

*Almighty God,
 Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 faith in your word is the way to wisdom,
 and to ponder your divine plan is to grow in the truth.
 Open our eyes to your deeds,
 our ears to the sound of your call,
 so that our every act may increase our sharing
 in the life you have offered us.
 Grant this through Christ our Lord.
 Amen*

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CORNER

This campaign is greater than any one of us - This is a campaign about us, our parish and the future of our Catholic Church in Western Oregon. No matter how great or small – your gift can go a long way. And you may be able to give more than you think! By pledging a gift over time, those who contribute to the campaign are able to consider giving in greater measure according to their blessings. For example, did you know that a gift of \$1,500 pledged to the *Sharing Our Faith, Shaping Our Future* campaign over a five-year period is only \$25 per month?

Here is what other gift levels translate to:

5-Year Gift	Annually	Quarterly	Monthly	Weekly
\$15,000	\$3,000	\$750	\$250	\$57.70
\$10,000	\$2,000	\$500	\$167	\$38.46
\$7,500	\$1,500	\$375	\$125	\$28.85
\$5,000	\$1,000	\$250	\$83.33	\$19.23
\$2,500	\$500	\$125	\$41.67	\$9.62
\$1,500	\$300	\$75	\$25	\$5.77
\$750	\$150	\$37.50	\$12.50	\$2.88

What is God calling each of us to prayerfully consider for our sacrificial gift to this campaign? Are we building bigger barns for ourselves – or investing in the future of our parish and archdiocese that this campaign represents and “what matters to God”?

PRESIDENTS' DAY

The Parish Office as well as the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center will be closed on Monday, February 21, 2011 in honor of Presidents' Day.



ST. VINCENT DEPAUL NEEDS YOU!

St. Vincent DePaul Food Bank needs drivers to pick up bread from the Safeway grocery store here in Canby on Saturdays from 8am-9am. If you can help, please contact Bill Peterson at 503-266-2476 or Dan Pitts, 503-651-1115.
 Thank you!

*REFLECTING
 ON THE GOSPEL*

Living with a perfectionist can drive us crazy! Often these “perfect” people are not only hard on themselves but also hard on everyone else around them. We tend to avoid perfectionists and perfectionism because we know we humans are anything but perfect. Quite frankly, we often drive each other crazy. And yet in this Sunday’s gospel Jesus bids us to “be perfect, just as our heavenly Father is perfect.” Had we been among his disciples so long ago, we might have responded to Jesus, “Get a life!” Yes, Jesus’ gospel command to “be perfect. . .as our heavenly Father is perfect” is, at first hearing, too much for us humans who are bent on revenge, minimal giving, the law of resistance. No wonder the saying, “an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth” came about! In fact, the original intent of the saying was to prevent exacting exorbitant retribution from another for having been wronged. It was a law that kept things contained, reasonable. One could go only so far to pay back, get even, punish, make things right, equal things out. We still all too often think and behave as if this were our code of conduct. In the gospel Jesus is teaching us to act otherwise. We are to love as God has first loved us, to become holy as God is only, even to be perfect as our heavenly Father. To act toward others as God acts toward us takes quite a bit of readjusting in our thinking and doing. We must squelch our first impulses to strike out with hand and word. Rather than negatively judging another who doesn’t do as we think he or she should, we must look beyond our narrow perception of things and give the other the benefit of the doubt. However, just as with the early disciples, this readjustment does not happen overnight, nor does it happen automatically. In our treatment of one another-even those who are our enemies-Jesus challenges us to go beyond what is expected, beyond what we might think is reasonable or even achievable. We are to go beyond what is human to what is divine: “Be holy” as God is holy, “be perfect” as God is perfect. On our own, this is impossible! Only because of God’s love for us expressed in the life of Jesus who teaches us rightly, is this possible. Only when we experience God’s love for us first, is this

MASS INTENTIONS

Would you like to have a Mass Intention for a loved one who has passed away? Maybe a friend who is undergoing a difficult time or is facing an illness? How about a Birthday or Anniversary! You can schedule your Mass Intentions on any given daily Masses Tuesday evenings, Wednesday through Friday mornings as well as our weekend Masses. You can schedule your Intentions by coming into the Parish Office or call and talk to Debbie.

NEW BULLETIN DEADLINE

Due to our secretary's new hours, the bulletin deadline to submit your items will be on Tuesday's of each week by 12noon. This new deadline will start Tuesday, **March 1st**. To submit your article, please email Debbie at dnewbury@canby.com or drop off your handwritten/typed article.

CATHOLIC SENTINEL

Pick up your copy of this weeks Catholic Sentinel full of wonderful articles such as the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon celebrating 125 years, Archbishop Vlazny's column as well as many other wonderful articles. Please help yourself by taking a copy located in the vestibule of the church.

GOSPEL LIVING

As Americans, we take pride in being independent. We believe that those who work hard will reap the rewards of their labors. In more recent years, there has been a growing sentiment that, if something bad happens, "someone" has to be held accountable (there are no "accidents.") and that the government has to make everything better. Consider these ideas in light of our Christian faith. First, we are all members of one body, as Paul puts it. There is no such thing as being "independent." We all are affected when another suffers or succeeds. We all must be concerned for the welfare of the whole community-not just those we are related to or like. Second, we all should work hard and do what we can to care for ourselves; but, we are also to share whatever we have with others, especially those who are in need. Bad things do happen; but our focus is not to be finding someone to blame. Our focus should be on the blessings these troubles bring and lessons they can teach us. Finally, it is not for the government to save us from our troubles. We are to put our trust in God's providence and know that, while we may not get what we want, we will get what we need. It won't come tied up in a package from God. God helps us through others. This community we are part of, has the resources to help us when there is a need. At the same time, we are to help others in their need. When our focus is on others and what we can give, it is hard to wallow in self-pity or give into despair. Instead, we discover reasons to rejoice and thank God for the people and blessings in our lives. We discover that our income does not make us rich or poor. We all have something to give and in the giving we discover how rich we really are. Consider how our Christian values stand in contrast to our secular values. Reflect on how the values of each are reflected in your life and attitudes. Are there some things that you need to change? What will you do to make those changes?

January/February 2011 Parish Secretary Newsletter



Parish Happenings

Sunday

- 9:45am Religious Education
4 years - 5th grade
- 11:00am Nursery
- 3:00pm Children's Baptismal
Preparation class [RCIC]
- 3:00pm Spanish Sacramental Prep
- 5:00pm Spanish Bible Study

Monday

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

- 9:15am Bible Study
- 5:00pm Spanish Music Rehearsal
- 6:00pm Intercession Prayers
- 7:00pm Charismatic Prayer Gr.

Tuesday

- 6:30pm Called to Protect
- 7:00pm Tuesday evening Mass

Wednesday

- 8:00am Daily Mass
- 7:00pm Confirmation class
- 7:00pm Journey in Faith, Youth in
Action and RCIA

Thursday

- 8:00am Daily Mass
- 12:00pm Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:30pm Spanish Religious
Education
- 7:00pm Bible Study
- 8:00pm Benediction

Friday

- 7:00am Marian Prayer Group
- 8:00am Daily Mass
- 7:00pm Hispanic Prayer Group

Parish News

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

OUR PRIVILEGE, OUR RIGHT, AND OUR DUTY

As it is written 'Even if these forget, yet I will not forget you.' (Is 49:15):

We in the Catholic Church in the Community of St. Patrick remember, hold in our memory, and pray for the men and women who serve in the Armed Forces especially: *Cody Amick, Ryan Thomas Blackwood, Ryan Bridges, Aaron Burch, Isaiah Creel, Tanner Cushing, David Davis, Loyd Davis, Kenny Doleac, Bryan Dykeman, Brad Dunn, Bill Ellis, Adam Ferrell, David Hannon,*

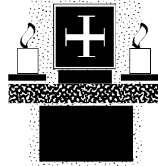


Nolan Henden, Joe Hauck, April Kennedy, Patrick Kirsch, Mike Krzmarzick, Sarah Losson, William Losson, Johnny Lugo, Adam Lulay, Alonzo Maronilla, Jordan Martinez, Jordan Morelli, Daniel Olsen, Keith Schantin, Matthew Schmader, Robert Selner, Kristian Spencer, Tarl Spencer, Brian Thomas, CJ Trillo, Jonathan Turner, William Walsh, Ivan Wilson and John Zagyyva. May they be servants of Christ through service to those in need, and may they be kept safe from all harm.

PARISH SUPPORT February 13, 2011

Funds Collected for Others:	
Cemetery	\$
St. Vincent dePaul	\$
Total:	\$
Collection Parish Operating Expenses:	
Envelopes'	\$6515.00
Loose	\$501.52
Children's	\$
Poor	\$40.00
Unemployment Fund	\$50.00
Building Fund	\$10.00
Total	\$7116.52

The LORD
is truly
present
with us



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Tuesday, February 22, 2011

+Dallas Meyerhofer by Clem & Patty Meyerhofer

Wednesday, February 23, 2011

Intention of the parishioners

Thursday, February 24, 2011

For the Clergy & Deacons of the Archdiocese of Portland

Friday, February 25, 2011

+Earl Richards by Hannan family

Saturday, February 26, 2011

Intention of the Trumm family by Trumm family

Sunday, February 27, 2011

8:30am +Dallas Meyerhofer by Patty Ann

11:00am Intention of the parishioners

4:00pm Intention of the parishioners

OUR PRAYERS FOR HOLINESS OF LIFE

*That the church embody the gospel challenge to reach out to others with the kind of love Jesus taught us, we pray to the Lord.

*That world leaders always embody the gospel challenge to respond to the needs of the poor and downtrodden, we pray to the Lord.

*That each of us grow in holiness to which God calls us, we pray to the Lord.

LIVING THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

"Well, that will have to do for now." How often this is our cry in daily tasks. We have only a little bit of time to clean the house, so what we do will just have to do. We must write a sympathy card and can't seem to find the right words for a young widow with children, and so we do our best and say that will just have to do. A "that will just have to do" attitude is hardly the way of living to which this gospel challenges us! On the other hand, the gospel examples seem way out of proportion to our ordinary responses, and to the ordinary demands daily living places upon us. Jesus is not asking us, however, to go looking for folks without coats (although there are plenty in our neighborhoods and cities), or for those who need us to go the extra mile for them (there are plenty who need such help), or to give our money away willy-nilly. What Jesus is asking us to do is look upon every other person, whether friend or foe, family member or stranger, as the beloved of God. Acting in this manner is being holy and perfect as God is, and is done not in dramatic ways but in simple everyday gestures of love, respect, and care.

Religious Education

SCHEDULE CHANGE

We will be having religious education classes for all elementary students this Sunday, February 20th. **The Catechists will be on a retreat next weekend. There will be no religious education classes on Sunday, February 27th.** Please keep all of our teachers and aides in your prayers.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

The 2011 Annual **Mardi Gras Lock-In** flyers were handed out this last week to our middle school religious education student. This year our Mardi Gras Lock-In will be held on **Friday, March 4th**. Get your sleeping bag, favorite snack, one good friend, and more energy than you can imagine for this once-a-year all nighter. Music, crafts, games, prizes, photo's, food and a late night pajama fashion show hosted by our very own Marlene Kirkpatrick. Don't miss the fun! Permission forms must be turned in by March 2nd.



MARDI GRAS HELP NEEDED

We are in need of adult help for the middle school Mardi Gras Lock In held Friday, **March 4th**. We have a lot of games, activities, and general merriment planned for the evening. Your help is needed for this event and will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Frances Parker at 503-266-9411 or fparker@canby.com for more information.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

High School youth mark your calendar for the **5th Annual Rise Up Rally on Saturday, March 12th**. This year's rally will be held at St. Pius X parish in Portland. Last year they had over 350 participants from 18 parishes from all over the Northwest attend. The fee to attend is \$40.00 which covers transportation, rally, dinner and a T-shirt. Please contact Frances Parker with your RSVP, questions or to request a permission form at 503-266-9411 or fparker@canby.com



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SHALOM PRAYER CENTER

Ash Wednesday Retreat: "Words of Life: Psalms for Lenten Prayer."

The psalms contain many of the Lenten themes: the call to life, repentance, atonement, and reconciliation. Come join us at the beginning of Lent to explore how the psalms are an ancient (but ever new) way to move us toward Jerusalem and Easter. There will be two teachings and a day of quiet. Presenter: Sr. Jeanette von Herrman, OSB. Event held at the Shalom Prayer Center, 840 South Main Street, Mt. Angel, OR 97362-6773. 503-845-6773. Website: www.benedictine-srs.org/shalom or email: shalom@mtangel.net. Date: Wednesday, March 9
Time: 9am-3:30pm
Cost: \$40, \$25 deposit, bring a lunch or buy lunch for \$6.00
Register by March 7th.

FRANCISCAN SPIRITUAL CENTER: WALKING ON HOLY GROUND

Join us as we begin the holy season of Lent, a time to pause, to reflect and to be intentional. During this quiet day of reflection, we will use the labyrinth to release those holy longings and intentions closest to our hearts and give image to them through the creative process of Soul Collage. Time for walking, reflecting and creating. Event held at the Franciscan Spiritual Center, 6902 SE Lake Rd #300, Milwaukie, OR 97267. Call for more information: 503-794-8542
Date: Friday, March 11
Time: 9:30am-3:00pm
Cost: \$55 per person
Facilitator: Val Hornburg

START YOUR LENT BY WALKING THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT:

Deepen your faith & prayer life by getting a solid foundation to understanding the Old Testament. 10 Thursdays 6:00-8:00pm March 10-May 19, 2011, Earlybird Feb. 25th \$299. Deadline Mar. 4th \$300. For more information visit: www.oldtestamentclasses.com or call 503-873-3608. Instructor Paula Helsby, holds masters degrees in Theology and Scripture from Mt. Angel Seminary and a member of the Catholic Biblical Association.