



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING: Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19 (47B)
SECOND READING: 1 John 2:1-5a **GOSPEL: Luke 24:35-48**

FROM FATHER JUSTUS ALAETO

Our Merciful and Loving God!

Last Sunday was Divine Mercy Sunday. It is always exciting reflecting on the Mercy and Love of God. Sometimes, we do forget that God is a loving and merciful God, who always wants the best for us.

Pope John Paul II/St. John Paul II, granted the Feast of Divine Mercy to the Universal Church at the Canonization of Sister Faustina to Sainthood on April 30th, 2000. With the mandate given by the Church through Pope John Paul II, the Church celebrates Divine Mercy as a Feast, every Second Sunday of Easter.

The whole point of this celebration is that the Paschal Mystery of Christ is nothing but an act of mercy and love from Jesus Christ to all of us. Pope Benedict XVI in one of his pastoral letters emphasized that “Christ’s redeeming sacrifice has the power to forgive even the gravest sins, and bring forth good even from the most terrible evil.”

In Jn. 3:14-15, Jesus compares the bronze serpent which Moses set up on a pole (which was established by God), to cure those who were bitten by a snake in the desert with the value of His (Jesus’) crucifixion, and the value of His cross for us. Jesus made that comparison to ensure that those who look up to His cross with faith and confidence will obtain mercy, love, and salvation. Jesus Himself also made St. Faustina to understand that Divine Mercy will be more effective in our lives, not only when we pray the Divine Mercy chaplet/prayer alone, but when we do those prayers and show the same mercy and love to others.

Our challenge therefore, is to first trust in the great Mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ no matter the depth of our sins and mistakes. Secondly, we are encouraged by Jesus to look up to His cross as medicinal, and pray to Him with Faith and Confidence for His Mercy and Love. Finally, Jesus is asking us to show the same mercy and love we receive from Him to one another daily, as a way of building God’s Kingdom of Mercy on earth.

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Calling all baptized Catholic boys and girls who have received their First Communion and are in the fourth grade or older!

Sacred Heart parish needs you to altar serve!

Training for new altar servers will be held on Saturday 5/2, 5/9, and 5/16 from 1-3:00 in the church. Please contact Ann Brophy at the parish office or abrophy@shcs.org. Thanks!

PATRICIAN MEETING

Please join us Monday, April 20th, (3rd Mon.) at 9:30AM in the Parish Hall for a Catholic discussion.

Topic: The four last things: Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell

Spiritual Director: Father Justus
All are welcome!

7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

- M. April 20: +Jean Stewart
- T. April 21: +Margaret Hennebeck
- W. April 22: Ray & Debbie Pierce
- Th. April 23: +Bill Heidt
- Fr. April 24: +Bob Boyea



8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

- M. April 20: +Richard Davidson
- T. April 21: Joyce Davidson
- W. April 22: +Richard Davidson
- Th. April 23: +Jennifer Ferrin Galster
- Fr. April 24: +Richard Davidson
- Sat. April 25: +Marge Hennebeck

PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish

especially: Kathy Steiner, Joan Molatore, Steve Presley, Frank West, Paula George, Katherine Saum, Don & Paul Zeleznik, George Halvorsen, Justin Berlandi, Betty Defley, Frank Perez, Kim George, Victor Eakin, Sharon Anderson, Kathy Kim, Marie Casilio, Vicki & Lorraine Harris, Beth Curl, Sgt. Joseph Lowery, Carmen Aitken, Pamela Demian, Eileen Van Dyck, John Kuchler, Beverly & Dick Handley, Don & Jean Palese, Ramona Rosales, Gloria Hubbard, and Shizuka McCue.

Please pray for the deceased of our parish especially:

+Dr. Theodore Hubbert.

**MEDIA KIOSK /FEATURE OF THE WEEK
GLORY STORIES**



In these true stories of vision and bravery, fierce determination, and loving service to God, Blessed Jose Sanchez and St. Joan of Arc set examples for youngsters.

Recommended for ages 5 and up

Cost: CDs \$3 Pamphlets \$2 Books \$4

Place payment in slot on lower right side of the Kiosk.

PARKING LOT CHANGES

This will affect weekday parking only.

Beginning April 20, we have entered into a lease with the City of Medford for parking spaces during the construction of the new city building. The lease is for 25 parking spaces on the west side of the office building. This row of spaces is directly adjacent to the Jackson County Juvenile Detention building. Parking spaces will be available to the City of Medford, Monday through Friday 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. No overnight or weekend parking will be allowed.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

St Vincent de Paul Thrift Store turned donated items into enough money to cover almost half our annual budget for the services we provide in Jackson County. It was accomplished by the Grace of God and the hard work of over 100 volunteers working six days a week and sometimes on Sundays in the store. With more than 300 volunteers overall, we are always in need of people to help in the store, kitchen, pantry, social services, office, shower and laundry facility as well as home visits groups in Ashland and the rest of Jackson County. We are all volunteers and we hope you will consider joining us in being the Body of Christ by serving others. Please call [541-772-3828](tel:541-772-3828) or visit us at 2424 N. Pacific Hwy., Medford.

**BOX TOPS AND SOUP LABELS FOR
SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Thanks so much to all the parishioners who have been bringing in box tops and soup labels. We just received a shipment of 14 playground balls in all shapes and sizes...footballs, soccer balls, basketballs and playground balls. All thanks to your generosity.

When you bring in the soup labels, please make sure you bring in the UPC labels, not the front that says what type of soup it is. Also, please continue to bring in the Pepperidge Product UPC's. Our school scored a Spring Bonus Sheet goal and earned 1250 points instead of 125! All of this helps our kids have nice balls, jump ropes, chalk, etc. for the playground.

Thanks again for thinking of Sacred Heart Catholic School.

~~ Tamara Spence, Box Tops Parent Volunteer

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
BREAKFAST**

Come over this Sunday, April 19th, and enjoy a super breakfast and hot coffee. Cost is \$18.00 per family, \$6.00 adults, and \$2.00 children under 10 years old. Proceeds benefit the Boy Scouts.

BIBLE STUDY with Father Ken

Genesis to Jesus:

A Survey of the New Testament with

Father Ken Sampson

Thursdays -- 1:30-2:30 or 7:00-8:00PM

In the Parish Hall

Drop ins welcome!



CATHOLIC SENTINEL – STAY INFORMED!

See how faith blossomed during Holy Week across western Oregon.

Learn how local Catholics live out their faith.

Find out what happens when an urn full of cremated remains ends up at Goodwill and what the church teaches about respect for bodies.

Get a primer on health care and hear from two college seniors-one who attended a small Catholic school and one who went to the University of Oregon.

Last, meet our new editor. All in the new Catholic Sentinel, available after Mass.

**PARISH PICNIC
COORDINATOR
NEEDED**

Please call Melanie at
(541) 779-4454 to
volunteer.



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL
NOW ENROLLING

PS and PK Round Up:
Thursday, April 30, 6:30 PM

PS-8th Grades Open House/Academic Showcase:
Thursday, May 7, 6:30 PM

**CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION
 OR TO ARRANGE YOUR PRIVATE TOUR.**

Financial Aid and Scholarships Available
\$545,000 Awarded in the Last Five Years

Sacred Heart Catholic School
431 South Ivy Street Medford, OR 97501
541 772-4105
www.shcs.org

Comprehensive PS-8th Grade Program
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Caring Environment and Individualized Instruction- Primary Grades through Middle School
High Academic Expectations and Results
Special Classes in Art, Band, Technology, Library/ Research, Music, PE, Spanish, Theater and Religion
Competitive Interscholastic Athletics Program
In PS-12 Partnership with St. Mary's: College, Career and Heaven Ready!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS – SACRED HEART SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

We are honored to be able to present the opportunity for two students, from Sacred Heart School, to receive a \$500.00 scholarship.

The scholarship fund is in support of our Catholic families with children attending Sacred Heart School and is open to all Sacred Heart students who are parishioners of Sacred Heart Church.

Criteria: Students grade 1 through grade 8, 2015-2016 school year.

The student must be a relative of an active Sacred Heart Church of Medford parishioner.

The student should have acceptable school behavior, good Catholic morals, and good academic achievement.

Scholarship applications may be picked up at Sacred Heart School or call, Connie Moyer 541-773-8736.

Financial Report

	4/5/2015	4/6/2014
	Easter	
Weekly Budgeted Amount	\$18,144.23	\$18,055.29
Offertory received current week	\$35,687.44	\$24,321.37
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$721,050.04	\$731,036.29
Needed for Budget	\$725,769.21	\$722,211.59
Over (under) Budget	(\$4,719.17)	\$8,824.70

God gives it all, then calls us to share. Thank you for sharing! On-line giving is now available. If you are interested, please call the office.

LEGION OF MARY NEWS

During February, the Legion of Mary members visited 480 people and during March, we visited 423 people. It is a privilege to bring the presence of Christ to the homebound. Our goal is to have teams of 2 people visit the homebound. We need your help to reach this goal. Please call the Office to volunteer.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ



Dear Brother in Christ,

On the behalf of our Grand Knight John Meenaghan, 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, Saint 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 objective 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 2nd Monday starting at 7:00pm sharp, with dinner beforehand. On the 4th 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 25th and 26th, to provide information and answer any questions. You may also contact Curt or Don, or give Grand Knight John Meenaghan a call at 541-227-9315. **"VIVAT JESUS!"**

Curt Swift 541-776-4559
cm.swift@hotmail.com

Don Zimmerer 541-535-7404
zimmdj@msn.com

Membership Committee Co-Chairmen
Knights of Columbus Council 1594



QUILTING IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

The quilting group will meet Thursday, April 23, from 9:15 to noon in the

Parish Hall. Working on quilts for vets. Easy sewing - all are welcome.

SECULAR FRANCISCAN MEETING

The local Secular Franciscan Fraternity will be meeting every third Sunday, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the Parish 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.



SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY
To Contact Whitney Compton, Youth Minister: wcompton@archdpx.org Please e-mail her for her Mobil number.

YOUNG ADULTS AGE 18-35:

TRIVIA! Join us on Monday April 27th for Trivia at 4Daughters Pub. We will be meeting about 6:15p to grab a table! If you would like to receive our e-mail please contact Whitney Compton at wcompton@archdpx.org.

YOUTH GROUP (Middle School and High School):

Come Join Us: YOU ARE INVITED!!!!!!

Middle School Semester Topic: The Creed

High School Semester Topic: Morality

*Note: There are only two weeks left in this school year that we will be meeting. We will take 2 weeks off in May before we begin our summer youth ministry events!!! Schedule to come out soon!

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT!

Sacred Heart will have a retreat for our middle school (6th – 8th Grade) coming up April 25, 2015. Registration ends April 19th 2015 (TODAY). Retreat registration will close early if all spots are filled. Only 25 spots available! Retreat cost: \$10.00 as well as the contribution of two snacks to share, one healthy and one non-healthy!!! “Peace, love and prosper Love Jesus!!!!!!!” – Middle School Core Team

Core team: Our next planning meeting will take place on April 19th 2015 from 11a-12p, in the SHYM Youth Room.

CONFIRMATION:

On April 22nd Group B will meet for Class 12!

REMINDER: If you have already taken your test you will still need to be at class!

CONFIRMATION MASS:

This year Sacred Heart will have one bi-lingual Confirmation Mass on Sunday, May 17th at 7:00pm. This year’s celebrant is: Archbishop Vlazny!

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY (TOB):

TOB (based on the theology of John Paul II) is a teen study program that will meet on Wednesdays during summer (note: program was developed for high school teens). PARENTS! If you missed the informational meeting and have questions about the TOB for teens, No Worries! Just contact Whitney Compton with your questions. Going Beyond Teen Chastity; Teens are facing unique challenges in the culture today. These challenges, especially those concerning sexuality and human and divine love, deserve more than the outdated “do this, don’t do that” approach to catechesis. Today’s challenges need to be addressed with a “new language” that explains how authentic Christianity makes sense because it corresponds perfectly with the deepest desires of the human heart. Hurry and register today! **Registration closes May 4th 2015!**

JOES CAMP!

Registration for Joes Camp is now open for youth (grades 6th-12th). Sacred Heart has LIMITED SPACE! Register NOW! Joes Camp starts June 22 at 4:30pm and ends on June 27th! To obtain a registration packet for your youth e-mail Whitney Compton at wcompton@archdpx.org

STEUBENVILLE NORTHWEST!

Exciting NEWS! We will be going to Steubenville Northwest this year! This year will be a smaller trip; we will be taking 13 youth 3 chaperones and Whitney Compton as the group leader. Any youth interested in attending will need to fill out an application. From the applications, 13 youth will be accepted to attend. Please contact Whitney Compton to apply for the trip. Applications are available now and are due by April 30th 2015 at 3:00p. Late applications will not be accepted. Applications are only considered complete when turned in with the deposit required (see application). Accepted applicants will be notified May 7th 2015.

Summer Schedule: Keep an eye out! Our youth ministry schedule of events for SUMMER will be finished soon!!!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Saint Augustine said, “A Christian should be an alleluia from head to foot... We are Easter people and our Alleluia is our song.” Many times we fail to realize that our actions speak louder than our words. The more we listen to, understand, and love each other, the more we show, indeed that “alleluia is our song.”

A great kid’s activity could be to make celebratory Easter Alleluia’s that they can hang in the home or their rooms. Draw large individual letters for Alleluia. Cut them out and then stick each letter down heavy strip of yarn, string or ribbon to make a huge ALLELUIA!! They could also make an acrostic poem using the Alleluia letters by writ-

ing a phrase for each corresponding letter... A – Amazed at ... for example -Creation; L – Loving...(Jesus); L- Listening to...; E- Enjoying...; L- living for....: U- understanding...; I – Interested in; A – Accepting of Try designing your own Alleluia display. Have fun making us an alleluia from head to toe!!

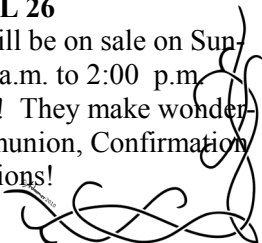
SUNDAY SCHOOL or Religious Education Classes

All children Preschool through 5th grade welcome. Sunday mornings 9:50am to 11:15am at Sacred Heart School. Assemble in the cafeteria for our (short) morning faith sharing time with coffee and snacks. Last week we all learned more about the Divine Mercy Chapel!!

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

ROSARY SALE APRIL 26

All colors of Rosaries will be on sale on Sunday, April 26 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Come see what we have! They make wonderful wedding, First Communion, Confirmation gifts—gifts for all occasions!



COFFEE & DONUTS hosted by: April 26

7:00 - Debbie Peerenboom
8:30 - Emilda & Chato



LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

You have been baptized in Christ. Now that you're part of Christ's body, the Church . . . how does celebrating the sacred mysteries strengthen your spiritual life?

St. Anne, Grants Pass, Oregon

Presented by Father Bill Holtzinger

April 24-25, 2015

May 8-9, 2015

Fridays 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Saturdays 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Registration to: Marty Edinger 541-821-5178

martywwsor@yahoo.com

DON'T MISS THIS

Men's A.C.T.S. Retreat April 23-26 at St. Rita's Retreat Center. This is the 5th Annual retreat and is sponsored by the Men's ACTS group and the Vicariate of Southern Oregon. When you come to the retreat it is as a friend and fellow Catholic. When the weekend is over you will leave as a brother to 30 other men. We hope to see you there. Space is limited so register now. Registration forms are on the tables at the entries to church. Contact Jim Harlan (541) 941 5025 or Earl Parrish (541) 840 2262 for more information.

MARRIED COUPLES – Does gardening give you a sense of wonder and fulfillment? On your wedding day, you lovingly planted the seeds of a lifelong relationship. A

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will give you the “gardening tools” you need to help your marriage grow and blossom. For more information call 503-853-2758 or apply on-line at www.rediscoverthespark.org.

Upcoming dates:

April 24-26 at Powell Butte Retreat Center in Central Oregon

May 22-25 at Our Lady of Peace Retreat House in Beaverton, Oregon.

“What does it mean that Jesus is risen? It means that the love of God is stronger than evil and death itself; it means that the love of God can transform our lives and let those desert places in our hearts bloom.” ~~ Pope Francis

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.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT—HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Did your abortion, or a loved one's abortion, “change” you? Is there a dividing point in your life: “before the abortion” and “after the abortion”? Have you convinced yourself that you have dealt with your abortion experience, but you still feel uncertain? Have you been looking at the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™ ad in the bulletin for years, and wondering what it is all about?

June 12-14th there will be a retreat in Portland where healing, forgiveness, hope, and transformation are offered in a safe, caring, and strictly confidential environment.

For information, please contact Patricia Hutchinson, Catholic Charities' Project Rachel Coordinator, at 800-249-8074; email ProjectRachel@CatholicCharitiesOregon.org or

PHutchinson@CatholicCharitiesOregon.org. To learn about the national program, visit: www.rachelsvineyard.org