

Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 18, 2007



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Our 2007 Lenten Theme . . .

The Season of Lent 2007 at Saint Mary's will provide many opportunities for us to grow in our understanding of Stewardship. At this weekend's Masses, our Stewardship Chair **Jim Gallagher** will present us with a Lenten Reflection Booklet entitled "**Stewardship - A Lenten Journey**" which includes daily six-minute reflections on Stewardship in the light of the Gospel of Mark. Jim and many others have found this little booklet to be both thought provoking and inspirational. We hope that you will use it as an aid to your personal prayer and meditation during Lent and also bring it with you to our **Lenten Spiritual Enrichment Series** where it will also focus brief small group discussion.

Speaking of the Lenten Series, we believe that it will be among the best ever. Beginning on Ash Wednesday with a presentation by Fr. Peter on his recent trip home to Ghana through our last presentation by a nationally known photojournalist and speaker



who spent a full year with Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the series will explore the many ways that Stewardship is lived out in our families, our parish, our Community and our World. Each week we will also celebrate Mass together, enjoy a delicious meal and delight in musical prayer offered by talented musician and choirs from throughout our community.

A special Insert in today's bulletin outlines these presentations and the myriad of ways that Lent will be prayed and experienced throughout the Central Steuben Catholic Parishes. Please keep this guide handy as it also contains schedules of Lenten Masses, Reconciliation Services and devotions.



Ash Wednesday February 21st.

Mass and Ashes Schedule

9:00 a.m. - Prayer and Ashes

12:10 p.m. - Mass and Ashes

2:30 p.m. - Prayer and Ashes,
Taylor Nursing Home

5:30 p.m. - Mass and Ashes

(Followed by Lenten Dinner and Series)



Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Featuring a Scrumptious
Variety of Cuisine

Sunday, February 18, 2007

O'Malley Hall

5:30 p.m. ~ Social

6:00 p.m. ~ Dinner

Mass/Communion/Reconciliation Schedule

Parish Celebrations of the Lord's Day
Saturday - 4:00 p.m. ♦ Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

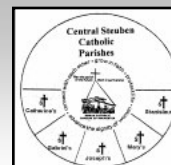
Weekday Masses:

Tuesday, through Friday at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday Evening at 5:30 p.m.

Scripture/Communion Service
Monday Morning - 9:00 a.m.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
First and Third Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.



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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

- SUNDAY** February 18, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Evelyn Gavagan
By Lance & Mary Ann Squires
- MONDAY** February 19, Weekday
9:00 a.m. Communion Service
- TUESDAY** February 20, Weekday
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Nick Bottoni
By Mark & Nancy Fiordo
- WEDNESDAY** February 21 Ash Wednesday
9:00 a.m. Prayer and Ashes
12:10 p.m. Special Intentions
By Florence MxBrige
- 2:30 p.m. Prayer and Ashes - Taylor Nursing Home
5:30 p.m. In Memory, Richard Faucett
By his wife, Mary
- THURSDAY** February 22, Chair of St. Peter, apostle
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Jacqueline Lipps
By Betty Langendorfer
- FRIDAY** February 23, Lenten Weekday
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Jeanette Reigelsperger
By Lance & Mary Ann Squires
- 2:15 p.m. Taylor's - For the Residents of Taylor's
4:00 p.m. Lakeview - For the Residents of Lakeview
- SATURDAY** February 24, Lenten Weekday
4:00 p.m. In Memory, Nick Bottoni
By Antoinette Stever
- SUNDAY** February 25, First Sunday of Lent
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Nick Bottoni
By Sam & Henrietta Powell



PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

- SUNDAY** February 18
No Coffee Hour/Religious Education
1:00 p.m. Sunday Supper, O'Malley Hall
7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101
- MONDAY** February 19
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir
7:15 p.m. Choir Practice
- TUESDAY** February 20
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts, Room 202
7:30 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group
- WEDNESDAY** February 21
6:00 p.m. Lenten Dinner, Hall
6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Leader Meeting, Room 101
6:45 p.m. Prayer & Music
7:15 p.m. Speaker
- THURSDAY** February 22
5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers, O'Malley Hall
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Room 202/203
- FRIDAY** February 23
- SATURDAY** February 24
1:00 p.m. NA, Room 101
- SUNDAY** February 25
1:00 p.m. No Coffee Hour/Religious Education
7:00 p.m. Sunday Supper, O'Malley Hall
AA, O'Malley Hall



Happy Birthday To You!

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| 02/18 | Gerard McLaughlin | 02/21 | Gary Jacobs |
| 02/18 | Thomas Simms | 02/21 | Barbara Makitra |
| 02/18 | Elizabeth White | 02/21 | Jo Slovak |
| 02/18 | Thomas Crossett | 02/22 | Janice Kerr |
| 02/19 | Freida Fiordo | 02/24 | Kimberly Jessup |
| 02/19 | Tessie Rankin | 02/24 | Mary Hauryski |
| 02/20 | Veronica Cummings | | |

YOUR STEWARDSHIP GIFTS

Upcoming Second Collections

February 17/18 - Can & Quarter

February 24/25 - Maintenance

March 3/4 - Youth Ministry



The Sanctuary Light above the Tabernacle is burning in memory of Richard Faucett by his wife, Mary.

SAINT MARY'S PARISH

"A Parish of Very Good Stewards"

Thank you for - Making Parish a Priority!

February 10/11 2007

Sacrificial Gifts Totaled: \$2551.00 THANK YOU!

Insurance Collection - \$255.00



Liturgical Assembly Schedule

Feb. 24 - Sat 4:00 p.m. - Lake Country Disciples

Feb. 25 - Sun. 9:00 a.m. - Luminaries

To form or join an assembly, call 776-3327

Alice's Rest Comfort Home in Avoca, a ministry which welcome's terminally ill patients to spend their remaining days in a comfortable rural setting attended to by registered nurses, volunteers and their families needs 60 volunteers before it is able to again welcome hospice patients and their families. If you would like to be a part of this ministry of caring and hospitality, or know of a terminally ill person (regardless of faith tradition) who would benefit from Alice's Rest, please contact Jean Crawford or Sue Dominic at 566-3420 or email: aliceresfoundation@yahoo.



SENT TO SERVE

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

The Heart of Stewardship at St. Mary's



At the heart of Stewardship at St. Mary's Parish are hundreds of parishioners who live out their faith by following Jesus' call to discipleship. Many do this by serving others through the many and varied ministries of our parish. They bring Communion and visit the sick and infirm, teach our young people, serve as members of our Liturgical Assemblies or choirs, clean our church, provide advise and expertise through membership on our pastoral or finance councils, our building and grounds, parish life, social ministry or liturgy committees. Others provide hospitality and wonderful food to grieving families and hungry people—parishioners (Pancake Breakfasts, Lenten Dinners and to people who attend our ecumenical Sunday Suppers. This year, one individual even spent weeks painting the interior of our church. All but a few are also able to support the ministries and upkeep of our parish through weekly sacrificial giving.

Still others return their time, talents and treasure to God through involvement in community organizations which provide for the needs of others - such organizations as Catholic Charities, the United Way, RSVP, Boy and Girl Scouts, the Office for the Aging, Steuben Churchpeople Against Poverty, Pathways, the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" Health Ministry of the Southern Tier, the Red Cross, Alice's Rest Home and Service Clubs such as Rotary, Kiwanis and Quota International.

Others yet, answer the Call to Stewardship within their own families - creating faith-filled homes where children experience God's love through the care of loving parents, aging parents are treated with tenderness and respect and spouses are faithfully and unconditionally loved in good times, difficult times, sickness and health.

This is the Stewardship that we will celebrate tonight at our annual Marti Gras and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. This is the kind of Stewardship that we will explore throughout the Season of Lent.

I hope that you will allow our parish staff to celebrate your Stewardship tonight. Without doubt, God has blessed our parish with your ministry and well—we just need to celebrate it. I also hope that you will join us at our annual Lenten Spiritual Enrichment Series to explore the wonderful gifts that come to those who make **Stewardship - A Way of Life**. Even if in past years you have not been able to carve out a few hours to attend these sessions, I pray you will do so during Lent 2007.

Thanks to all of you who have shared in our joy at the birth of our grandson. Pat and I truly appreciate your good wishes during these very exciting days.

Have a good Lenten Week. Serve each other well.

Deacon Ray



Scripture REFLECTIONS

At times, it may seem as if there is more hatred in the world today than ever before. From countries battling over centuries-old ethnic and religious differences to



the neighbors down the block fighting over the most petty of matters, there is no lack of examples of hatred. But what as Christians are our responsibilities in the face of such hatred? Can we deal with the seemingly growing feeling of animosity toward each other, both here and around the world?

In today's Gospel reading from Luke, Jesus presents to us what seems to be the most impossible of tasks -- love those who hate. But it is not impossible at all. Think of how easy it is for you to love someone close to you; a parent or a child or a best friend. Love is so natural, so easy, so perfect it cannot be contained. Jesus tells us that there will indeed be times when our hearts will be tested by others who exhibit hate. He only asks us to love that person who deep down, after all, is also a child of God.

Why is this important? Very simply, we cannot love with all our hearts the God we cannot see if we are unable to love the person we can see. In the Lord's Prayer, we daily ask for forgiveness of our sins. But that is not all; we only ask for forgiveness if we have indeed been forgiven those who have sinned against us (CCC 2839-40). This is the very basis of Jesus' teaching of the importance of loving each other unconditionally, as he loves us unconditionally.

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Widowed, Divorced or Separated?

If you are looking for peer support that can help you on your journey of healing from your loss, **Beginning Experience of Rochester** is offering a healing weekend, April 13-15 at Rotary Sunshine Camp in Rush. Beginning Experience is a Catholic founded organization that has helped thousands of people heal from their hurt. For information or to register for the weekend call (585)987-1750.



Gift cards for Tops, P&C and Kwik Fill are sold after mass and throughout the week in the parish office. St. Mary's receives 5% of the face value for every card we sell. They are great for gifts or for your own use!

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