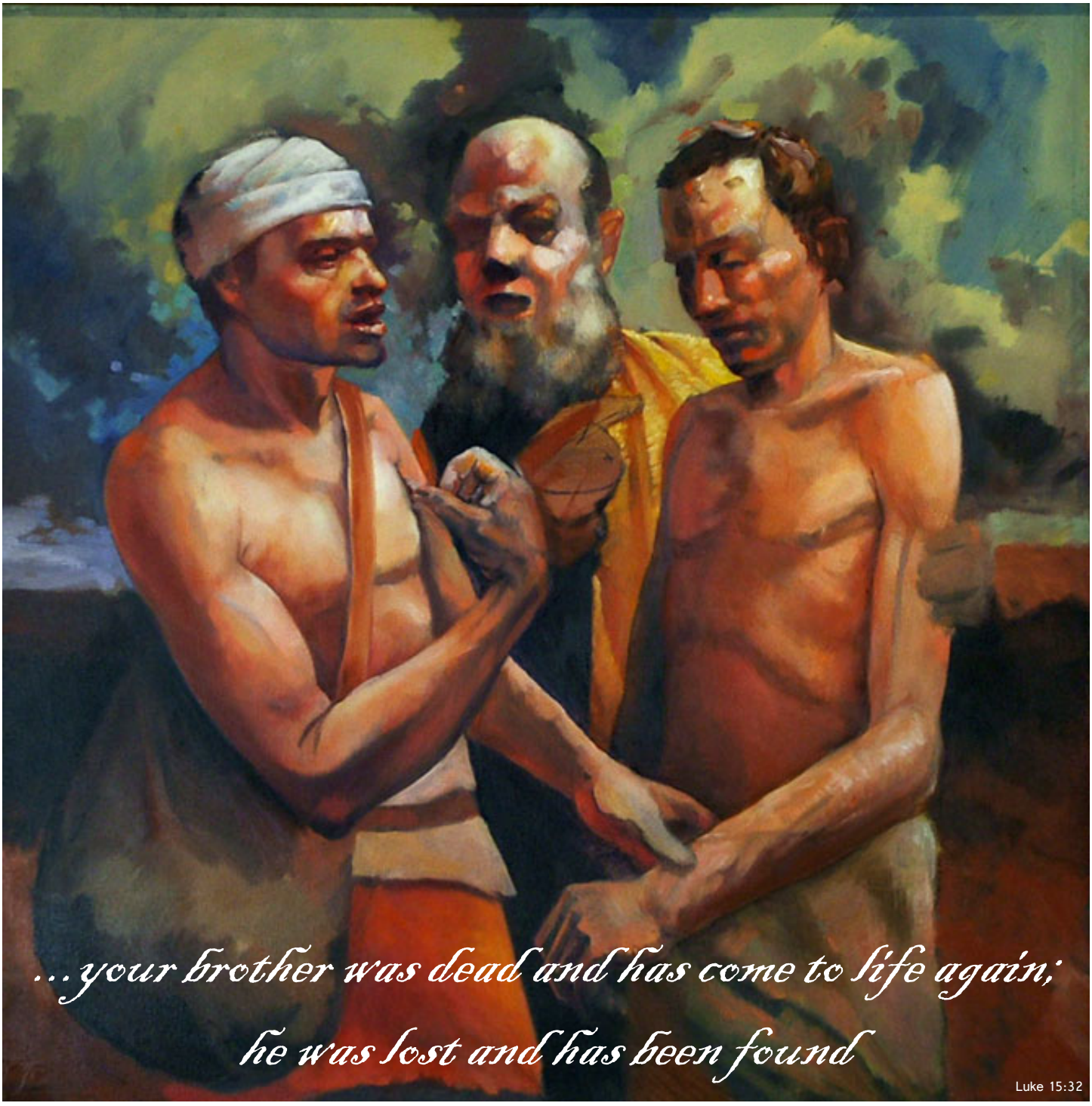

St. Lambert Parish
Proclaiming Jesus Christ as Lord
Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 6, 2016

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Whoever is in Christ is a new creation:
the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come.
— 2 Corinthians 5:17

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11; Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14;Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Notre Dame College Prep Announces 2015-2016 First Semester Honor Roll Students

Notre Dame College Prep in Niles is pleased to announce the names of the following students who achieved Honor Roll status for the first semester of the 2015-2016 academic year.
The Honor Roll is determined on the basis of Semester GPA.

Congratulations to parishioner
Charles Allen Grade 12: Cum Laude

Cum Laude: GPA of 3.20 through 3.49 with no grade lower than a C-

The Coffee hour will be hosted by the Couples for Christ and Jean De Guzman is the contact. She can be reached at 847-674-8054 Come join us!

FORGIVENESS
Those who cannot forgive others break the bridge over which they themselves must pass.
—Confucius

Saturday, March 5
5:00 † Marie H. Bichl
Sunday, March 6
8:00 Hristo & Lydia Gard
10:00 In Thanksgiving, Arman's Birthday
12:00 People of St Lambert
Monday, March 7
7:15 † Donald Gannon
Tuesday, March 8
7:15 † Thomas Miranda
Wednesday, March 9
7:15 † Gary Charlton
Thursday, March 10
7:15 † Donna Mohrlein
Friday, March 11
7:15 † Gary Charlton
Saturday, March 12
8:00 † Susana De Leon
5:00 Special Intention of Thanksgiving
Sunday, March 13
8:00 † Raymond Del Rosario
10:00 People of St Lambert
12:00 † Mary Krackenberger

Sunday Offertory Collection

February 20/21, 2016

Envelopes:	$6,061.00
Loose:	2,165.51
Total:	$8,226.51

YouthChurch $34.00

Thank you for your continued support!

Front Cover: ***Return of the Prodigal*** by Jason Sorely

Saint Lambert Senior Activity Club
will meet on this Thursday, March 10th at 11:00AM in church for Stations of the Cross. This will be followed at 11:30 am for our monthly meeting in Robert's hall that will include our corn beef luncheon for St. Patrick's day. As usual, bingo will follow

RESTORE THE CHURCH
BUILD THE FUTURE

For many in the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, as well as parts of Asia, the aftermath of 70 years of Soviet rule is still felt in the form of poverty, infrequent pastoral care, and lack of buildings where the faithful can worship and cultivate their faith. Your support is needed to strengthen the Church in this region through grants that fund projects that promote ministries for children and families, create affordable housing, and provide a cultural and spiritual education. Please be generous in your parish collection. Your gift will continue to restore the Church and build the future in Central and Eastern Europe.

Second Collection this week-end.

CHARACTER

A simple judge of my character is how I treat a person who can do absolutely nothing for me.
—Anonymous

Help the Vulnerable: Urge Elected Leaders to Pass a State Budget

Every 30 seconds someone counts on Catholic Charities for help. We are now asking for your help. Please lend your voice to advocate for the State of Illinois to end its budget stalemate and pass a budget that cares for the poor and most vulnerable in our communities. Catholic Charities is currently owed more than $25 million by the State of Illinois – a number that grows by at least $2 million per month. Please take time today to call your state elected officials with this simple message, *"I am a voter in your district. I am contacting you on behalf of the poor and vulnerable people who depend on our state's safety net of human services, especially the more than 1 million people served by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago."* If you do not know who your state representative and senator are, please call the State Board of Elections at (217) 782-4141 or visit www.elections.il.gov and click on "New District/ Official Search." You can find more information and a template advocacy letter at www.CatholicCharities.net on the homepage.

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A SUNDAY FOR REJOICING

Today's Gospel story of the prodigal son is a favorite of many. We can identify with all the major figures and their crisscross of emotions. The father's initial grief over his young son's avarice is turned to relief at his return. The son's grief over his loss of fortune, family, and friends is turned to delirious joy at the sight of his father.

We understand the eldest son's bewilderment over his father's generosity. For the older son, virtue seems not to be its own reward. For all his honorable toil and loyalty, there seems to be no celebration. The father, however, is prodigal in his forgiveness and mercy. He expects the same generosity from his older son. He wants all to rejoice when the lost one is found.

This is a Sunday for rejoicing. It's time to pause, consider, and encourage one another. We are the prodigal children heading home. We are the elder siblings waiting with the eager Father, who scans the horizon. In Christ Jesus we are reconciled to the Father and one another. In his death and resurrection we have passed over. We are a new creation. In this we rejoice.

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The Reverend Know-it-all

"What I don't know…
I can always make up!"

Continued from last week...

So, after a thousand year history, the temple was gone and Jerusalem was no more. The Romans had plowed the city under and in around 135AD built a thoroughly Roman city on its ruins called Aelia Capitolina. Circumcision was forbidden in the province of Judea and those who belonged to the religion of Israel were prohibited entry to Jerusalem, though they lived undisturbed in the empire as a whole. The prohibition against Jews living in Jerusalem continued for the next five hundred years, though they were allowed to return to mourn the loss of the temple on the anniversary of its destruction, Tisha b'Av.

The emperor Hadrian thought that if you removed the center of Israelite life, the temple and the Holy City, you would end the reason for rebellion. He hadn't bargained on the persistence of the religion of Israel in both of its remaining manifestations, the Christians and the Rabbinic Pharisees. The Pharisees were prepared for this contingency and in a certain sense they had already shifted their focus from the temple to the synagogue. They continued to live according to the laws of the Torah throughout the Roman and Persian empires. As for the Christians, though they claimed to be Israelites, they weren't considered as such by either the Rabbis or the Romans because, by this time, most of them were uncircumcised, thanks to the heretical theories of Paul of Tarsus. They continued as a presence even in Aelia, formerly Jerusalem for the next two centuries despite Roman persecutions and prohibitions.

The Romans laid out a typical Roman city over the ruins of Jerusalem with a regular grid of streets. It was settled by retired Roman soldiers and became completely secular. There seems to have been a shrine to Jupiter Capitolinus on the temple mount and the main plaza of the city and a temple to the Greco Roman gods which were placed squarely over the site where Christians had claimed Jesus died and rose. The places dear to Israel and to the Christians were defiled. But faith persists…..

An amazing discovery was made in 1971 in the Armenian Chapel of St. Vartan underneath the present church of the Holy Sepulcher. There they found a graffito on one of the huge stones that had probably made up the retaining wall of the plaza on which Emperor Hadrian had built the temple and civic plaza dedicated to the goddess Aphrodite/ Venus. On this flat stone, there is the carving of a ship in the style typical to the Mediterranean Sea of around 200 AD. It's about 12 inches high and 26 inches in length. There are two Latin words beneath it, "Domine Ivimus" seemingly a paraphrase of Ps.122:1, which in Latin reads "In domum Domini, Ibimus," in English "we will go unto the house of the Lord." Instead the inscription simply says, "Lord, we have come." (Latin: "Domine, Ivimus.") The change from "b" to "v" is a kind of word play that changes the future tense to the past tense, as you all know from your high school Latin classes. Psalm 122, (121 in the old Vulgate reckoning) is one of the 15 pilgrimage psalms sung by those going up to Jerusalem on pilgrimage. It seems that, despite the best efforts of the Romans the first believers in Christ never forgot Jerusalem, where their Messiah had died and risen from the dead. Neither did the Jews.

Things continued apace for the next two centuries. With the destruction of the temple and the exile of the Rabbis from Jerusalem, the break between the two groups who read the books of Moses was complete. The word Judean now pretty much meant what we mean by the word the Jew, at least until very modern times. A Judean/Jew did not worship the gods or the emperor. And unlike certain modern versions of Judaism, they lived by the laws of the Torah, both dietary and ethical and they circumcised their male children. They gathered in synagogues for the reading and study of the Torah and to share a common life of prayer and liturgy. The Levitical priesthood shrank to a memory. The Rabbis, not the

priests, were now the leaders of the religious life of the community. However, something odd happened. The numbers of Christians grew geometrically while the number of Jews shrank, despite the protected status of the Jews and the persecuted status of the Christians. According to Dr. Rodney Stark in his book of archaeological sociology "The Rise of Christianity", the population of Jews in the Roman empire shrank from perhaps 8-10% of the population to 1or 2% during these two centuries, or from perhaps seven million to possibly less than one million. These were hard centuries for everyone.

The Roman Empire was torn by plague, war and political as well as economic instability. The years were even harder on the community of Jews living in the Roman Empire. Perhaps one million of them were slaughtered in the three Jewish/Roman wars already mentioned. They suffered from the plagues and famines that beset the empire, just as everyone else, but a drop of 80 or 90% in an ethnic and religious population is rather noteworthy. What happened? Simply put, Jews were probably less observant outside the Holy Land than in its borders, and now almost all Jews lived in the Diaspora except for those communities that continued to flourish in the area of Galilee. A Jew who was nonobservant was most probably not going to start worshipping the ridiculous gods of the Romans, Greeks and Egyptians. They could however join the Christians, who observed a kind of Sabbath and read the books of Moses. The Christian liturgy involved bread and wine and Psalms, just as the synagogue service did, and it had the added advantage of not requiring circumcision or dietary restrictions , both of which were offensive to their Greco Roman neighbors who didn't enjoy being called unclean. The sociology seems to indicate that a large part, if not the majority of Jews in Roman territory became Christians during those centuries of separation and simply blended into the Greek speaking population. Though there were substantial Jewish communities in the west in places like Rome, Thessalonica and Spain, but in general there was a withering of Judaism in the west. At the same time the Jews in the Aramaic speaking east, Arabia, Iraq, Iran, flourished as did the Babylonian Jews. There, during these centuries, they began the writing of that masterpiece of rabbinic life, the Babylonian Talmud which nurtured Judaism wherever it existed. Then in 314AD something completely unexpected happened!

Next week: Still more history and still more weeping!

SPRING ARTS AND CRAFT FAIR AT RESURRECTION COLLEGE PREP HIGH SCHOOL

Resurrection College Prep High School will host its annual **Spring Arts & Craft Fair** on **Saturday, March 12, 2016** from **10 am to 4 pm** at 7500 W. Talcott Avenue. Patrons can explore the wide variety of handcrafted items at over 150 craft displays featuring items for Easter, Mothers Day and spring gardening, including unique gifts, housewares, jewelry, accessories, food items and more. Admission for this school fundraising event is $5 for adults, $2 for seniors and children under 10 are free.
Resurrection College Prep High School, located at 7500 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago, is the largest all girls' Catholic, Christian college preparatory high school for young women on the north side of Chicago. Since its founding in 1922, Resurrection has graduated over 14,000 alumnae. For more information about Resurrection College Prep High School, call 773.775.6616 Ext 129 or visit www.reshs.org.

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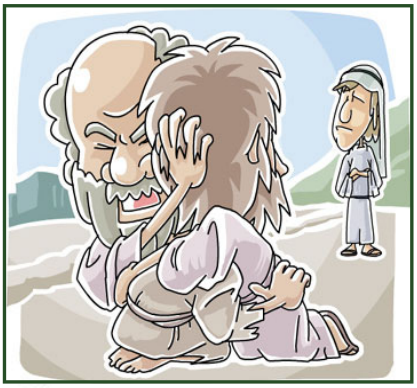
Kids Corner

The Parable of the Lost Son

Help the Prodigal Son find his way home.

Luke 15:11-32



This is the one of most famous Jesus' parable about the prodigal son.
This young man came back to his father with repentance for what he did. His father was so glad that the lost son got back and held a big celebration.
His brother was jealous because he did always good following his father.
Father said to him. "You are always with me. Everything that's mine is yours. We must celebrate because your brother was lost and has been found."
We can clearly see that the God wants us to come back with repentance, God will welcome us just like this father did.

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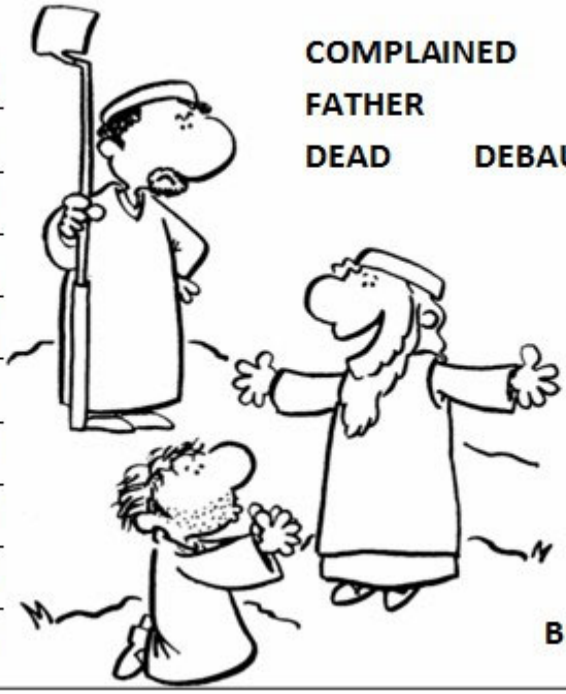

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News Release

Shrine of Christ the King to be Stabilized

Archdiocese Deeds Building and Property to the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

Chicago, IL (February 28, 2016) - The Archdiocese of Chicago today announced that it has deeded the Shrine of Christ the King in Woodlawn and the land on which it stands to the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest. The members of the apostolic institute have confirmed that they have received sufficient funds for the immediate stabilization of the historic Shrine building, ravaged by fire in October 2015 and which has been determined to be in hazardous condition. The Institute has committed itself to promptly remedying the dangerous condition created by the fire and then following through with the full restoration of the building.

"We express our deep gratitude to all the individuals and organizations whose most generous and timely donations helped bring us to this moment. We are mindful of the dangerous condition of the Shrine and will begin stabilization immediately with funds already collected," said Reverend Canon Matthew L. Talarico, Provincial Superior for the Institute in the United States.. "We are grateful to the Archdiocese for its partnership throughout our ministry in Woodlawn, especially during this difficult time. Since the day of the fire the collaboration with the Archdiocese has been remarkable: frequent communication, hard work and prayer."

In thanksgiving for this agreement and in celebration of God's blessings, the Institute has invited the public to a festive Mass on March 19, the Feast of St. Joseph, at 10 a.m. in the Shrine's current Mass location, the gymnasium of First Presbyterian church, 6400 S. Kimbark Ave. Afterwards, all are welcome for a St. Joseph Table luncheon reception with refreshments at noon in the church hall of the same building. For more information on this event, contact: Rev. Canon Matthew Talarico at 773-363-7409, ext. 4, or at canon.talarico@institute-christ-king.org.

The Archdiocese of Chicago is supportive of the Institute's efforts to maintain its presence in the Woodlawn community and continue its ministry there. The Archdiocese wishes the Institute every success.

Rectory: 8148 N Karlov Ave. Skokie, IL 60076 Phone:(847) 673-5090 **E-mail:** saintlambert@aol.com Lambert Parish - Skokie, IL **Website:** www.StLambert.org **To Register as a Parishioner:** Call the rectory or email us.	**Sunday Masses:** (5 pm Sat) 8am, 10am, 12pm **Weekday Masses:** 7:15 am (Mon -Fri) 8am on Saturday **Confessions:** Saturday at 8:30am **Office Staff:** George Mohrlein Debbie Morales-Garcia debie.stlambert@aol.com	**Pastor:** Rev. Richard Simon **Rev. Know-it-all:** reverendknow-it-all.blogspot.com **Deacon:** Mr. Chick O'Leary **Music Director:** Mr. Steven Folkers **Religious Ed:** Jonathan Rivera Saintlambertsyouthchurch @gmail.com	**Baptisms:** Third Sundays of the month at 1:30 pm. Baptismal Prep Class is the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the rectory. Please call the rectory to register. **Weddings:** Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance. **Bulletin Guidelines:** Submissions should be received at the rectory office 10 days preceding the date of bulletin publication.