

Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach

The First Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2007



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Parish Volunteers Recognized for Stewardship

Saint Mary's Staff honored its co-workers in ministry last Sunday evening at its annual Mardi Gras and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Al and Evie Hanning, Frieda Fiordo, Mary Faucett and John Cardona received special recognition for their parish Stewardship. About eighty parishioners who braved snowy weather were rewarded with delicious New Orleans cuisine prepared by Karen Grimmer and served by the Staff. The meal included Roast Pork, Jambalaya, "Dirty" Rice and King's Cake. Music was provided by pianist Darrek Stark and a "vampish" song by Mary Faucett who sang to a surprised (and obviously delighted) Deacon Ed Wight.



"What is Stewardship?" - Lenten Spiritual Enrichment Series

Our Lenten Spiritual Enrichment Series continues on Wednesday evening when Deacon Ray Defendorf speaks on the theological and scriptural basis of Stewardship referencing the US Bishop's 1993 Pastoral Letter "Stewardship - A Disciple's Response". Join us at 5:00 p.m. for Stations of the Cross and Mass at 5:30 p.m. A Lenten dinner is served at 6:15 p.m. followed by music and prayer at 6:45 p.m. and speaker at 7:00 p.m. Bring your "Stewardship - A Way of Life" Lenten Reflection booklet for group discussion.



Mass/Communion/Reconciliation Schedule

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

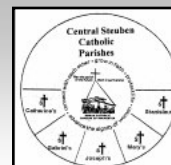
Weekday Masses:

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday at 12:10 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

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

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lenten 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

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



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 | | |



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



Stewardship and Liturgy

By Bill Grimmer - Music and Liturgy Coordinator

Stewardship and Liturgy - well there's an odd combination. But when you stop and think about it, you'll find them to be quite compatible. In fact, the Liturgy, or Mass, is the primary expression of our Stewardship. That's a fancy way of saying that our involvement in Mass is how we show God our Stewardship and how others see our gifts of Stewardship. Let me explain.

First of all, you own the Mass. I'll repeat: YOU own the Mass. It belongs to you and me, all of us. It is not the property of the priests, bishops, or even the Pope. Congratulations! It's all yours! You are the proud owner of the Roman Catholic Liturgy! It was given to you at Baptism. Now I do hear some of you saying that the Mass belongs to the Church...and you know what? You're right! According to the Church, the definition of "The Church" is "the people of God". So again, the Mass belongs to the Church, the People of God.

Many of you already know that the word "Liturgy" means "the work of the people." Stewardship is also work, gladly done to the honor of God and for the building up of God's people. Again, another fancy way of saying that we are all expected to work (Stewardship) at the Liturgy, the Mass.

The reasons we come to Mass are varied. Some go out of obligation, while others go out of a fear that God might cast them into Hell if they were not present. And still others, (and I hope ALL of us) go because we WANT to. We want to celebrate our acts of Stewardship with everyone else, be fed and nourished by Word and Eucharist, in order to continue our ministry, our Stewardship.

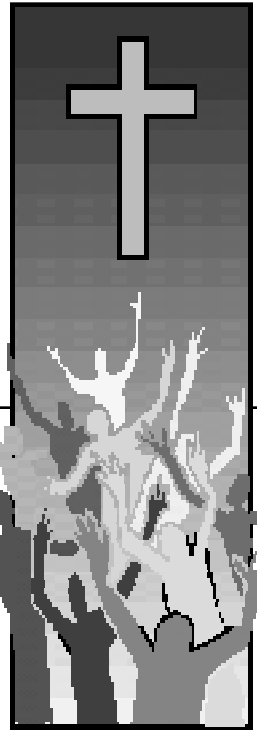
When we are invited to someone's home for dinner or a party, we eagerly ask what can we bring or what can we do to help. But sometimes, when it comes to the Liturgy, we bring nothing, we don't ask if we can help and unfortunately at times, we even refuse to offer to help when asked. Why are we so willing to help at other people's homes and celebrations but are not willing to do anything at God's party, the Mass? Why would we gladly sit back and watch the same few do all the work? We would be the first to say how unfair it is if that happened in our homes. But yet that is what happens here at Mass from time to time.

To be fair, I believe that people need to be personally invited to participate. That's just how we are. But let me give advance warning! You will be personally asked in the next several weeks and with all of our help, I hope you'll say "Yes." You always respond with great generosity!

For some of us, Mass we come to Mass to be by ourselves but the Church tells us that the Mass is a COMMUNITY event, a celebration. Nobody goes to a birthday party to be by themselves so maybe our understanding of the Liturgy needs to change. The Mass is OUR time to gather with OUR parish and celebrate TOGETHER the Stewardship that has happened since we last gathered.

At the Masses this weekend Carol Hall told us about Liturgical Assemblies. This is an ideal way of participating in the Stew-

ardship of the Mass. We currently are in need of several more Assemblies to help with the Mass and our goal is to put together five new Assemblies. I will talk about this more in next week's bulletin but I would invite you to think and pray about Liturgy and Stewardship this week and how you might be able to help at Mass. After all, it IS



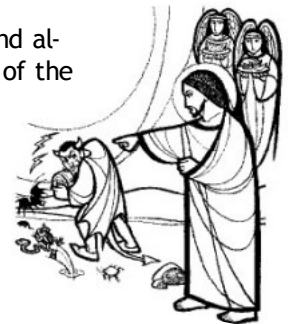
How to Join a Liturgical Assembly

If you would like to join one of our Liturgical Assemblies, please call one of the people listed below - or contact **Bill Grimmer** and **Carol Hall** who are working to form five new Liturgical Assemblies.



Scripture REFLECTIONS

Lent began just a few days ago, and already the Gospel is reminding us of the temptations that are part of our human existence. Jesus, as one "like us in all things but sin" (Eucharistic Prayer IV), was subject to temptation as well. Our Lent begins with a reminder that our God is incarnate in Christ Jesus. He took on our flesh, our human existence.



It may seem odd to begin Lent by recalling the incarnation. That's usually a Christmas theme. But as we begin Lent we remind ourselves that the flip side of incarnation is at work in us who will renew our baptism at Easter, as well as in those who will be baptized. For it is through baptism that we share in divine life.

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