

Lord God,
you who breathed the spirit of life within us.
Draw out of us the light and life you created.

Help us to find our way back to you.
Help us to use our life to reflect your glory
and to serve others as your son Jesus did.
Amen

SYMPATHY

Please remember in your prayers +**Cecilia Dieringer** and +**Irene Rogowski**, mother of Sue Masterson. May we remember those families and friends who have gone before us marked with this sign of faith. May they enjoy the fullness of God's love.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

All Catholics 14 years and older must abstain from meat on the Friday's of Lent, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All Catholics between ages 18 and 59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. To fast means to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken for good health but together they should not equal a full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted; however, liquids including coffee and milk and fruit juices are allowed.



ANNUAL LENTEN SOUP SUPPER AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We are still in need of groups, organizations or families to help service soup or stations. The following dates are still available: **March 10th (soup & stations)**, **March 24th (both)** and **April 7th (soup only)**. Sign-up poster is available in the vestibule of the church for the Lenten Soup-Supper and Stations of the Cross.

- 6:00p.m. Soup Supper
- 6:00p.m. Stations of the Cross [Spanish]
- 7:00p.m. Stations of the Cross [English]

PENANCE SERVICE

This week we began our annual Lenten journey with the Lord with the ashes placed on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday. This reminds us of our own mortality and of the call to repentance. Lent reminds us that God is gracious and merciful to those who come to him with contrite hearts. With contrite hearts, let us gather on **Tuesday, March 14th** for our Lenten Penance Service which will begin at **7:00p.m.** Assisting us will be Fr. Rory Pitstick, Fr. Jon Buffington and Fr. Arturo.

REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL

Flip Wilson was an African-American comedian-actor, the first to have his own variety show, *The Flip Wilson Show*, dating to the early 1970's. One of his delightful characters was Geraldine Jones. In a famous routine where Geraldine is dodging responsibility for buying a new dress, she names all the lures of the devil who is tempting her: you would look good in it, it's on sale, It's your size, it has a lot flowers, no charge to try it on, the devil shoved me in the door. She summarizes by saying "The devil made me do it." It became her catchphrase whenever she did not want to face up to having made an inappropriate choice. Ah, It's so easy to say "The devil made me do it." It's so easy to blame everything and everybody else for choices we make that change us not for the better, that hurt others, that lead us down a destructive path. How easily Jesus could have turned those stones into bread to satisfy his hunger! How easily he could have used his divine power to command all the heavenly bodies to support and protect him. How easily he could have been given "all the kingdoms of the world." These temptations did not fool Jesus. He was not interested in the lures of this world. His kingdom was not of this world. His work was not self-promotion, but the glory of his Father and the salvation of those he came to serve. His mission was to tempt us to let go of ourselves, to come to God with unified hearts, to embrace the self-emptying that brings the greatest wealth: Life everlasting. The Spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil to exercise self-serving power, to preserve his well-being, to seek worldly wealth. That same Spirit leads us into the desert of ourselves to encounter the demons within us, to encounter the Father's mercy and forgiveness, to encounter Jesus calling us to align our lives more closely with his. We are first grafted onto Christ at our baptism. We are plunged into the cleansing waters to be raised up to new Life. We commit ourselves to goodness and profess our relationship to God. The strength of our baptismal commitment to God must be honed in the desert of ourselves where, stripped of all that distracts us, we stand naked and hungry before Truth. Only then can we be transformed. Only then are we transformed by God into beloved daughters and sons, sisters and brothers in Christ.



Living Liturgy—year A

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour next weekend. The clocks spring ahead one hour next Sunday, March 12th.

CEMETERY REPORT

We will be having a cemetery cleanup on **Saturday, March 18th** from 9:00a.m. to noon. Please bring your rakes and gloves and energy. We will be removing two trees that are leaning badly before they fall and damage head stones or individuals. It is time to start our spring clean up. The committee is currently working on long range plans for the cemetery. We will keep you informed as they progress.

THE RITE OF ELECTION

This past Saturday, March 4th, at 7:30pm the Candidates from St. Patrick took part in the diocesan wide celebration of the Rite of Election. This event takes place at the Cathedral of St. Mary in Portland and will be preceded by our parish celebration of the Rite of Sending during the 5:30p.m. Mass. This Rite involves being called before the assembly to sign the Book of the Elect and then being "Sent" from the parish community to the church of the Archbishop, St. Mary's Cathedral. During the Rite of Election the names of our candidates were read and presented to the Archbishop in recognition of the progress they have made on their journey toward the Easter Sacraments. From this time until Easter these women, and the hundreds of men and women throughout our Archdiocese, will be known as the Elect of God. Please keep Terry Blaskowsky, Debra Monson and Mary Stewart, Candidates for Full Communion with the Catholic Church, in your prayers as they make their final preparations to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation this Easter.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

A Pilgrimage to Medjugorje has been planned for some time in October. There will be an informational meeting for Tuesday, March 21st at 7:00p.m. in the Auditorium of the Parish Center. "Dear children! My presence is a gift from God for all of you and an encouragement for conversion. Satan is strong and wants to put disorder and unrest in your hearts and thoughts. Therefore, you, little children, pray so that the Holy Spirit may lead you on the real way of joy and peace. I am with you and intercede before my Son for you. Thank you for having responded to my call." The Blessed Virgin Mary 5/25/2016. Visit: <http://www.medjugorie.org>. Watch the bulletin for more information or contact Mike Zagyva at m.zagyva@canby.com or 503-734-8229.

BUILDING "THE DOMESTIC CHURCH" - SUNDAY

Afternoon Movie—March 12th

The Knights of Columbus will be showing the movie "The Young Messiah" at 3:00p.m. on Sunday, March 12. The Young Messiah is an inspiring and unique story of seven-year-old Jesus Christ and His family as they come to a fuller understanding of His divine nature and purpose when he returns to Nazareth from Egypt. Enjoy this biblical drama as Jesus discovers the truth about his life, realizing he is the Son of God, sent by God, to be the savior of humanity. Come and enjoy a great movie, pop-corn and refreshments. The last 20 minutes will be spent sharing your thoughts on the movie and the impact to the family.

Happening This Week

Sunday, March 5, 2017

- 9:45a.m. REP 3yrs-5th Gr.
- 9:45a.m. Adult Faith program
- 11:00a.m. Choir practice [Spanish]
- 11:50a.m. Sacramental prep [Spanish]
- 3:00p.m. Marriage Encounter [Spanish]

Monday, March 5, 2017

- 9:00a.m. Bible Study
- 6:00p.m. Choir practice—Spanish
- 6:30p.m. Sacramental Prep—Spanish
- 7:00p.m. Bible Study-Spanish
- 7:00p.m. Sacramental Prep-English
- 7:00p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group
- 7:00p.m. R.C.I.A. Team formation

Tuesday, March 5, , 2017

- 7:00p.m. Mass
- 7:00p.m. Bible Study [Spanish]
- 7:45p.m. Bible Study [Spanish]

Wednesday, March 6, 2017

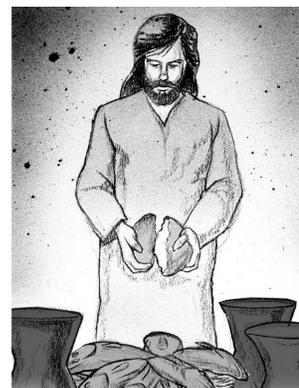
- 8:00a.m. Daily Mass
- 5:00p.m. Choir practice [Spanish]
- 7:00p.m. RCIA, Junior High, Youth Group, Confirmation prep

Thursday, March 7, 2017

- 8:00a.m. Daily Mass
- 9:30a.m. Cemetery committee mtg
- 12:00p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:30p.m. Spanish Religious Ed. Pr.
- 7:00p.m. Bible Study
- 7:00p.m. Parish Council meeting
- 8:00p.m. Benediction
- 8:15p.m. Rosary in Spanish

Friday, March 8, 2017

- 7:00a.m. Marian Prayer Group
- 8:00a.m. Daily Mass
- 10:00a.m. Prayer Shawl meeting
- 6:00p.m. Soup Supper
- 6:00p.m. Stations of the Cross [Spanish]
- 7:00p.m. Stations [English]
- 7:00p.m. Hispanic Prayer Group



MAN DOES NOT LIVE ON
BREAD ALONE BUT ON
EVERY WORD THAT COMES FROM
THE MOUTH OF THE LORD.
DEUTERONOMY 8:3



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

Our Parish Pastoral Council will strive to keep the lines of communication open with members of this parish and the vicariate. We shall examine and consider all that relates to pastoral work and offer practical conclusions on all reasonable parish matters, so that the life and activity of our congregation may be brought into greater conformity with the Gospel.



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YOUR SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

Needed for Weekly Budget Goal	\$	8,719.81
Offertory for February 25/26	\$	8521.72
Over/(Under)	\$	(198.09)

Building Fund Collection	\$70.00
Unemployment	\$
Cemetery	\$16.67

LEAVE A LEGACY AND SHARE YOUR CHARITABLE VALUES

Do a big favor to your children and share your charitable philosophy with them. They will learn from your example. If you have organizations that have benefited you or your family during your life, demonstrate your values by leaving a bequest to those charities after you pass on. During your lifetime, tell your children why you have done so.

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC SENTINEL

Learn about the growing Zomi community in Southeast Portland who've escaped religious persecution in the southeast Asian country of Myanmar. Further explore the connection between faith and science in our ongoing series. Learn how to avoid telephone scams. And read an interview with a protester who heads the Portland-based Bible Preacher group. To see more stories any time, go to catholicsentinel.org. Copies of the Sentinel are available in the vestibule of the church.

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, March 7
+Cecilia Dieringer
Wednesday, March 8, 2017

+Irene Rogowski
Thursday, March 9, 2017

Intention for the parishioners
Friday, March 10, 2017
+Paul Montecucco by Jesse & Patti Villarreal

Saturday, March 11 2017
5:30p.m. Intention for the Parishioners

Sunday, March 12, 2017
8:30a.m. +Gail Crawford by Hannan family
11:00a.m. Intention for the Parishioners
1:30p.m. Intention for the Parishioners



You prepare
a table for me
O LORD

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ST. PATRICK KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—Council 3484

Monthly meetings held first & third Tuesdays of the month in the Multipurpose Room of the Parish Center at 7:00pm.



St. Patrick Religious Education Programs

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.

SACRAMENTAL PREP

There will be a meeting for all children who are preparing for the Sacrament of Eucharist on Monday, March 6th beginning at 7:00p.m. in Room 7/8 of the Parish Center. Students are asked to attend with at least one parent/guardian. Please have your child bring his/her book complete through chapter 4.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MARDI GRAS BOWLING FUN

We had 15 middle school youth attend the Annual Mardi Gras celebration at Wilsonville Lanes for Cosmic Bowling fun. Everyone enjoyed the bowling, pizza, soda and a \$5.00 arcade card. Thank you to all our participants and guests for celebrating Mardi Gras with us.

ST. PATRICK NEWS

KEEPING OUR CHURCH CLEAN

Recently, it has been brought to our attention that parishioners are finding candy and garbage left in our pews in the missal holders once again. We have also had reports of gum left on the floor of the church which gets tracked onto our carpet and floors. We have also found old envelopes, caps to pens, children's bulletins and garbage stuffed in the missal holders. We ask that you please keep all food items out of the church and left at home. Our lost and found basket is overflowing with items that people have left after Mass. Please take a few minutes after Mass to look around you to make sure you have not left any items that you value behind. If we all work together to keep our church looking beautiful and free of garbage and food items, we will continue to have a beautiful place of worship for a long time to come. Thank you!

TELEPHONE SYSTEM

As we reported in the February 5th bulletin, we recently updated our telephone system in the Parish Office. Our new system allows direct access to the staff member you wish to talk to. What is different compared to the old system is that you will automatically get our greeting when you call into St. Patrick (503-266-9411) - no longer will you hear our Administrative Assistant (Debbie Newbury) when you call. As you listen to the main message, you will choose the staff member you wish to talk too and you will then be directed to that person or if that staff member is not available, you will be directed to their voice mail. You will still be able to make the selection to hear our Mass schedules or Parish Office hours. Thank you for being patient as we become more familiar with our new telephone system.



LENTEN ACTIVITIES AROUND THE AREA

FRANCISCAN SPIRITUAL CENTER PRESENTS: LENTEN QUIET DAY

Easter will come, but first we journey through the last of winter and the troubling questions about giving things up and facing our temptations. Lent is a threshold time, a time to listen for the traces of God who moves in the ordinary and in the depths of our hearts. Lent is God's gift to us, another chance to be fully alive and see beyond darkness and death to the brightness of Easter. Come for this day of mostly silence where we will begin with meditation, receive some prompts for the silence and after lunch conclude with sharing and encouragement to move gently through Lent. Franciscan Spiritual Center
2512 SE Monroe St, Milwaukie, OR 97222
503-794-8542.

Thursday, March 9th

Time: 9:30a.m.-2:30p.m.

Cost: \$55-85 (sliding scale)

Facilitator: Rev. Larry Peacock