



Parish Community News

ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL 2005

This week, you are asked to read the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal materials that you received today. The Archbishop's Catholic Appeal provides substantial financial support to over 80 ministries that support parishes in our Archdiocese. These programs provide education, ministry, and a Catholic presence for tens of thousands of people. The theme this year is, "You are the Light of the World." In next weekend's Gospel, Christ tells us that "your light must shine before others, so that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." What better way to shine your light throughout Western Oregon than to make a significant pledge to the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal? Please prayerfully consider demonstrating your willingness to reflect Christ's light by making a generous commitment of financial support to the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal. A significant pledge to this campaign is a demonstration of your understanding that you are part of the holy people who follow in the footsteps of Jesus and that you help to share His Good News, His gospel of hope and redemption beyond the parish boundaries.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS. . .

Alma Clyde who passed away this past week. Her funeral will be Tuesday, **February 1, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.** here at St. Patrick's Church.

CHECK OUT ST. PATRICK'S NEW WEBSITE

As of January 20th, St. Patrick's has its very own website! After months of diligent work and being blessed with a very dedicated webpage designer, Budhi Suwardi, the web team has St. Patrick's website up and running. The website has information including upcoming events, weekly bulletins, activities calendar, staff pictures, parish pictures, liturgical ministries schedule, Administration Council meeting minutes, parish organizations and contact people, a prayer request form, links to approved Catholic websites, plus much more. We encourage all parishioners to look over the website and use the suggestion button with any feedback for improving our site. Check it out www.stpatcanby.org and let us know your ideas. St. Pat's Web Team.

SOLD OUT!!!

The 8th annual Knights of Columbus Crab Feed and charity auction will be held **February 5, 2005**. Tickets are **SOLD OUT FOR THIS AUCTION**. The location will be the main pavilion building at the Clackamas County Fairgrounds in Canby. Ticket prices will remain the same as last year at \$25.00. Doors open at **5:00 pm**. Silent auction **5:30-7:00pm**, Crab feed **7:00-8:00p.m.** and the oral auction will be from **8:00-10:00pm**. **TICKETS FOR THE RAFFLE ARE STILL AVAILABLE**. 1st prize will be a 7 day Caribbean or Alaskan cruise for two. 2nd prize is an overnight stay at McMenamin's Edgefield, 3rd prize is a dinner for

two at Jakes Grill (Portland).

REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL

The gospel sounds a sober note along with the announcement of a kingdom of blessing. We ought to know what we are jumping into before we get our feet wet! We speak of the "Eight Beatitudes" from Matthew but if we look at the text the word "blessed" occurs nine times. Commentators tell us that the ninth blessing was added at a time when the Matthean community was being persecuted as an encouragement to them to stay the course. Truth be told, all those who choose to follow Jesus are both blessed and persecuted. The only way to enjoy the refuge God offers and to have none disturb us (first reading) is, precisely, to stir up ourselves and others to live as Jesus calls: for the sake of others. This kind of living that makes God's reign present always invited insults and persecution because it challenges selfishness and self-promotion. Gospel living-taking seriously the Beatitudes-turns upside down the usual relationships people have with each other and invites a new world order that is the presence of God's kingdom of heaven. The first three beatitudes directed to the poor, mourners, and the meek are probably the original ones and these three really refer to one and the same class of people- those who need. These are the ones who are completely dependent upon God. God's promise to bring them blessings includes our own gospel living that changes our world order. No wonder it invites persecution! The first four beatitudes address those who have a lack-poor, mourners, meek, hungry and thirsty. The blessedness involves removing the lack. The last four beatitudes address those who exercise the virtues that bring about God's reign in this world-merciful, clean of heart, peacemakers, righteous. The blessedness here is to direct the doing of these virtues toward those who need God's help and protection. Our very living of the gospel schools us in the virtues needed for everyone to share in God's blessings. If we live this way we will be persecuted because the call of the gospel is to self-giving-not just on the part of a chosen few but on the part of all so that all can share equally in the good things God provides. Yet precisely in this self-giving is the fullness of blessing revealed: "your reward will be great in heaven."

FIRST RECONCILIATION

First Reconciliation will take place on the morning of Saturday, **February 5, 2004** at **10:00 am** in the church. A reception for all the children who receive First Reconciliation and their parents will follow. Please pray for all of our children as they take this important step in preparing to receive their First Holy Communion.

MEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST

The Men's Club will serve breakfast following the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses on Sunday, **February 6, 2005**. The menu will include ham, eggs, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, juice and beverage. Adults \$4.00, children \$2.50.

PANACHE - WOMAN'S GROUP

I would like to begin a Panache Women's Group soon. Ladies, please stop by after Mass today and take a look at what this group is. I will be in the back of church with the information. You may also call me with questions or input at 503-266-4482. *Rose Judge*

CATECHISM STUDY

The Catechism of the Catholic Church video series by Fr. John Corapi
January 31 Monday 9:15 a.m. February 3
Thursday 7:00 p.m.
Topic for the week - Paschal Mystery: Part 2 Paragraphs #624-682
Come and join us for faith and fellowship



BAPTISMAL PREP CLASS

Baptismal Preparation Class is scheduled for Thursday, **February 3 @ 7:00 p.m.** We will meet in the conference room of the parish center. Please call the office @ 503-266-9411 to register.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

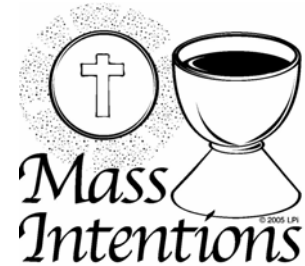
Catholic Education week is **January 30-February 4**. In recognition of this, St. John the Baptist Catholic School in Milwaukie, would like to invite you to an Open House for friends, families, and prospective families, on Sunday January 30th, from 8:00am - 1:00 p.m. Also, there will be an information night for prospective families on February 1st, starting at 7:00 pm. For further information please contact St. John's at 503-654-0200."

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

Save the date, Saturday, **February 5, 7:00 p.m.** Join Archbishop John G. Vlazny for Vespers in celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life at St. Mary's Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

LIVING THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

It is awesome to think that our own puny efforts at mercy, justice, and righteous living are one means for bringing God's blessedness to others! Simply sharing in God's work of salvation-providing for those in need-is a blessing in itself. We can afford to jump in and get our feet wet because we are not only dependent upon our own resources but share with others what God has already provided for us. Here's the truly amazing part: the blessedness we share now is but a taste of our great reward in heaven!



MASS INTENTIONS FOR February 1-4

Tuesday Special Intention
Wednesday +Bernice Posedel by Dorsey Posedel
Thursday +Paul Carroll by Judy & Lacey Buttram
Friday Special Intention for Anna Rose O'Reilly by Michael & Joan O'Reilly



EVENTS AROUND THE AREA

PARISH SUPPORT

Parishioners of St. Patrick's through the Sacrificial giving program gave to God the gift:

January 23, 2005

Building Fund	\$15.00
Envelopes'	\$5170.43
Children's	\$6.90
Poor	\$30.00
Cemetery	\$20.00
Total	\$5242.33

RETREATS AVAILABLE AT OUR LADY OF PEACE

RETREAT HOUSE

On Wednesday, **February 9** Our Lady of Peace Retreat House will have a **Lenten Day of Recollection**. Registration will start at 8:30am. Lunch will be included. For more information please call 503-649-7127.

WOMAN'S RETREAT - OUR LADY OF PEACE RETREAT

February 18-20. Fr. Tom Speier O.F.M. will be the host. Topic of this retreat will be: "Does god Really Love Me?". Please call 503-649-7127 to register.

MEN'S RETREAT - OUR LADY OF PEACE

February 25-27. Fr. Don Miller O.F.M. will be our host. The topic will be "Simply Jesus". Call to register or for more information.

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Blessed are the poor in spirit.

Blessed are those who mourn.

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
for righteousness.*

Blessed are the merciful.

Blessed are the pure in heart.

Blessed are the peacemakers.

*Blessed are those who are persecuted
for righteousness' sake.*