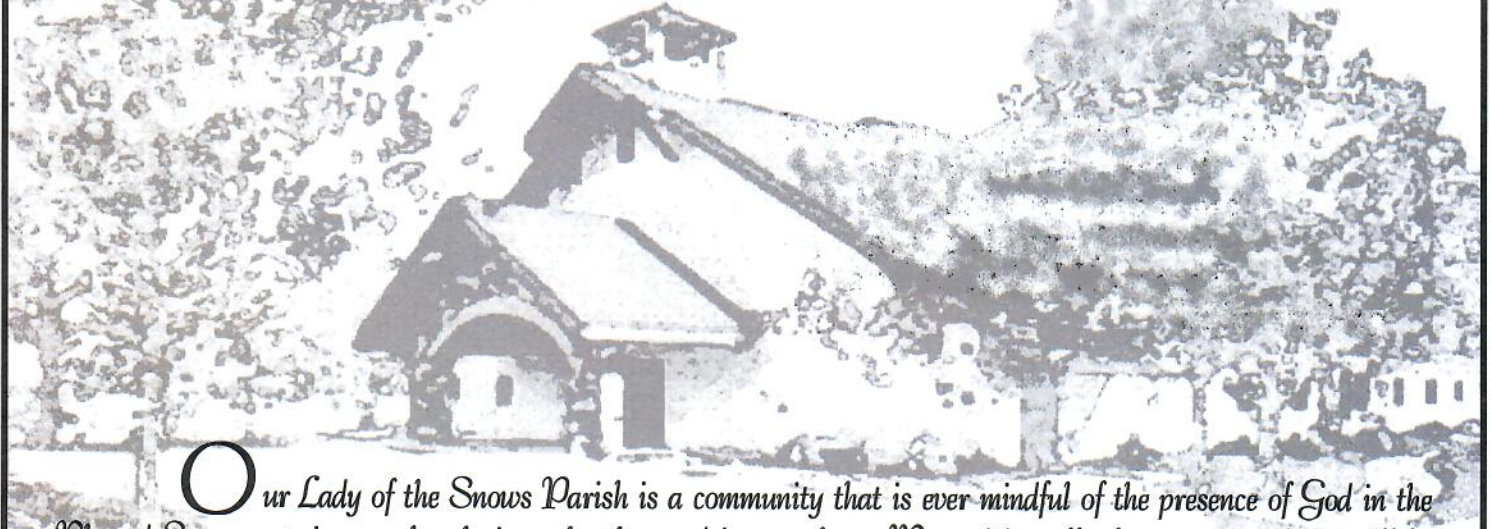


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First Sunday of Lent

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Good News

dear Padre

OLS News

First Sunday of Lent (A) Genesis 2:7–9, 3:1–7 / Romans 5:12–19 or 5:12, 17–19 / Matthew 4:1–11

Boredom is not a bad thing. It's a good thing. In fact, boredom is a gift. Lost in boredom, we begin to explore new interests and develop unrealized talents. We daydream and begin to form new hopes for our future. For these reasons, periods of boredom are especially good for children and why computers and mobile phones become distinct drawbacks for children and adults alike.

It is also in the reverie of boredom that we find ourselves recognizing our limitations, faults, and weaknesses as human beings—the beginning steps to growth and wholeness. Being bored can be like living in a desert, and that's not a bad thing to do once in a while.

Deserts and their absence of anything to distract us become places where we come to know ourselves. It's what took place in Jesus on his journey into the desert. There, he was confronted by his humanity in the temptations he experienced. There, he came to realize his calling and the beginnings of where it would take him. There, in the desert, he came to know himself.

The season of Lent, then, becomes an opportunity for us to create a desert for ourselves. Putting limits on our television and computer time can create a desert. Snacking between meals can become a mindless distraction; thus, fasting can become another desert.

Setting aside time for quiet and prayerful reflection becomes one more such desert experience. A grace of this Lent would then become a fuller and more honest knowledge of ourselves—a kind of resurrection.

--FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In the Scripture passages about Jesus in the desert, it says he was alone. How do we know about things that happened to Jesus when he was alone?

In today's Gospel, we hear one passage about the temptation of Jesus in the desert. Matthew, Mark, and Luke all refer to this incident, but none indicates that anyone was with Jesus.

There were witnesses to many incidents in the life of Jesus. But sometimes the disciples of Jesus depended on His instruction. The first Christians heard about Jesus' instruction and life from the apostles. This preaching of the apostles occurred before Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John wrote anything down.

Over time, the evangelists gathered this preaching together and put it in written form. Gradually these writings became accepted as the gospel, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

The apostles were witnesses to what Jesus said and did, so Jesus did tell them things that others did not hear about until later. Whatever Jesus experiences, He redeems. That means that while temptations are part of our life, they do not have to lead us away from God. Jesus shows us the way to meet them and overcome them. —*The Redemptorists*

Pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for their release to praise the Lord. In return, these Souls will pray for us.

Mass Schedule:

Saturday 5 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM

Weekdays Tues. thru Fri. 8:30 AM

Confessions: Sat. 4 to 4:30 PM or by appt.

Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held the first Friday of every month at 9am, following morning Mass. Next Holy Hour: Friday, March 3rd.

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at 5pm. Hope you can join us this Friday, March 3rd at 5pm.

Soup after Stations: A Lenten meal of soup (meatless) and bread will be served following our 5pm Stations of the Cross. There is a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall if you would like to bring a pot of soup or some bread for one of our Lenten dinners.

Rice Bowl: Containers are available in the Social Hall for your Lenten Almsgiving. The Rice Bowl donations are for the benefit of Catholic Relief Services. 25% remains in our diocese to help support anti-poverty services. Rice Bowls can be turned in anytime after Easter. Almsgiving and charitable works unite us to the crucified Christ reflected in the image of our brothers and sisters who suffer. "As you did it to one of the least of my brethren, you did it to me."

2023 envelope boxes are on a shelf near the front door. If you want to start using envelopes, just pick a box that does not have a name on it.

If you are still interested in participating in the Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal, envelopes are available in the Social Hall.

Please take a moment and say a prayer for all of our sick parishioners.



*Pray for the Sick and Deceased
Loved ones.
Prayer is the best armor we have.
It is the key which opens the
heart of God. St. Padre Pio*

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This Weekend's Ministry Schedule

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Sunday 9:30am	Ray Pallari	Steve DeWitt

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Weekly Mass Intentions

February 25	Saturday	5:00 pm	Ronald Longacre †
February 26	Sunday	9:30 am	George Dy †
February 27	Monday	-----	NO MASS
February 28	Tuesday	8:30 am	Colum Clarke †
March 1	Wednesday	8:30 am	John Price
March 2	Thursday	8:30 am	Alma Kopernik
March 3	Friday	8:30 am	Janet Saitone

OLS News continued--

A Lenten Prayer To Begin Each Day

Dear Lord,

As this day dawns along my Lenten journey, open my eyes to how I can follow You more closely along the road of love and self-sacrifice. Give me a heart that's grateful so as to recognize Your countless blessings and generosity so as to share all I have with others.

May I comfort You in Your Holy Passion by comforting others in distress I meet along my daily road—especially the poor and forgotten. May I show true sorrow for my failings with a sincere resolution to overcome my faults with the help of Your infinite mercy.

I entrust all this to You through Your loving Mother, whose tender love I trust will guide my steps to lasting hope and eternal joy found only in You. Amen.

Please remember if you are in need of spiritual guidance, special anointing, or just information—call the Rectory (530-259-3932) for an appointment. We are here to help and to lessen your burden.