

Learn from
the way the
wild flowers grow



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Father in heaven,
form us in the likeness of your Son
and deepen his life within us.
Send us as witnesses of gospel joy
into a world of fragile peace and broken promises.
Touch the hearts of all men with your love
that they in turn may love one another.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

SYMPATHY

Please remember in your prayers **Bill Hale** the son-in-law of Don & Joan Kleczynski, **Ed Miles**, brother-in-law of Marilyn Latham and **Eudene Guthrie**, mother of Verlene Patton. The funeral for Eudene Guthrie will be **Wednesday, March 2 at 11:00am**. May we remember those families and friends who have gone before us marked with this sign of faith. May they enjoy the fullness of God's love.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CORNER

Two critical elements to the future of our Church are Faith Formation and Catholic Education. There are those who went before us and because of their sacrifices we have been blessed with Catholic schools, and programming. Now, we are called to share our treasure for the young and not so young who are discovering God in their lives through faith formation and Catholic education.

Where is your treasure?

Is it in the latte from that fancy coffee shop that you have regularly, for some daily? Or does your treasure reside at the golden arches?

What if you went to the coffee shop just one less time a week?

What if you skipped that delicious burger and fries just one time a week?

What if you took that one less latte and burger and made that your weekly contribution for the campaign?

1. \$5 week x 52 weeks = \$260 a year x 5 years = \$1,830 donation
2. \$1,830 x 810 parishioner families = \$1,482,300 parish commitment

One small sacrifice a week on your part will make a big difference in this campaign. You have that power! Our campaign efforts are making great strides. When you calculate your "Latte Factor" I know we will make even greater progress.

REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL

Aesop tells the tale of a goatherd who was caught in a snow storm. Driving his goats to a nearby cave for shelter, the goatherd found the cave already occupied by a herd of wild goats-many more than his own. Greedy and desiring to increase in wealth, the goatherd took great care of the wild goats, even giving them the fodder intended for his own goats. In time the storm passed. Alas, the goatherd found he had nothing-his own goats had perished from neglect and the wild goats had run off to the hills and woods whence they came. The foolish man had made a pretty hapless choice-neglecting what was securely his own to gain what would only be lost anyway. He had chosen the wrong priority-greed over care and faithful duty. His shortsightedness and greed brought him to the very place he didn't want to be-impoverished. We tend to worry about immediate things that affect our daily living, like food and shelter, job security and paying bills, We usually don't worry about ultimate things. Our shortsightedness can leave us quite impoverished. Jesus challenges us to a longer view: "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." With that priority, our wealth is assured, but it is not a wealth measured by goats or other possessions. The wealth God offers is that God is ever faithful and will never forsake us, that we are always embraced by God's tender love. This Sunday's gospel begins by first challenging us to a stark, either-or choice: which master to choose, God or "mammon." Jesus categorically states that we cannot serve both. Then the gospel presents us with another, even more difficult, choice-not even to worry about our life! The gospel raises a stark contrast: do we worry excessively about everyday matters such as food, drink and clothing, etc., or are we attentive to God's assurance that there is so much more to life than these everyday needs? Worrying comes from serving the wrong master and having misguided priorities. The journey from worry to assurance is made by relying on the God who knows what we need and offers us so much more: fullness of life in the kingdom of God. The real value of our life and the only real wealth that we need seek is the "kingdom of God and God's righteousness."

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!

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Come and join us on Tuesday, **March 8th** from **6:00pm** to **8:00pm** in the auditorium of the Parish Center for a wonderful pancake dinner. Menu will include pancakes, strawberries, sausage, coffee and juice. Cost is \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for kids 12 and under. This is put on by the parishioners so come and join us and have a great time.

THANK YOU!

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus here at St. Patrick, we would like to say Thank You for all your generous support with our Charity auction and Crab Dinner this year. We raised \$24,400.00 this year including \$3,600.00 for Canby's Vietnam Memorial. Your Theme baskets alone brought in \$3,203.00 to help fund our youth programs here at St. Patrick. Every year we are blessed by your support, and it is hard to put into words how much it means to us. May God bless all of you.

Mike Schmader

Crab Dinner/Charity chairman

ATTENTION WOMEN OF ST. PATRICK

St. Patrick Women's Club has been busy planning a lot of activities. They have set up an online calendar. This calendar will help the women of the parish keep track of monthly meetings, speaker luncheons and other events. To view the calendar please log onto:

<http://tinyurl.com/stpatswomensclubcalendar>.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

"We can't thank you enough for the lovely reception St. Patrick had for our son Aaron's funeral. Everything looked beautiful - the tables with purple ribbon, his favorite color, the pictures of him on the tables. There was so much good food, everything done so well. Thank you for all of your hard work. All of you made a difficult day for our family a little easier." *John & Tricia Kriegshauser & family.*

LIVING THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

Our own priorities are revealed to us in many ways. We need only look at our possessions, preoccupations, what drives us, what motivates us. When we become caught up in serving our social status or image, our acquisition of things, our professional success, even our own self-righteousness, we afflict ourselves with the anxieties such priorities always engender. When we choose to serve God-make God the center of our lives-we enter a realm of internal freedom and wealth beyond calculation.

The gospel invites us to turn our attention to what truly matters-the life only God can give. What is Jesus telling us must be our first concern in life? While being attentive to having the food and clothing, etc., that is normal and necessary, our priority must be what God offers and only God can give: eternal care, eternal life.

Parish Happenings

Sunday

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

- 3:00pm Children's Baptismal Preparation class [RCIC]
- 3:00pm Spanish Sacramental Prep
- 5:00pm Spanish Bible Study

Monday

- 9:15am Bible Study
- 5:00pm Spanish Music Rehearsal
- 6:00pm Intercession Prayers

Tuesday

- 7:00pm Tuesday evening Mass
- 7:00pm Knights of Columbus

Wednesday

- 8:00am Daily Mass
- 1:00pm St. Vincent dePaul Food Bank meeting
- 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
- 7:00pm Mardi Gras Lock In



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Parish News

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.

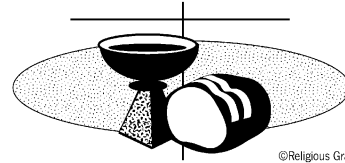
PARISH SUPPORT February 20, 2011

Funds Collected for Others:

Cemetery	\$
St. Vincent dePaul	\$
Total:	\$
Collection Parish Operating Expenses:	
Envelopes'	\$6297.35
Loose	\$532.59
Children's	\$1.00
Poor	\$
Unemployment Fund	\$250.00
Building Fund	\$30.00
Total	\$7110.94

WINTER WEATHER PROGRAMMING POLICY

With the cold weather here, we thought this would be a great time to remind everyone of our Winter Weather Policy. In the event of snow or extreme icy conditions, if the Canby Public Schools are closed, there will be **NO** regularly scheduled programming for that day or evening. All regularly scheduled Sunday Masses will be held, however, please keep in mind, **IF IT IS DANGEROUS FOR YOU TO DRIVE, PLEASE DO NOT COME TO MASS**



MASS FOR

Tuesday,

Intention of the parishioners

Wednesday, March 2, 2011

+Bill Hale by Richard & Ellen Hannan

Thursday, March 3, 2011

Intention of the parishioners

Friday, March 4, 2011

+Paul & Frances Montecucco

Saturday, March 5, 2011

Intention of the parishioners

Sunday, March 6, 2011

8:30am +Dallas Meyerhofer by Patty Ann

11:00am Special Intention for Sister Marian Duncan on the occasion of her 25th year of Religious Profession

4:00pm Intention of the parishioners

**INTENTIONS
THE WEEK
March 1, 2011**

OUR PRAYERS FOR HOLINESS OF LIFE

*That the church make visible God's love and care through her ministry to all who come for help, we pray to the Lord

*That world leaders always have the good of all as their first priority, we pray to the Lord.

*That those imprisoned by anxieties and worry be freed to seek God's love and care, we pray to the Lord.

*That each of us reflect in our manner of living the assurance that God always cares for us, we pray to the Lord.

Trust in him at all times, O my people

Psalm 62:8

Religious Education News

CATECHIST RETREAT WITH DEACON GIGER

Our Catechists will be away on a retreat this weekend, so there will be no religious education classes on Sunday, **February 27th**. Please pray for all of the teachers that they may be nourished, refreshed, and renewed as they seek wisdom and a deeper relationship with our Lord.

PARENT CHILD MEETING

Parents of all First Eucharist students. . .mark your calendars for the evening of **March 7th**. We will be meeting in room 7/8 at **7:00pm** in the Parish Center. Please bring your child and his/her First Eucharist book.



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

The 2011 Annual **Mardi Gras Lock-In** flyers were handed out this last week to our middle school religious education students. 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

Thank you for the early volunteers for the 2011 Mardi Gras celebration. We are **STILL** in need of more 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 Francis Parker at 503-266-9411 or fparker@canby.com for more information.

CONFIRMATION YOUTH

The Saint and Social Justice Papers are due Wednesday, **March 2nd**.



LENTEN

OPPORTUNITIES

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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.