them for this Blessed Sacrament. The children have eagerly participated utilizing many of their senses such as, sight, sound, touch, taste and movement to bolster them on this Eucharistic path. What a wonderful and gracious gift from our loving God. Please keep these children in your prayers as they continue to prepare for their very special First Communion and the communions to follow.

For further questions or details contact Mary Stallard at the Parish Office.
Ph# 541-779-4661.

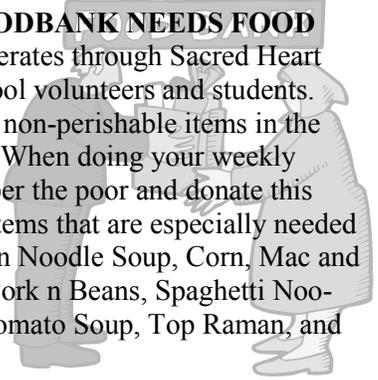


YOUTH NEWS

Edge will not meet this week. The play Annie will be on stage at Sacred Heart School and many of our members are in the play. Life Teen will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Room on the corner of 11th & Holly. Easter Break is March 24 and March 31 and we will meet again April 7.

SACRED HEART FOODBANK NEEDS FOOD

Our Foodbank which operates through Sacred Heart School is staffed by school volunteers and students. There is a 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.



COLLEGE STUDENT SUPPORT Are you a Catholic Student or know of a Catholic friend, child or grandchild that attends SOU? The Walsh Memorial Newman Center is the perfect place for Catholic students to gather, learn and share fellowship through Christ's love. Come join us every Thursday for dinner and discussions. Find us on Facebook at SOU Newman Center.



SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS

March Masquerade Auction

A HUGE "THANK YOU" to all who came out in support of Sacred Heart Catholic School on Saturday night at the Red Lion! We had a wonderfully successful evening and preliminary numbers look good! I will publish results once all of the information is in.

Thank you to Rebecca McNamee, Cindy Botasso and Tracy Parent our event chairs, and to LeeAnn Loftin, our Events Coordinator and to all the parish and school family volunteers who contributed to our success... from donations to procurement, class baskets to decorations, cashiers to bid runners and everything in between. Your contributions mean our success and our ability to keep tuition reasonable.

Rogue Valley Wine and Food Festival April 19th-20th

We continue to add more sponsors and vendors to our new event and need your help! If you know of a business who may want to sponsor the event or a possible food, wine or high-end craft vendor who may be interested in participating, please send them to our website: www.roguevalleywinefest.com or pick up a packet at the front office and hand deliver it with a friendly personal "ask" in support of our school.



Registration in full swing! Open enrollment has begun for the coming year. Early enrollment numbers help us in planning for staffing and classroom/text and supply needs. If you are aware of a new family who is interested in scheduling a tour, please have them contact the office. We would love to share the great things Sacred Heart Catholic School has to offer! Increased enrollment helps us all. Also, please invite them to attend our **Academic Showcase and Science Fair on Thursday, May 2nd**. Thank you!

Please Help! Annual Fund Drive Update:

So far we have brought in **\$15,435.00** toward our **\$25,000.00** goal for the year. **100% participation will put us in better standing to receive grants.** Thank you for your continued support!



LENTEN PROJECT

Our students are participating in a Lenten project, collecting funds for a school in Uganda called "Rubanda Solidarity". The progress of our collection is shown on our front bulletin board where small bricks are displayed representing each dollar raised, which pays for one actual brick to build a school room.



4 Martha-Type Parishioners Extraordinaire needed for Service Work

Living the Eucharist

**Needs helping hands to bus
tables and clean up during our
Banquet:**

Sacred Heart Parish Hall

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

6:30 to 9:30PM

(for 2 or 3 Hrs.)



Call Sylvia Stephenson, Co-coordinator
of *Living the Eucharist*
Sacred Heart Parish 541-301-9599

SAVE THIS DATE!

2013 SACRED HEART PARISH PICNIC

Saturday, July 13, 2013

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Fitchner-Mainwaring Park, Medford

Food, Games, Fun!

Contact: Melanie Bonagofski 541-779-4454
to be part of the planning team.



Parish Office Hours 8:00 to 4:00

Monday to Friday

Closed 12:30 to 1:30 for lunch

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The Divine Mercy Novena will start on Good Friday, March 29th. In order to gain all the graces from the Divine Mercy Novena one must go to confession 20 days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday which is April 7th. The novena chaplet and instructions are at the church doors.

Thank you Advertiser of the Week
PERL SISKIYOU MEMORIAL PARK
Please thank our Advertisers with your patronage.

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



USHERS CORNER

We have a second collection this week for Easter flowers. Thank you Ushers for all you do!

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: *Lord, we pray that the College of Cardinals in*
: *its electoral process may be a worthy vehicle of*
: *God's grace guiding the Church. Amen*
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LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Tues. March 19: St. Anne's
Grants Pass, 7:00 p.m.

Extended Confessions:

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

All Fridays of Lent are days of **abstinence** - No eating of meat by all Catholics ages 14 and older.

SECULAR FRANCISCAN MEETING

The Secular Franciscan Fraternity will meet this Sunday 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.



COFFEE AND DONUTS

after the 7 & 8:30 Masses
March 17th- Dean Federhart



No Coffee and Donuts on Palm Sunday or Easter

Celebrating Easter Monday Luncheon

April 1, 2013

Twin Creeks Retirement

888 Twin Creeks Crossing
Central Point, Or. 97502

Ticket Price: \$15.00

Time: 11.00 A.M.

MENU

Caesar Salad

Twin Creeks Tri-Tip – Marinated grilled to
perfection and topped with a bleu demi.

Mesquite Chicken – All white chicken breast lightly
grilled and served atop apple bacon relish

Sauteed Seasonal Vegetables

Roasted Red Potatoes

Chocolate Mousse

For more information call Louise at
(541) 776-2441 or Charito (541) 772-4180



POSITION AVAILABLE

Sacred Heart Catholic Church is seeking a full-time Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry to coordinate our high school, mid-high, and Confirmation programs.

Responsibilities include:

- Direct the High School Life Teen program
- Direct the Mid-High Edge program
- Organize, plan and teach Confirmation program
- Develop an active Campus Ministry program
- Outreach to local high schools

Qualifications and Skills:

- High preference given to bi-lingual candidate (English and Spanish)
- Demonstrated ability to reach youth
- Experience in the faith formation of youth
- Experience in coordinating volunteers
- Well grounded in the Catholic faith, and faithful to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church
- Living a sacramental life
- Education appropriate for the position

Please mail resume and cover letter to Marie Chandler, Sacred Heart Church, 517 W. 10th Street, Medford, OR 97501 or email to: mchandler@archdpdx.org.

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

Volunteers are needed: ONE SATURDAY A MONTH to check in clients for the "DENTAL VAN"

Volunteers are also needed: In the Thrift Store
In the Kitchen



Please call: 541-772-3828 (Ext. 7)

St. Vincent de Paul is an all volunteer organization. Please come out and see where you can help assist the poor in our area.