



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a (31A)

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14 GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

### FATHER KEN'S KORNER

#### What You Do Online Matters

Years ago, Pope John Paul II put together a list of modern day deadly sins for Catholics to consider. The list included such things as certain types of immoral genetic research, drug trafficking, polluting, and immoral use of the internet. At that time, I think he specifically had in mind the steadily growing problem of internet pornography. The internet allowed pornography to move from "redlight" districts and seedy storefront locations and magazine racks to the privacy of the home. This anonymity has directly contributed to the fastest growing internet business in the world. According to multiple tech. research surveys, pornography now makes up over 37% of total internet use. There are currently over 4.2 million pornographic websites on the internet and over 25% of total search engine requests (over 68 million request per day!) are specifically for pornographic material. In addition, 35% of all downloads are pornographic and there are around 2.5 billion pornographic emails sent out daily on average. Through a survey sampling, it has been estimated that 42.7% of all internet users view pornography with some regularity and that an additional estimated 37% of internet users have been exposed to pornography online unintentionally. In one sample year (2009-2010) the porn industry grew by an amazing 17%! This is a plague on society in so many ways and poses a challenge to many Catholics. An active spiritual life through prayer, the sacraments and scripture as well as using internet filters and placing home computers in a more public location in the home are just a few ways we can fight the good fight against this moral disease. However, though the expansion of internet pornography usage is troubling, it is certainly not the only moral offense we can commit online.

Recently, Bishop Philip Egan of England made news by pointing out that uncharitable use of blogs, email, Facebook and Twitter, etc. is also grave moral matter. On March 19<sup>th</sup>, through a pastoral letter to his diocese, he said that "using social media for abuse or to attack the reputations of

other people was a direct sin against the Eighth Commandment, forbidding people from 'bearing false witness' against their neighbor (CNS)." Bishop Egan went on to point out that this lack of charity which is sometimes evident on the internet is reflective of a negative lack of civility that is often evident in our culture as a whole. He said that "when we think of our news media and TV, in which fallen celebrities are pilloried, reputations shredded and people's sins exposed, it sometimes seems our popular culture thrives on breaking this commandment (CNS)."

The thing that most contributes to the prevalence of this uncharitable phenomenon is that, once again, it takes place behind closed doors in a socially detached way. The rules of internet usage should be the same as that applied to face-to-face communications (i.e. Don't talk behind someone's back...Don't say anything that you wouldn't be willing to say to a person's face). However, the insulation of a computer screen sometimes adds a boldness to a person's comments that would not be present if the other party under attack was within hearing distance. It was accurately pointed out even of St. Paul that his letters used harsher language than he used in person when he visited the faith communities that he founded. The added problem of internet technology though is that when harmful gossip takes place is that a larger number of people are exposed to it. The damage to a person's reputation is greater because hundreds or thousands of people are involved.

Social media can be a great thing. It can inform, bring communities together, rally people behind a worthy cause, educate, etc. But those same qualities that can make the internet a great tool for good can also make it a great weapon for carrying out evil, whether intentionally or unintentionally. So if you are an active user of social media maybe you should consider Bishop Egan's advice. Don't ever send an email in an emotionally heated moment. Pause to take a deep breath and pray. And if what you are thinking of posting could potentially harm another ask yourself what the charity taught by Jesus would demand... because what you do online matters.

## 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** -  
Refrain from eating meat, Catholics ages 14 & older.



### Reconciliation Services:

Tuesday, April 1, 10:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart  
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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.

### ROSARY SALE -- APRIL 6

- Come see all the varieties and colors of rosaries made by the Rosary Guild. These are wonderful
- Easter, First Communion, and Confirmation gifts.
- All proceeds benefit the making of rosaries for the missions and the military. Sale is Sunday, April 6th, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

## CLAM CHOWDER SOUP SUPPER

Knights of Columbus will be serving homemade New England clam chowder on Friday, April 4th after 5:30 Stations of the Cross. This old family recipe is sure to please and will be accompanied by bread and coleslaw.

## CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

*"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40).* Today, we are reminded Jesus identified himself with our poorest brothers and sisters. The Catholic Relief Service Collection serves Jesus in the victims of human trafficking, in those who suffer from unjust laws, and in those in need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. Through your support you **help Jesus in Disguise**. Please be generous.

## 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.

## 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**

English in Church  
Spanish in Hall



3:00 p.m.

**Good Friday Service**

Reading of the Passion  
Veneration of the Cross  
Communion

**Holy Saturday Easter Vigil:** 9:00 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**

Please park in the county lots (across 10th St.) if possible as we expect services to be crowded. There will be overflow in the Parish Hall for most services.

**Sacred Heart Catholic School** is seeking an experienced, Catholic leader to continue and advance a rich heritage of Catholic Education. With an enrollment of 260 students, Sacred Heart offers a strong faith-formative community and outstanding academic programs from pre-kindergarten through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

### Minimum Requirements:

Practicing Roman Catholic  
5 plus years of teaching experience  
Current (or in process) administrative license  
Master's degree in education  
Three to five years of administrative service

For complete job listing : <http://www.archdpdx.org/schools/Openings/index.html>

Position starts July 1, 2014.

## CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

### RICE BOWL - Malawi

This week, CRS Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the people of Malawi. We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, *Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers*, and reminded that, just as He labored to create the universe, God sanctifies and calls us to work. Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters in Malawi and all around the world, that we work with joy for God's greater glory.



## ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Tickets for the Easter Monday Luncheon (Monday, April 21), will be on sale Sunday, March 30th, after the Masses. \$15 each, at Twin Creeks Retirement Home at 11:00 a.m.

Items are needed for the Kitchen Basket, the Garden Basket, and the Organic Basket. To help please call Louise at 541-776-2441. Thank You.



**PLEASE PRAY** for the sick of our parish especially: Ed Cavasso, Eileen Van Dyck, Lisa Young, Pamela Demian, Patti Otto, Joan Bain, Linda Blixt, Jeff Leroy, William Cummings, Marie Casilio, Patti Wittenbrock, John Kuchler, Rachel Scott, Jennifer White, Nanette Hall, Margaret Mucha, Shizuka McCue, Rita Morrell, Marge Kearney, Dick & Beverly Handley.

**Please pray for the deceased of our parish, and for their families, especially:** +Michael Trabert, +Michael Lutz, +Joseph Wade, and +Edith Beating Mossman

## SCOUT RETREAT

April 12 – Scout Religious Emblem Abby Retreat - All Scouts who have completed the 6<sup>th</sup> grade work on Scout Religious Emblems are invited to attend the Mt. Angel Abbey Retreat. Register online by April 6, 2014  
<https://www.showmyevent.com/events/viewEventDetails.aspx?EventID=2386>  
Evelyn Tucker/Scout Coordinator

"Renounce yourself in order to follow Christ; discipline your body; do not pamper yourself, but love fasting."

-- Saint Benedict

### 7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. March 31: All Parishioners  
T. April 1: The Sieg Family  
W. April 2: +Charles & +Maxine Larkin  
Th. April 3: +John Conlan  
Fri. April 4: +Dominic Schlundt

### 8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. March 31: Fr. Ken Sampson  
T. April 1: Catholic Daughters  
W. April 2: +Anthony Bock  
Th. April 3: +Jack Walker  
Fr. April 4: The Batzer Family  
Sat. April 5: +Frank Swedish

### Financial Report

	3/16/2014	3/17/2013
Total Offertory received- this week	\$14,728.78	\$15,117.09
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$678,944.25	\$694,761.31
Needed for Budget	\$668,045.72	\$663,207.54
Over (under) Budget	\$10,898.53	\$31,553.77

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

## LITURGY CORNER

Did you notice a change this Sunday in the color of the priest's vestments to a rose hue? That is because on the fourth Sunday of Lent, we celebrate Laetare Sunday. Laetare Sunday offers us a moment of joy in the midst of the penitential season of Lent, but it is a joyful moment in keeping with Lent. This Sunday's Gospel of the man born blind is the story of every Christian: we grope for faith in the midst of adversities, and Jesus comes to find us and helps us to see. What joy!

"I volunteered to be a Eucharistic Minister because the need existed and I wanted – actually felt an obligation – to do something to serve the parish, to contribute, to not just attend services. Although I was working full time and generally busy, I found this was a perfect way to serve as I would be going to Mass anyway. Participating in this ministry has truly been a blessing. It has given me an increased reverence for the Eucharist – there's something special about seeing, up close, the devotion with which parishioners receive the Body of Blood of Christ. It has also led to an increase in my sense of community at Sacred Heart. I feel being a Eucharistic Minister is a source of grace, and I am honored to be able to provide the service." – Jill Sophie

If you have been longing for a deeper sense of community, you might consider becoming a lector or Eucharistic Minister. We need you! To schedule a training, please call or e-mail [abrophy@shcs.org](mailto:abrophy@shcs.org). Thank you! Ann Brophy, Pastoral Associate



Dear Brother in Christ,

On the behalf of our Grand Knight Lee O'Driscoll, we are inviting you to become a member of the **Knights of Columbus Rogue River Council #1594.**

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization, with more than 1.7 million members in more than 13,000 councils worldwide. In 2010, members reported raising and contributing \$154 million to charities, and volunteering more than 70 million hours of service. Our late pope, Bl. John Paul II, usually referred to the Knights as "Knights of Charity".

Fr. Michael J. McGivney, Servant of God, started the Knights of Columbus in 1882 in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, CT. The primary object of the proposed group was that men of Faith would gain strength to aid each other in time of sickness, and to provide for decent burial and render assistance to the families of deceased members.

Knights are Catholic men, age 18 and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie. It is being involved with your community; it is supporting your local Catholic Church, while enhancing your own faith; it is about protecting and enhancing your family life.

Our Council is fortunate to have our own K of C Hall located at 772 Black Oak Dr. in Medford, near the Rogue Valley Hospital. Our business meeting is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday starting at 7:00pm sharp, with dinner beforehand. On the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday we have a Men's social, including dinner, starting at 6:00pm. Come see what we are all about and take the first steps to enhance your personal life.

The principles of the Knights of Columbus are *Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism*. These remain the foundation on which the organization continues to grow. Furthermore, in this current world of secularism and paganism, we must also consider the Knights of Columbus as Defenders of the Gospel, the Faith, and the Church.

Knights will be available after the Masses next weekend, April 5th and 6th, to provide information and answer any questions. You may also contact Curt or Don, or give Grand Knight Lee O'Driscoll a call at 541-890-3164. **"VIVAT JESUS!"**

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Membership Committee Co-Chairmen  
Knights of Columbus Council 1594

### PILGRIMAGE MEETING

Please come to the Parish Hall Saturday, April 12, at 4:30PM for a meeting of the pilgrims going to Portugal, Spain and France with Father Ken Sampson. If you have not yet registered, there are still a few seats left, so now is your chance!!! Please call Lillian 541-779-2134 or Beckie 541-601-4457

or email us: [bkantor@hotmail.com](mailto:bkantor@hotmail.com) for more information.



### SPRING CLEANING

Wednesday weeders will meet weekly until Easter to clean-up the grounds around the church and hall. We start at 9:30 and usually finish before 11:00. Join us for all or part of that time. Bring gloves and hand tools. For more information call BJ Buxton at 541-772-8292.

**Thank you Advertiser of the Week --**  
**Perl Funeral Home & Siskiyou Memorial Park**  
*Please thank our Advertisers with your patronage.*

## SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY!

Here is a “quick look” at Sacred Heart Youth Ministry Summer Events, dates and locations:

**Project Revamp:** in three phases (open to all Sacred Heart youth in middle school or high school)

**Phase One:** Sunday, 13 April - Parish Hall from 3-5PM , ending with Mass at 5:00PM. Come, help choose colors for the youth room, share ideas and begin to grow in fellowship and community. We will provide pizza and have some games to play. An Emergency Information Form must be filled out and turned in to Whitney Compton in the Parish Office - one form per youth, not per household. If your son or daughter would like to bring a friend, their friend’s parent or legal guardian must complete an Emergency Information Form.

**Phase Two:** Sunday, 4 May -Youth Room, Noon-5PM

**Phase Three:** Sunday, 25 May -Youth Room Noon-5:00PM  
Information to follow on these phases.

**Joe’s Camp** (open to all middle school and high school youth) at St. Anne’s, Grants Pass: 22 June -- 27 June 2014

**Steubenville Northwest** (open to only high school youth) Spokane, Washington: 23 July through 28 July 2014

### Parent Informational Meeting:

On Thursday, April 3, a parent information meeting for all Summer Events will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic School in the Music Room 6:00-7:15 p.m. Come learn about Joe’s Camp from Natalie, the Youth Minister from Grants Pass. Whitney will give details about Steubenville Northwest and information about fundraising for all Summer Events.

**Joe’s Camp!** the most intense, amazing, Catholic, teen camp in Southwest Oregon. Teens from all over Southern Oregon

will come to put their faith into action, working hard with new, incredible friends and the people of Serve GP to change the WORLD! But it’s not all work! We will have live music by Rita West, amazing talks, small groups, delicious food, free time, and even Jet Boat rides to celebrate this amazing week! This year, we are ‘The Chain Gang’ and it’s all about the rosary! Forms are available in the front office; please call Whitney at 1-541-779-4661 or [wcompton@archdpx.com](mailto:wcompton@archdpx.com) with any questions! Dates: June 22-27<sup>th</sup>. \$85 for early registration by May 31st! \$110 for late registration until June 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Steubenville:** We will join with Natalie and the youth group from St. Anne’s!!! More fellowship, AND an extra day of fun and exciting activities *Just For You*. We will leave July 23<sup>rd</sup> and return July 28<sup>th</sup> . We have added a day of fun- July 24 at *Silverwood Theme Park* which raises the cost to \$405.00 per youth. **Have no fear!** There will be a variety of fund raisers 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. The bus is filling fast!

Note: As of summer 2014, 5<sup>th</sup> graders entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade are age appropriate to join Sacred Heart middle school youth Summer Events. 8<sup>th</sup> graders entering high school are age appropriate to join Summer Events open to high school youth.

### CONFIRMATION

Our next class is Wednesday,  
**April 9, 6:30 p.m.** in the Parish Hall.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Classes March 30<sup>th</sup>

Lent’s holy drama stirs the senses: the dark purple cloths on the altar; the smell of the fragrant incense; the hush during the Stations of the Cross; the feel of the wood on the crucifix during veneration....and even the delicious soups in the parish hall on Friday nights...all create memories your family will hold in their hearts.

You can create more memories with your children this year so that “prayer, fasting, and almsgiving” become more than just big words for “no video games for 40 days.” Turn these three basic elements of Lent into deep holy experiences for your family. Last week we explored Prayer.

We continue with Fasting.....

Fasting is so much more than giving up food. During lent, we can fast from things we like to eat (sweets) or things we like to do (roll our eyes while another is talking). By fasting, we make a sacrifice for God.

In the quiet at bedtime, take a moment to discuss the day’s sacrifice and the struggles that came with it.

“Make It Activity” – Have each family member make a list of things to fast from this Lent. Then, give each family

member a clear jar. On the outside, paste the jelly bean prayer (below). For each day that you can make a good fast from something on your list, drop a jelly bean in your jar. Enjoy the results on Easter Sunday.

### The Jelly Bean Prayer

*RED is for the Blood He gave.*

*GREEN is for the grass He made.*

*YELLOW is for the sun so bright.*

*ORANGE is for the edge of night.*

*BLACK is for the sins we made.*

*PURPLE is for His hour of sorrow.*

*PINK is for our new tomorrow.*

*A jar full of jelly beans, colorful and sweet,  
is a prayer, a promise, a loved one’s treat!*



Next week we will explore the “Almsgiving” portion of Lent for children and families.

*Religious Education Classes are open to any child from Pre-school -- 5<sup>th</sup> 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 contact Mary Stallard 541- 779-4661 ext: 107*

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS**

**2424 N. Pacific Hwy., Medford 541-772-3828**

At the URBAN REST STOP in February a record number of persons were served: 506 showers and 133 laundry loads

What a blessing for people in need to have a place to shower and wash their clothing. Thank you volunteers for all you do to help the poor of our area.

A "Volunteer Couple" is needed for Fridays.

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



**COFFEE AND DONUTS**

Come to the Hall and enjoy some social time and donuts after the morning Masses.

7:00 a.m. hosted by:

Liberty Garachico Family

8:30 a.m.: The Bryant Family



**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.

**HOLY WEEK RETREAT**

St. Benedict's Holy Week Retreat begins Thursday, April 17th with dinner and ends Easter Sunday, April 20th at noon. Cost is \$125 private room, \$90 double. Send \$30 deposit to register: 56630 North Bank Rd., McKenzie Bridge, 97413. For info: 541-822-3572 or sblodge.opwest.org

**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](mailto:harlanfamily2@juno.com) "Let Go – Let God"