

Lynn Petz: A Convert's Story

Lent, 2002: Fr. Sattler was holding weekly discussions on “Why Catholic?” or something along that line. John off-handedly mentioned that he should go and “refresh” his faith.

John and I had been married for 10 years at that time; he was a “cradle” Catholic, raised in the faith, and I was baptized and raised in the Lutheran faith. That’s why I surprised both of us by saying, “Yes, you SHOULD go. I will go with you to support your ‘faith journey.’” After the first evening, where I even found the courage to ask a few questions, I was hooked. Fr. Sattler inquired at the end of the evening if I was there with an interest to join the Catholic Church! I laughed and said, “No, just here to support my husband.” Pretty sure my guardian angel got a laugh out of that as well.

In the very short time of Lent, I was finding the classes weren’t enough. I was drawn to daily Masses, and to just coming to the church when no one was around, and just sitting in a pew, then kneeling (whole new prayer posture for a 52-yr-old Lutheran) and praying. I asked God what was going on...what did He want of me? I told God, “Lord, I am not the sharpest tool in the shed. I’m going to need a loud answer.”

Fr. Sattler found me sitting in a back pew one day, and suggested I come to Adoration one day. At that time, it lasted from morning Mass until late afternoon every Friday. I did, and it’s hard to describe the presence I felt. That first time, I couldn’t even pray. I just sat there and felt God’s love, and tears ran down my face. “This must be my answer,” I thought. But God wasn’t done.

I continued coming to daily Masses, and with John to the weekend Masses. From the very first, I went forward for a blessing during the Eucharist, and I FELT blessed. During the liturgy, as Fr. Sattler was praying over the elements of bread and wine, I would feel “different” – like the air pressure was heavier, maybe. And during this part of the Mass, tears would run down my cheeks again.

Then, during the weekend Mass, as my tears started running, I noticed there were bells ringing. It took a bit for me to put this all together, but I was feeling this during the transubstantiation, where Christ becomes present ‘body and blood, soul and divinity.’ God was certainly giving me a LOUD answer.

I guess everyone knows how this story ends. I became a member of the Holy Catholic Church that same Easter, and have been a member of Holy Rosary for the entire time.

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Three Tips To Deepen Your Relationship With God This Lent

1. Participate in the sacraments, especially Confession if its been a while.
2. Help those in need around you at home, school, or the office.
3. Sacrifice something that's hard for you. Offer it up for someone you love.

**Walk with Jesus this Lent and draw
close to Him.**



Something to Ponder

At the start of Lent, what pulls me away from loving God, loving others, and loving myself well? How can I incorporate acts of sacrifice, acts of giving, and acts of prayer that will help me love as God loves?

Favorite Bible Verse: Romans 12:21

"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

Something I love doing: Hanging out with my friends before we play band at games.

Favorite Family/Friend Activity: Going to the movies.

Future Goals: Go to Bismarck State College and become an agronomist.

Senior Spotlight



Penny Wolter

Out of the Box Things to Do for Lent

Get on Your Knees

If you don't already, consider praying by your bedside on your knees before you go to bed and when you wake up. St. John Paul II reported that it was very impactful to observe that his father carried out this practice.

Pray It Forward

Pray the Rosary every day (or on specific set days) for the intentions of someone in your life and give the person you prayed for the Rosary that you used.

Secret Intercessor

Pick one person for whom you feel called to offer prayer and sacrifice during the Lenten season. Take note of prayers and sacrifices offered and send them a card on Holy Saturday letting them know that you have offered your Lenten observance as an act of love with Christ for them.

Question for Father Jason

What “apps” do you recommend?

There are many awesome Catholic resources available on our mobile devices nowadays. The “FORMED” app is a great source for Catholic study programs, movies, talks, and eBooks. And it's free for our parishioners! I also sometimes make use of “Laudate,” which contains a vast library of prayers, including a nice interactive Rosary. I've also heard good things about the app Hallow, though I haven't used it yet myself. The Catholic app I use most often is “iBreviary,” which I use to pray the Liturgy of the Hours when I don't have my physical book with me. It also includes daily Mass readings.



The word "Mass" means to be sent

Jesus sent his disciples out to the world to spread the Good News. Some of the First Holy Communicants share their ideas of how to be sent.

Laura: I will read my little niece Bible stories and teach her about Jesus.

Eva: If there is a bully, I will help the other person.

Camila: I will go to church.

James: I will listen to my mom and clean my room.

Uli: I will tell my cousins about Jesus.

Elizabeth: I will read books about Jesus.

Ella: I will help my friends.

Ariana: I will help a friend who is sad.

Joey: I will help others.

Bodie: I will help my mom at home.



We were blessed to hear God's praises sung by Cora Ruland on Saturday, January 21st during Holy Communion. A child praising God....perhaps the simplest... but best music to hear.

Thank you Cora!



To God be all glory and praise.