

REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL

A “bucket list” is a list of items someone wants to do or accomplish before she or he dies. Here’s a thought: The Samaritan woman came to the well to “draw water,” so she no doubt had a bucket. Maybe even a bucket list? Her list might have included an easier way to get water, for when Jesus offers to give her “living water” she desires that water so she would not “have to keep coming here to draw water.” Here is an



interesting twist: The Samaritan woman is fixated on water that quenches thirst and on making her present life easier. Jesus is offering “living water” from which one never thirsts again, water that leads to “eternal life.” Jesus himself is the well of “living water” who draws the Samaritan woman into deeper “workshop in Spirit and truth.” He is the active agent of the Father who seeks “people to worship him.” The physical “where” of worship is far less important than that “true worshipers” do so in “Spirit and truth.” The Spirit stirs the well of “living water,” and reveals Jesus as truly “the one called the Christ.” As the well of “living water,” Jesus himself is the “where” of worship who leads us to the Father through the Spirit. As a well of “living water,” Jesus is ever active in his saving mission. He draws the disciples into his mission of reaping the harvest that is already sown and ripe. Jesus is the one who sows the seed of salvation among us. He patiently waits for the seed to be watered, take root, and ripen. The seed he sows is his word and Life. To reap what he sows, we must listen to him and come to believe in him, nurture his word in our hearts, and share that word with others. Our mission is to be Gospel people who make known to others that Jesus is the well of “living water” that overflows into a living stream that carries us to “eternal life.” As a well of “living water,” Jesus draws the townspeople into deeper belief in him as “the Christ” who “is truly the savior of the world.” Believing is a matter of growing in our relationship with Jesus who is our life and salvation. His word draws us to himself and a lifelong commitment to worship in “Spirit and truth,” to carry forth his saving mission, and to believe that his word is ever fruitful. Worship, mission, and believing are the way to “eternal life.” We need only to drink of Jesus, the well of “living water.”

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember in your prayers +**Mary Hilsendager**, sister of Darlene Jaccobucci. Remember, Lord, those who have died and have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. May these, and all who sleep in Christ, find in Your presence light, happiness and peace.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next week, our parish will take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC)**. Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ’s love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give Generously to the CRSC, and help Jesus in disguise.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS– FRIDAY, MARCH 16TH

The Knights of Columbus will be doing the Stations of the Cross after Soup Supper on the 16th of March. We are planning on playing Donna Cori Gibson's musical CD called "The Way of the Cross". The duration of the 14 stations is 68 minutes. Yes, it's twice the normal length, but you won't be disappointed; just listen and meditate.

BOOK DRIVE

Hello, my name is MacKenzie Bigej and I am a member of St. Patrick’s Church and also a 5th grader at 91 School in Canby. I am holding a book drive for the month of March to benefit the Canby Center’s district wide Mentor’s Reading Program and I am hoping you can help me by donating books for 1st-6th graders.

Reading is something that I love now, but it has not always been easy for me. I have Dyslexia, which makes reading difficult, but through the help of many tutors, reading is now much easier and I enjoy it. I want to share my love of reading with other children and also encourage them to never give up because all things are possible. Here is how you can help:

*From March 3rd-March 28th, drop off any new or used books that are appropriate for grades 1st-6th. There will be a box in the vestibule of the church.

*Order books through the Canby Center’s Reading Mentors Book Drive by going to the following link:

* <http://www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/IQZS9ECUEV1PK>

Thank you for helping me encourage children in our community to read! MacKenzie Bigej

LENT AND RCIA—First in a two part series

What do Lent and the RCIA have in common? Everything! Within the RCIA there are periods of time, designated for one particular focus or another. It begins with Inquiry, a time set aside specifically to ask the basic questions about the Catholic Christian faith. Who is God? Jesus? The Holy Spirit? Why are scripture and tradition important to Catholics? Why do we have so many “things” in our church and what are they all for? Basic questions.

At an acceptable time the “Inquirers” make a reasoned decision to either seek more detailed and complex information about the Catholic faith with the intention of joining the Church at Easter or to continue to learn but without specific intention toward joining. For those who have moved toward the celebration of the Sacraments we, the Church, mark and celebrate that decision with the Rite of Welcome. The first of the public Rites marking the spiritual progress of those journeying toward the Easter Sacraments.

Following the Rite of Welcome the “Inquirers” are no longer known as such. They have now become, in the eyes, mind, and heart of the Church, the Catechumens or Candidates. A Catechumen is an individual who has never been baptized, in any Christian denomination. A Candidate is an individual who has been baptized in a Christian denomination who is now making the decision to enter into full communion with the Catholic faith community. This time period following the Rite of Welcome is called the Catechumenate. Its focus is on catechesis, or teaching the faith. During this time we focus more specifically on Catholic teaching. What are the Sacraments and what are their purpose in our lives? What is the Mass? Who is Mary in a Catholic understanding? The Saints? How do we pray? The focus is on what it is that makes us Catholic. It’s a time of intense learning. At the conclusion of this time the Catechumens and the Candidates once again mark their progress with two important Rites, The Rite of Sending immediately followed with the Rite of the Elect.

With an eye toward the Rite of the Elect, which takes place at the Cathedral, or the (Arch)Bishops church, the Catechumens and Candidates begin within their own local parish. They are called forward, by name, and commended for their progress in the faith. Next they sign their names as a permanent record in The Book of the Elect. Following this they are then “Sent” to the (Arch)Bishop to be presented and acknowledged for their progress in the faith and to be deemed ready to celebrate the Sacraments at Easter time. Our Catechumens are now The Elect of God. Our Candidates are now Candidates for Full-communion with the Catholic Church in union with the Elect.

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC SENTINEL

Meet Jesuit’s devoted campus minister. Bear witness to the rite of election held for soon-to-be-Catholics. Join in the celebration of Bishop Steiner’s 40th anniversary as a bishop. Learn about the trails and tribulations of the sandwich generation. Discover the fight for Catholic school education that shook Oregon nearly 100 years ago. Pick up your copy in the vestibule of the church.



THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sunday, March 4, 2018

- 9:45a.m. Sunday Religious Education
- 9:45a.m. Adult Education class
- 11:00p.m. Choir practice [Spanish]
- 12:00p.m. Sacramental Prep
- 3:00p.m. Spanish Marriage Encounter

Monday, March 5, 2018

- 9:15a.m. Bible Study
- 6:00p.m. Choir practice
- 6:30p.m. First Communion Parent mtg [Spanish]
- 7:00p.m. First Eucharist Parent mtg
- 7:00p.m. Bible Study
- 7:00p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

- 6:30p.m. Spanish RCIA Gr.
- 7:00p.m. Communion service
- 7:00p.m. Bible Study [Spanish]
- 7:00p.m. Knights of Columbus
- 7:45p.m. Spanish Bible Study

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

- 8:00a.m. Communion service
- 1:30p.m. Food Bank meeting
- 5:00p.m. Choir practice [Spanish]
- 6:30p.m. Choir practice [English]
- 7:00p.m. Knights of Columbus
- 7:00p.m. Junior High, Youth Group, Confirmation prep, RCIA

Thursday, March 8, 2018

- 8:00a.m. Communion service
- 9:30a.m. Cemetery committee mtg
- 12:00p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:30p.m. Spanish Religious Education
- 7:00p.m. Bible Study
- 7:00p.m. Parish Council meeting
- 8:15p.m. Rosary [Spanish]
- 9:00p.m. Benediction

Friday, March 9, 2018

- 7:00a.m. Marian Prayer Group
- 8:00a.m. Communion service
- 6:00p.m. Soup Supper
- 6:00p.m. Stations in Spanish
- 7:00p.m. Stations in English
- 7:00p.m. Spanish Prayer Group

Daylight Saving Time
Begins March 11



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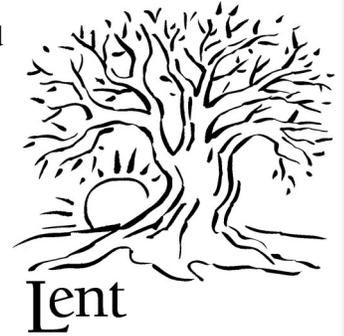
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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

Our Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Council and Maintenance Committee are beginning to collaborate for the benefit of St. Patrick Church's future needs and goals. We will strive to listen with an open mind and heart and pray for guidance to best serve our parish community. We encourage all parishioners to do their part and continue to volunteer in the many ministries here at St. Patrick.



YOUR SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

Needed for Weekly Budget Goal	\$	8,719.81
Offertory-February 24/25, 2018	\$	<u>9,681.70</u>
Over/(Under)	\$	961.89
Building Fund Collection		\$114
Unemployment		\$
Cemetery		\$

DONNA CORI GIBSON CONCERT APRIL 8, 2018

The Knights of Columbus are proud to sponsor her concert on *April 8th*, here in the church at St. Patrick's. Donna will sing two songs at each of the masses on Saturday and Sunday and then put on a great concert on Sunday afternoon, starting at 3:30 pm. The concert will be free, but we will be asking for a free will offering to help offset some of the costs to fly her in from St. Louis. In addition, the Knights will be putting on a fabulous Spaghetti Dinner after the concert. Dinner tickets must be purchased in advance and will be sold after the masses (**costing \$10 for adults and \$5 for children**) or by contacting Duane Kloser at 503-913-2895 or Paul Crawford at 503-680-8924.

40 Cans for Lent - because hunger knows no season.

This Lenten canned food drive is for our local St Vincent de Paul food bank and supported by the Knights of Columbus. **Please put your cans in the barrel** at the back of the church. Collect one can of food per day during the 40 days of Lent, and then one extra can per person on Easter Sunday. Any amount you "can" afford is welcome. More history on this drive can be found online: <http://www.40cansforlent.org>.

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Communion services ~ Tuesday, March 6 through March 9
Saturday, March 10, 2018

5:30p.m. Intention for the Parishioners

Sunday, March 11, 2018

8:30a.m.+James Kirsch by Mary Ann Perreira

11:00a.m. Intentions for the Parishioners

1:30p.m. Intentions for the Parishioners

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.

ANNUAL LENTEN SOUP SUPPER AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We are still in need of a group, organization, families or individuals to help provide a simple soup supper or lead the stations of the cross on **March 23**. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the church.

St. Patrick Religious Education Programs

HERE COMES PETER COTTONTAIL...

All children of St. Patrick's, ages two years through the 5th grade, are invited to join in an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 8th following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Parents, remember to bring an Easter basket and camera! If there is a torrential down-pour, the hunt will be postponed until weather permits. **We have plenty of plastic eggs from previous years, but would appreciate donations of small toys, stickers and individually wrapped candy to fill the eggs. To avoid problems due to allergies, we ask that all candy be nut free.**



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

There will be a meeting for all students who are preparing for First Eucharist this year on March 5th at 7:00 p.m. in Room 7/8 of the Parish Center. All children are asked to attend with at least one parent/guardian. An additional meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 7th in Room 9.

Students are asked to bring their books completed through Session 2.

LENTEN COLLECTION

The Elementary Religious Education Program has begun collecting money for Cross Catholic Outreach. Don't forget to bring your donations to class on Sunday! The final day for donations will be Sunday, March 18th. Our goal is to raise \$500.00. This money would help to provide safe drinking water to a whole village!

We are very excited to announce that private donors from our parish are challenging our parishioners to a dollar-for-dollar match, up to one thousand dollars. Any money donated by March 18th will be doubled! Thank you to our anonymous couple for their generosity! Checks can be made to St. Patrick. Please mark Cross Catholic Outreach under the memo.

BASKETBALL FREE THROW WINNER IS....

We had many kids participate in the **Basketball Free Throw** contest sponsored by the **Knights of Columbus** on Wednesday, March 7th, but only one went on to the District Competition on February 24th. **Sophia Patershall went on to the District competition held in Mt. Angel and won the girls 10 age group**, she now qualifies for the State competition on March 17th in Corvallis. Congratulations to Sophia!

EVENTS AROUND THE AREA

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." Let our eyes be opened to the love of God in our marriages by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend on April 20th-22nd, 2018 at Powell Butte Retreat Center. For more information call 503-853-2758 or apply on-line at www.rediscoverthespark.org. additional dates and locations are listed on-line.

MOUNT ANGEL ABBEY PRESENTS:

ARE YOU CALLED TO BE A MONK

Serve the Lord in Prayer and Work
Monastic Vocation Retreat at Mount Angel Abbey
March 16 to 18, 2018

Open to men 18-45yrs old; Free of charge

Contact Fr. Odo Recker, OSB at 503-845-3123.

Odo.recker@mtangel.edu or visit our website:

www.mountangelabbey.org/vocations.

LIVING THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

One way to deepen our believing and come to know Jesus better is by spending more time with him as a friend. Lent is an opportune time to become more attentive to Jesus' Presence-especially in prayer-and encounter him as One who loves us, teaches us, and gives us "living water" that carries us to "eternal life." Another way to deepen our believing is to enumerate the blessings God has already given us and remember that these truly are gifts from God. Yet another way to deepen our faith and come to know Jesus better is to increase our self-understanding as Body of Christ and make concrete efforts to act like Christ's Body. Something so simple as saying thank you or smiling at another who looks sad or depressed are simple acts, but they remind us of who we are: Christ for others. These kinds of everyday acts remind us that, like the Samaritan woman, we proclaim Jesus' Presence by the truth of our own lives. We carry forth Jesus' saving mission by being his Presence for others. We worship.