

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEBRUARY 10, 2008 - LENT I- ST. SCHOLASTICA, V

Today we have the **Blessing of the Sick** followed by the **Blessing of Religious Articles** after all Masses. Early Lenten **Vespers and Benediction** are at **1:10 PM**. A **Triduum** to mark the **150th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady at Lourdes** will be said after all Masses.

SPECIAL LENTEN 2ND COLLECTION:
This special collection today is for Disaster Relief for two of our traditional Catholic families out Arkansas way whose homes were damaged or destroyed by the Shrove Tuesday tornadoes. Please be generous!

THIS WEEK
Monday - February 11th: Join us for a festive Mass honoring the 150th anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions at Lourdes and the conclusion of the triduum. Our Lady of Lourdes reveals to us just how much the tenderness of God is in the Immaculate Heart of the one who is most just... and how much He desires to share that tenderness with us through Mary. May the love of the Blessed Mother of God present us with Her Son as a pleasing offering to the Father.

Wednesday - February 13th: at **3:00 PM** every Wednesday in Lent, we offer the traditional **Children's Stations of the Cross** and Holy Communion.

Thursday - February 14th: St. Valentine's Day. "The month of February abounds with pink and red laced-trimmed hearts heralding the giddiness of St. Valentine's day, which falls on Thursday—but the holy season of Lent summons us to embrace the boundless love of God that far exceeds the sentimentality of Cupid and chocolates. The cross of ashes trimming our foreheads alerts the world to what God once declared to Samuel: "Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." We enter into Lent looking into our own hearts and into the Sacred Heart of our loving Savior with the penetrating regard of God Himself. Putting aside superficial, secular vision is a large part of our Lenten penance. The ashes beckon the world to look in this same divine way."

—FR. P. CAMERON, O.P.

Give a Spiritual bouquet instead of candy this year. Come to Mass, or give a Mass. Light a candle for a loved one.

Friday - February 15th: Join us for our traditional "Evening of Recollection" including **5:45 PM Mass**, sermon and Sacred Heart novena, followed by the Parish Potluck *Plus* Supper, Stations, Sermon, Sorrowful Mother Novena, Blessing of the Sick, closing Benediction and Holy Communion.

LENTEN POTLUCK PLUS SUPPER
Each year on the Friday nights in Lent we offer a Parish Potluck *Plus* Supper following the Mass, and before the Stations of the Cross. Last year we introduced the idea of "theme foods" for each of the *Plus* Friday nights. Here are the suggestions for this year:

- Feb. 15th: Pasta Night**
- Feb. 22nd: Soup, Salad, Bread Night**
- Feb. 29th: Tuna Night**
- March 7th: Mac & Cheese, Salad Night**
- March 14th: Baked Potato Night**

A sign-up sheet is be posted in Helfta Hall. *Please let us know* which Friday night you would like to sponsor. **The church will cover the expense of the ingredients.** If you plan to eat with us we ask that you *bring a dish to share* that will coordinate with the theme, such as vegetables, salad, pasta, etc. *Please, since it is Lent, no desserts.* Bon appetit!

Makers FEBRUARY 17, 2008
7:30 AM John Wiesman, Kent Malki, Joe Andreotta, Tom Kamphaus
9:00 AM Jim Gebel, Richard Smith, Dale Wilker, Bernie Brueggemann
11:30 AM Bob Uhlenbrock, Kirby Bischel, Dennis Hille, Tim Carney
5:45 PM John Seyfried

Servers FEBRUARY 11 - FEBRUARY 17, 2008
•MON 02/11 5:00 PM LOW: G. Keaveney
•TUE 02/12 5:00 PM LOW: J. Bayer
•WED 02/13 6:30 AM LOW: T. & C. Simpson, Sr.
•FRI 02/15 5:45 PM LOW: G. Keaveney, J. Bayer, C. Ritze, M. Derksen
7:30 PM STATIONS & BENEDICTION: G. Keaveney, J. Bayer, C. Ritze M. Derksen
*WE ARE LOOKING FOR SERVERS FOR FRIDAY NIGHT STATIONS
•SAT 02/16 7:30 AM LOW: C. & T. Simpson, Jr.
8:00 AM HIGH: G. Keaveney, M. Briggs
•SUN 02/17 7:30 AM LOW: D. & S. Brueggemann
9:00 AM MC: D. Poepelman; TH: R. Hill; ACs: T. Simpson, Jr., G. Wnek; TORCH: S. Arlinghaus, N. McClorey, P. Duff, J. Simpson
11:30 AM LOW: M. & J. Brugger
1:10 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: M. Derksen

Collection Report

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2008	\$4541.19
SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION	\$1183.00

Thank you for your generosity!
Remember St. Gertrude's in your will!

IT'S BAAAAACK!

OUR SECOND ANNUAL JOG-A-THON
Here we "run" again!

"Who would have thought so few people (69) could do so much (\$14,105.10!) in so short a period of time (2 months)."

Do you remember how completely amazed we all were when we finally found out the results of last year's fundraiser? Well, we want to do it again this year, only this time with a *lot* more people involved so we can make a *lot* more profit. The Jog-A-Thon is a great plan to reach out to the *community* to help bring in funds for our church, school and youth groups. We hope *everyone*, this year, will get involved. (Look at what we did with only 69 [mostly children] last year!) Packets of forms and all the necessary information will be handed out next week after all Masses. If you can run, jog, walk or crawl around a 1/4 mile track - get a sponsor - that's how easy it is. We hope to hold this event on April 26th, again at the Lakota Freshman Track, so we don't really have that much time. Once you have a chance to look over the information supplied in your packet, there will be someone in Helfta Hall before and after the 9:00 AM Mass to answer any questions. We **KNOW** this a wonderful fund raiser for our church, school and youth groups. What will make it successful again this year is **YOUR** participation. **YOU** are the only limit to our potential. Pick up your packet today. And should you run out of forms - the Book Store will always have more. Do your part, don't get left behind!



Our prayers and sympathy are extended to the family and friends of Mrs. Eileen Bartels who was buried from this church last past Thursday.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her, may she rest in peace. Amen.

Everything we labor for in this present world scarcely lasts until death. Death intervenes and cuts off the fruit of our labor. But what we do for eternal life remains even after death; it begins to appear only when the fruits of our physical labors cease to be visible.

—ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

EMBER DAYS

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of this week are the Lenten Ember Days. All Catholics, age seven and older, must keep the abstinence, partial on Wednesday and Saturday; total on Friday. All those between the ages of 21 and 59 are obliged to follow the Church laws of fast—one full meal a day.

CHILDREN'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION

This year our Children's Day of Recollection will take place on **Wednesday, February 20th** from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, for both Grade School and High School Students. Separate spiritual talks will be given for both groups. Please make every effort to have your children attend this spiritually enriching day. *Please call the school (513-645-4216) by Monday, February 18th* to let us know if you plan to have your children attend. A lunch will be provided. No charge!

- **9:00 AM:** Opening of the Day of Recollection
- **11:25 AM:** High Mass
- **2:50 PM:** Closing Stations & Benediction

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday - March 7th: *Knights of the Sacred Heart:* Father / Son All Night Lenten Adoration - 9:00 PM, closing with 6:30 AM Mass on Saturday the 8th.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the Third Sunday of the Month. The **Blessing of Expectant Mothers** follows all Masses. Early Lenten **Vespers and Benediction** are at **1:10 PM**.

Set your missal: February 17th. Lent II with the commemoration of the Flight into Egypt. **PREF:** Lent.



To live of the cross is to live of love! It is necessary to make a habit of looking at everything, great or small as coming from the loving hand of God for you, rejoicing out of love in His most holy Will, although it may crucify you. You must ripen in the warmth of the divine Sun who from the cross asked you only to remain under His rays. He seems to say to you, "Remain in my love."

FROM THE PEN OF FR. CEKADA

The "Mass of John XXIII" made legal in the One World Church last July, is already being changed. The original John XXIII Missal lasted less than two years before the changes of Vatican II. This one only made it seven months, and at the behest of the Jews is already being changed. Abe Foxman, and his ADL have a lot of clout with Ratzinger/Benedict XVI, and don't like the idea of Jewish blindness or perfidy mentioned in the prayer for their conversion on Good Friday. Be glad Ratzinger is not our pope, or any kind of a pope, for that matter! These are Fr. Cekada's comments:

The change in the prayer is the nose of the camel under the tent, folks, and ecumenism is riding the camel.

Wait till Abe Foxman figures out what St. Peter Fraternity clergy and other users of the John XXIII Breviary will be chanting during the Second Nocturn of Tenebrae on Good Friday.

"We know what was the gathering together of the froward amongst Jewry, and what was the insurrection of wicked doers. How were they wicked doers? In that they desired to kill the Lord Jesus Christ. ...Let not Jewry say: We did not kill Christ. For they delivered him up to Pilate's tribunal in order that they should themselves seem innocent of his death. Thus when Pilate said to them: Take ye him, and crucify him: they answered: It is not lawful for us to put any man to death. So it was that they sought to cast the guilt of their crime upon a human judge: but by this could they deceive God the Judge? ...But if we hold him to be guilty who did it against his will, shall they be innocent who did force him to do it? By no means. ...But O ye, his own Jewish people, ye in full truth did kill him. And how did ye kill him? With the sword of the tongue. For like a sword ye whet your tongue. And when did ye strike the blow, but when ye cried out: Crucify him, crucify him?"

That's St. Augustine. Perhaps the Vatican will rewrite Migne as well.

What kind of life is a "real life"? It is a life of love - for God and men - a life in which what is most important comes first and is not pushed aside by trivialities.

LENT IS FOR LOVE

BY ADA FEDERSPIEL

Ours is not to reason why -
Ours but to do, or die
This, the brave warrior's cry!

Will we do less than this -
For Christ - sold by traitor's kiss
Suffering death's dire abyss?

Lent is time for giving love
Winning heaven's treasure trove
Offered by our God above.

Lent is love's dear recompense -
Poor coin to buy such great romance -
Lent can only be for love.

Sad, the cold return we make -
Small, for our dear Savior's sake -
As we, life's sweet pleasures take!

Who will share His awful death?
We, whose life is His own breath?
Lent can only be for love.

Lent is for love - it's always been -
A strong ally to conquer sin,
So that God's grace may enter in -
Lent is for love.



SINE LABE CONCEPTA

BY BENJAMIN DIONYSIUS HILL, C.S.P.

Predestined second Eve. For this conceived

Immaculate—not lower than the first.
Chosen beginner in the loss reversed,
And mediatrix in the gain achieved,
When, the new angel, as the old, believed,
Thy harkening should bless whom
Eve's had curst.

And therefore we, whose bondage
thou has burst,
Grateful for our inheritance retrieved,
Must deem this jewel in thy diadem
The brightest: lulling thee alone
"all fair"

Nor ever soil'd with the original stain.
Alone, save Him whose Heart-blood
bought the gem
With peerless grace preventive none
might share—
Redemptions' perfect end, all else tho'
vain.

✠ THE CALENDAR

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER



MON	02/11/08	OUR LADY OF LOURDES 11:25 AM High Mass <i>Bill & Pat Bendel (Sue T. Bastaja)</i> Closing of Triduum in Honor of OL of Lourdes 4:15-6:00 PM Knights of the Sacred Heart (St. Gertrude the Great) St. Angela Merici Girls' Group (St. Gertrude the Great) 5:00 PM Low Mass <i>In Honor of Our Lady of Lourdes for All of Our Sick</i>
TUES	02/12/08	THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS 11:25 AM High Mass <i>Special Intention-Our Beloved Dead (H.O. & Becky Hinton)</i> 5:00 PM Low Mass <i>Special Intention-Birthday (J. Ramcy)</i>
WED	02/13/08	EMBER WEDNESDAY 6:30 AM Low Mass <i>Poor Souls in Purgatory (Dale Wilker Family)</i> 11:25 AM High Mass <i>His Excellency, Bishop Dolan (Preschool Catechism Class)</i> 3:00 PM Children's Stations of the Cross & Holy Communion 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
THUR	02/14/08	FERIAL DAY - ST VALENTINE, PRM 11:25 AM High Mass <i>†Dale Downing-5th Anniversary (Shirle R. Downing)</i> 7:00 PM Compline
FRI	02/15/08	EMBER FRIDAY - SS FAUSTINUS & JOVITA, MM THE LANCE AND NAILS 11:00 AM Confessions 11:25 AM High Mass <i>Intention of the Tom Simpson Family (A Friend)</i> 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:35 PM Infant of Prague Novena VIII 5:45 PM Low Mass & Sacred Heart Novena <i>Uncle Bernie & Aunt Rita (Beth, Danny & Simon Brueggemann)</i> 6:45 PM Parish Potluck Plus Supper - Pasta Night 7:15 PM Confessions 7:30 PM Stations, Sermon, Sorrowful Mother Novena V & Blessing of the Sick, Benediction, Holy Communion, Confessions
SAT	02/16/08	EMBER SATURDAY 7:15 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass, Confessions <i>Marge Kitchen-Birthday Remembrance (Shirle R. Downing)</i> 8:00 AM High Mass, Confessions <i>Alter Christus</i>
SUN	02/17/08	LENT I - ST SCHOLASTICA, V 7:30 AM Low Mass <i>†William Brewer (M/M Victor Ritze)</i> 9:00 AM High Mass <i>Our Children & Godchildren (The Paul Arlinghaus Family)</i> 11:30 AM Low Mass <i>Robert Kuebler (Kueblers)</i> 1:10 PM Vespers and Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass <i>For the People of St. Gertrude the Great</i>

The solemn Sunday opening of Lent! May this Sunday find you not slumbering but already "on program" with the divine Physician. For the first time, I think, three priests waited on you to bless throats last Sunday, praying for your deliverance from ills of the throat and every other evil. The blessing went quickly, but I pray for its effects to last all through this spiritual spring which is Lent, to bring us to a healthy, holy Easter.

I was proud of you last weekend. So many things to do – and you did them! First Friday and All Night Adoration, First Saturday and Candlemas with its special Mass and procession, the wonderful winter soup lunch, and then the taking down of the rest of Christmas and cleaning and starting the church for Lent: All of this in two days' time! Then our regular Sunday program, honoring the Holy Face and preparing for Lent. May Our Lord make His Face to shine upon you all, and grant you His blessing.

I also want to say how quiet our little ones are during Mass, and especially sermons, how considerate are their parents. Thank you! Probably no "traditional chapel" could beat us in this department. Again, I thank you sincerely!

We should express our sincere thanks in the form of prayers, and Alter Christus offerings, for Eileen Bartels, who was buried this past Thursday. For many years she was our devoted parish secretary, and continues still to assist the priests she loyally served by requesting, as a memorial, Masses for their support and sanctification. She suffered tremendously before her death, and hers was not an easy life. May she rest in peace, and enjoy the full recompense of her labors. Good-Bye, dear Eileen!

For us, we must heed the hymn and "come, labor on" this Lent. I hope especially to see more of you at daily Mass, and a good group at Stations; two of Lent's great healing remedies, along with medicinal fasting and restful prayer. Take time each day to read your little Lenten thought and prescription as well.

May Our Lady of Lourdes tenderly heal our ills, and St. Valentine cure the hurts of the heart by taking us to the Sacred Heart of the Divine Doctor.

—Bishop Dolan

✠ WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO DURING LENT

Lent is not a season of punishment so much as one of healing. There is joy in the salutary fasting and abstinence of the Christian who eats and drinks less in order that his mind may be more clear

and receptive to receive the sacred nourishment of God's word, which the whole Church announces and meditates upon in each day's liturgy throughout Lent. The whole life and teaching of Christ pass before us, and Lent is a season of special reflection and prayer, a forty-day retreat in which each Christian, to the extent that he is able, tries to follow Christ into the desert by prayer and fasting...

Compunction is a baptism of sorrow, in which the tears of the penitent are a psychological but also deeply religious purification. Such sorrow brings joy because it is at once a mature acknowledgment of guilt and the acceptance of its full consequences. Compunction is a necessary sorrow, but it is followed by joy and relief because it wins for us one of the greatest blessings: the light of truth and the grace of humility. The tears of the Christian penitent are real tears, but they bring joy.

Only the inner rending, the tearing of the heart, brings this joy. Rending of the garments lets in nothing but the cold. The rending of heart which is spoken of in the lesson from Joel is that "tearing away" from ourselves and our *vetustas*—the "old-way" of the old man, that we may turn to God and taste His mercy, in the liberty of His sons.

—FATHER THOMAS MERTON

MY SUNDAY AFTERNOON CATECHISM FOR LENT I

This Sunday is called *Invocabit* from the first word of the Introit. All the Sundays of Lent and those from Easter to Pentecost take their names from the Introits of the Mass. In the Introit of this day we are told: "He shall cry to Me, and I will hear him; I will deliver him and glorify him; I will fill him with length of days. He that dwelleth in the aid of the Most High shall abide under the protection of the God of heaven" (Ps xc. 15, 16, 1).

EPISTLE: II Cor. vi. 1-10

Brethren: we exhort you that you receive not the grace of God in vain. For He saith: In an accepted time have I heard thee, and in the day of salvation have I helped thee. Behold, now is the acceptable time, behold now is the day of salvation. Giving no offence to any man, that our ministry be not blamed: but in all things let us exhibit ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in tribulation, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in prisons, in seditions, in labours, in watchings, in fastings, in chastity, in knowledge, in long-suffering, in sweetness, in the Holy Ghost, in charity unfeigned, in the word of truth, in the power of God: by the armour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers and yet true, as unknown and yet known: as dying, behold we live: as chastised and not killed: as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing: as needy, yet enriching many: as having nothing and possessing all things.

By this epistle the Church admonishes us to profit by Lent as a season of grace, to spend it in earnestly combating sin and in the diligent performance of good works.

GOSPEL: Matt. iv. 1-11

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert, to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterwards He was hungry. And the tempter coming said to Him: If Thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. Who answered and said: It is written: Not in bread alone doth man live, but in every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God. Then the devil took Him up into the holy city and set Him upon the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him: If Thou be the Son of God, cast Thyself down. For it is written: That He hath given His angels charge over Thee, and in their hands shall they bear Thee up, lest perhaps Thou dash Thy foot against a stone. Jesus said to him: It is written again: Thou shalt not tempt the Lord Thy God. Again the devil took Him up into a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them, and said to Him: All these will I give Thee, if falling down Thou wilt adore me. Then Jesus saith to him: Begone, Satan! for it is written: The Lord thy God shalt thou adore, and Him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil left Him: and behold angels come, and ministered to Him.

Our Saviour was led by the Holy Ghost into the desert there to prepare by fasting forty days and nights for His holy ministry. Here the tempter approaches and seeks to betray Him. After He had overcome the Evil One angels came and ministered to Him: by which we learn that they who overcome temptations enjoy the consolation and assistance of the angels. This should encourage us to combat joyfully to the end.



What is temptation?

1. Temptation is an inducement to transgress the commandments of God. Temptation comes from our own concupiscences (James i. 14); "for the flesh lusteth against the spirit" (Gal. v. 17.)

How does the devil tempt us?

He moves the natural concupiscence to such sins as he sees men particularly inclined to, and then deceives and confuses the man's mind, that he may not see clearly either the temporal loss, or the dishonor and danger of sin. He can, however, do nothing but what God permits. St. Augustine therefore compares him to a chained dog that can hurt only those who put themselves within his reach.

Does God also tempt us?

St. James says (i. 13), "Let no man, when he is tempted, say that he is tempted by God; for God is not a tempter of evils, and He tempteth no man." But He allows us to be tempted, sending us manifold trials.

Does God permit us to be tempted beyond our strength?

No; for He combats with us, and gives us always as much strength as is required to conquer temptations, and even to gain advantage from them (I Cor. x. 13).

When do we consent to temptation?

When we decide of our own free will to do the evil proposed; as long as we resist, however little, we do not consent.

What are the best means to overcome temptation?

1. Humility and prayer.
2. The consideration of the suffering which follows sin, and of the happiness which awaits those who resist temptation.
3. Invoking the aid of the Blessed Virgin, our guardian angel, and all the saints.
4. Praying devoutly, "Lead us not into temptation," and calling on the holy name of Jesus.