

First Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 22, 2015

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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Tue	24	6 pm	Herb Zimmermann	RIP
Wed	25	9 am	Vrba & Dunker Families	RIP
Thu	26	9 am	Margarita C. Delfino	RIP
Fri	27	9 am	Mary Ellen Ancona	RIP
Sat	28	9 am	Elaine Lynch	RIP

PERPETUAL ADORATION—OPEN HOURS AVAILABLE

SUN	2 am & 11 pm	THUR	12- 4 am & 11pm
MON	12, 1, 2, 3 & 4 am	FRI	3, 5 a.m. & 7 pm
TUE	12, 1, 2, & 4 am	SAT	9, & 11 pm
WED	12, 4 am & 11 pm		Contact Sally 293-3222



SVDP Food Drive Weekend – (Feb. 21 & 22)

Demand has been high this winter and the Food Bank is running out of everything quickly –

Items especially needed at this time include:

- Cans of Chili
- Cans of Chef Boyardee (ravioli, spaghetti & meatballs etc.)
- Cans of corn and green peas
- Sm – med. Size jars of Peanut Butter
- Meat helpers (Hamburger Helper, Rice a Roni etc.)
- Canned fruit
- Cans of Pasta Sauce
- Canned tomatoes and tom. Sauce
- Canned fruit
- Mac 'n Cheese

(Always appreciated are personal care items, and gently used books for children !)

Lynn Webb—Food Bank Manager

February 21-22 Special Collection

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS COLLECTION

The easiest way to make a donation is to through online giving. Just visit our parish website



Or Scan here to donate now

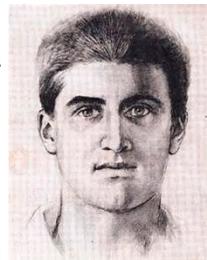
ST. JOSEPH PARISH LIBRARY NEWS

St. Joseph Library is located in Room 1 of the Fr. Auer Center. It is open for one hour most Sundays after the 10:30 Mass.

There are hundreds of good books available. They are shelved according to categories such as spiritual growth, angels and saints, Mary, biographies, etc.

In addition to books there are numerous VHS tapes and DVD's that can be checked out. All are appropriate for family viewing. If you are unable to visit the library when it is open, you can contact Alice Schmude (293-3308) or Kathy Moore (353-8598).

One biography that would be suitable and interesting for teenagers as well as adults is *A MAN OF THE BEATITUDES*. It is about Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati written by his sister, Luciana. Pier Giorgio was an Italian who died of polio at age twenty-four, on July 4, 1925.



Beatified in 1990 by Saint Pope John Paul II and named "The Man of the Eight Beatitudes," Pier Giorgio teaches us that holiness is possible for everyone.

Alice Schmude

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FAITH FORMATION NEWS

LENTEN CORNER

Hungering for the Journey

Our journey with CRS Rice Bowl begins in Tanzania, where a simple soybean is changing lives! What actions can you take this Lent to change lives—at home and around the world?

Rice Bowls were placed in the vestibule of the church on Ash Wednesday. If you haven't already done so, please pick up yours this weekend and begin your Lenten Journey:

PRAY using the daily reflections on the Lenten Calendar.

FAST with our weekly meatless meals and learn about people around the world.

GIVE your Lenten sacrifices to your CRS Rice Bowl, or donate online.

Down the app and find more resources at crsricebowl.org.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

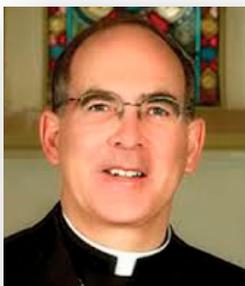
A parish-wide mailing was sent out with all the information needed for Soup Suppers and Stations of the cross. A quick recap on how the Lenten schedule will work each Friday is as below:

2:50 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
3:00 pm	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
4:30-5:50 pm	Confession
5:15-5:50 pm	Stations of the Cross
5:50 pm	Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
6:00 pm	Soup Supper
6:30-8:00 pm	Catechesis with Fr. Marion, except on Friday March 13 when it will be presented by Fr. Scott Connolly

SOUP SUPPER—SECOND FRIDAY OF LENT—Feb 27

Hosted by The Belles of St. Mary who are serving Hearty Vegetable. You will love this soup even if you are not into vegetables.

Laurie Liberty



Grant, almighty God

Through the yearly observance of holy Lent that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. [p7]

The Call to Conversion; By announcing and ushering in God's reign, Jesus won back what was lost by original sin—that original holiness first enjoyed by Adam and Eve. By his death and resurrection, he set us once again on the path of God and invites us to renounce the seductions of Satan, and give glory to his Father in all things—in heart and in action. [p.9]

Archbishop Sartain—A Lenten Pilgrimage

Fr. Marion's Corner

"What are you giving up this year?"

This is a very common question among Catholics, especially during Lent. In the Archbishop's book, *A Lenten Pilgrimage*, he meditated upon this idea of "giving up" or "giving in". In the end, he is reminding us that whatever we give up or give into ought to lead us away from evil and bring us closer to God, "*God's unsurpassed love teaches us that it is always too early to give up. It is never too late to start again. It is always time to surrender to God.*" In other words, we should begin with the end in mind.

This will help us to choose well what we ought to give up: how will I grow closer to God as a result of this discipline? Through the years, I have heard many people announce that they plan to give up chocolates for Lent. There is of course nothing wrong with giving up chocolates, especially if you are diabetic. It might be an especially good discipline if you are addicted to chocolate and by taking on this discipline, you can embrace a "modern" form of fasting. However, in the end, the real question is, "How does giving up chocolate bring me closer to God?" If the answer is yes, then by all means, give up chocolate. If not, consider other forms of discipline that help increase our love for God and neighbor.

Through the years, people have shared with me many great ideas for Lent; I would like to share them with you:

- Give up complaining and give in to gratitude and affirming others
- Give up activities that kill time (TV, Netflix, game apps, Facebook) and give in to a holy hour at Adoration
- Give up shopping and give away 12 shirts, 3 pairs of pants, 1 pair of shoes, and 1 jacket (possibly to St. Mary Rummage Sale in April)
- Give in to treating our body as a temple of the Holy Spirit and give up things that denigrate it (what we read, watch, listen, say, or do)
- Give up treats/lattes and give to CRS Rice Bowl
- Give up the bed (and sleep on the couch or floor) and give in to praying for the poor and homeless
- Give up Apps that kill time and give in to loading apps that help with prayers and devotions (Laudate, Ibbreviary, Discerning Hearts, Lectio Divina, Confession)
- Give up listening to secular music and give in to listening to Christian/Catholic music (Sacred Heart Radio AM 1050, FM 105.3, FM 106.5) or better yet, give in to silence.
- Give up vanity (make-up or hair products) and give in to volunteer service for family/community
- Give up holding grudges and give in to forgiveness
- Give up sin and give in to going to Confessions

Let's end this reflection with a Lenten prayer:

Loving God,
During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.
Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.
Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity.
Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.
May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you. Amen.