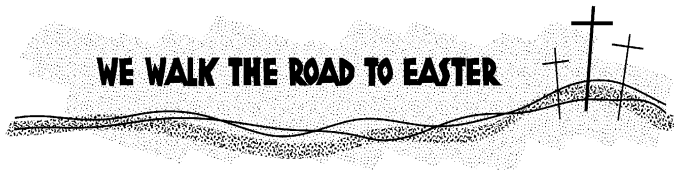


## WE WALK THE ROAD TO EASTER



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*Lord our God,  
you formed man from the clay of the earth  
and breathed into him the spirit of life,  
but he turned from your face and sinned.  
In this time of repentance  
we call out for your mercy.  
Bring us back to you  
and to the life your Son won for us  
by his death on the cross,  
for he lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
Amen.*

### FASTING AND ABSTINENCE REGULATIONS

All Catholics 14 years and older must abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All Catholics between ages 18 and 59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. To fast means to eat one full meal; the other two meals that day should be less than the normal amount unless they are already at a minimum for good health. Eating between meals is not permitted; however, liquids including coffee, milk and fruit juices are allowed.

### EMBER DAY

Wednesday, March 23 is an Archdiocesan Ember Day. Traditionally, Ember Days are days of prayer and fasting. The intention of this Ember Day is for effective faith formation of children and adults. Observance of the Ember Day is encouraged but no obligatory.

### FRIDAY NIGHT LENTEN SOUP SUPPER AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS

It's time, once again, for the weekly Friday Night Lenten Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross. Parish groups and organizations or individual families are invited to sign up to provide and prepare a simple soup supper or to lead the Stations of the Cross. Supper is served at **6pm** followed by the Stations of the Cross at **7pm**. A sign-up poster is posted in the vestibule of the church.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Lent is a great time to come on Thursdays and sit in the presence of Jesus and allow yourself to "rest" in his presence. Hours of Adoration are between 12noon and 8pm.

### ST. PATRICK POTLUCK

Come and celebrate St. Patrick - our Patron Saint on Saturday, **March 19, 7:00pm** in the Parish Center. Bring your favorite salad and dessert. Drinks and main dish [Corned Beef and Irish Stew] will be provided. Come and enjoy wonderful food and your parish family.

## REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL

The devil certainly traveled a great distance and went to great lengths to tempt Jesus to give in to enticing treasure-satisfying good, commanding power, far reaching wealth. It would seem as though the devil was desperate; he offered Jesus far more than what we receive when we give in to temptations. In the end, however, the issue is the same. In the final analysis, the gospel's account of Jesus'

temptation in the desert (and our own temptations) is a face-off between "the kingdoms of the world"

and the rule of God. Jesus, always obedient to the Father, resists the temptations and keeps himself focused on what enabled him and helps each of us to continue to choose to do God's will: never losing sight of the God who created us, breathing God's own divine life within us. The choice between the realm of God and the realm of evil is a choice to personally serve God and God alone or not; it is a choice about whose cause will be advanced in this world. Ultimately, both our human condition and all temptations ask of us, whom will we serve: Lent is a time of discernment of our choices that bring us death or life. This is our lifelong struggle and lifelong temptation. The good news is that God "will support" us in making right choices. On one level the story of the temptations are about the choice between good and evil, between self-will and the will of God, between obedience and disobedience. But there is more at stake. The gospel's face-off between the devil and Jesus reveals temptation as a conflict between "the kingdoms of the world" and the rule of God. Ultimately temptation asks all of us, whom will you serve? Because Jesus fasted and was hungry, he knew that for which he really hungered. For this reason, none of the temptations-for satisfaction, power, wealth-caused him to yield. He never lost sight of the God whom he served and whose will he came to fulfill. The purpose of our fasting during Lent is to lead us, like Jesus, to hunger only for God and, like Jesus, to choose to serve only God.



## SUNDAY AFTERNOON OF BINGO!

St. Patrick Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a fun afternoon of Bingo on Sunday, **March 20<sup>th</sup>** from 12:30pm to 4:30pm in the Parish Center. Hot dogs, chips, soft drinks, brownies, and cookies will be available for purchase. Come and enjoy a great afternoon with your parish family and enjoy a game or two of bingo.

## SPECIAL THANKS

St. Patrick would like to thank all the parishioners who came and enjoyed a great pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday. We would especially like to thank everyone who came and worked on the dinner. A total of \$57.00 was raised for St. Vincent dePaul Food Bank. Thank you!!

## BULLETIN NEWS ITEMS FROM LORA HELI:

Are you interested in serving our Lord through the ministry of music? You are invited to share your talents by joining the Adult Choir, open to parishioners high school age and above, in preparation for the liturgies of the Triduum and Easter. Rehearsals take place on Saturday mornings in the church, beginning at 9:30am. For more information, please call Lora Heli at 503-263-3840.

## COME SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE!!

The Whiskey Hill Lego Robotics Team, which consists of 6 boys from the Canby area, won the Oregon State Robotics Competition and now they are headed to St. Louis, Missouri to compete against teams from all over the World at the "World Festival". **Ryan and Jack Bigej of St. Patrick's Church** would like to invite you to visit Canby Burgerville this coming Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> between 5-8pm to help the team raise money for their trip. Burgerville is generously giving 10% of the proceeds from dinner to the boys team. They will be working during the shift, serving food and helping clean tables, so please come see us and enjoy a great meal while also supporting our team!. **CONGRATULATIONS RYAN AND JACK FOR MAKING THE TEAM!!**

## LIVING THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

Temptation is something we usually think of as facing alone. In the first reading, Eve was not alone; Adam "was with her." It seems as though Adam did nothing to help Eve resist the temptation. Neither of them could withstand the temptation of the serpent alone, nor did either of them help

each other. Neither should Lent be a time for us to withstand temptation alone. Rather it is a wonderful time to get involved with others spiritually and help each other to grow in goodness and the ability to resist temptation and

come to a deeper realization of what it means to serve God and God alone.

Most of us tend to keep our spiritual growth and struggles pretty much to ourselves. One marvelous way to help each other is to take some time with those we are in significant relationship with to do some in-depth faith sharing. When we share our own temptations as well as spiritual blessings with others, we are not alone in choosing and serving this God who gives us life-at creation and through "the one Jesus Christ.



## Parish Happenings

### Sunday

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

### Monday

9:15am Bible Study  
12:00pm St. Patrick Women's Club  
5:00pm Spanish Music Rehearsal  
6:00pm Intercession Prayers  
6:00pm Relay for Life  
7:00pm Knights of Columbus special meeting

### Tuesday

6:30pm Knights of Columbus  
7:00pm Tuesday evening Mass

### Wednesday

7:00pm RCIA, Youth in Action, Journey in Faith  
7:00pm Confirmation class

### 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  
6:00pm Soup Supper  
7:00pm Stations of the Cross  
7:00pm Hispanic Prayer Group

### Saturday

9:30am St. Patrick Choir Rehearsal  
7:00pm **St. Patrick celebration**

St. Patrick's Day



# 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 Zagyva.* May they be servants of Christ through service to those in need, and may they be kept safe from all harm.

## PARISH SUPPORT

### March 6th, 2011

Funds Collected for Others:

Cemetery	\$6.00
St. Vincent dePaul	\$67.00
Total:	\$73.00

Collection Parish Operating Expenses:

Envelopes'	\$8009.50
Loose	\$519.76
Children's	\$1.00
Poor	\$20.00
Unemployment Fund	\$2771.18
Building Fund	\$436.00
Total	\$11,757.44

## OUR PRAYERS FOR HOLINESS OF LIFE

\*That prayer, penance and almsgiving will dispose more men and women to follow the Holy Spirit as He leads them to discover their vocations in Christ, we pray to the Lord.

\*That all members of the Body of Christ support each other in the call to serve God alone, we pray to the Lord.

\*That all people of the world faithfully respond to God's will and receive the riches of salvation, we pray to the Lord.

\*That those in need of strength, protection, and courage be enriched by the love and care of this community, we pray to the Lord.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Tuesday, March 15, 2011

+Dave Merrill by the Merrill family

### Wednesday, March 16, 2011

+Intention of the parishioners

### Thursday, March 17, 2011

+Florence Petit by Marilyn Latham

### Friday, March 18, 2011

+MaryAnn Roggenbuck by Mary and Debbie

### Saturday, March 19, 2011

5:30p.m. Intention of the Trumm family by the Trumm family

### Sunday, March 20, 2011

8:30am +Annette Grommesh by Fortier family

11:00am Intention of the parishioners

4:00pm Intention of the parishioners

A clean heart create for me, O God,  
and a steadfast spirit renew  
within me.

Psalm 51:2

# Religious Education News

## EVENTS AROUND

## THE AREA



### SUNDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There will be no elementary religious education classes on Sunday, **March 20<sup>th</sup>**. We hope all our families have a fun Spring Break. Classes will resume on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

### PREPARING FOR EASTER

This Sunday is the First Sunday of Lent. What a great time to bring your child to Reconciliation. Reconciliation with God includes reconciliation with our neighbor here on Earth. Practice reconciliation and experience the strength, rebirth, and renewal that comes from being at peace with God, self, and neighbor.

### LENTEN ACTIVITY

Throughout the Season of Lent, the elementary students of St. Patrick will be writing letters and collecting supplies to send to the soldiers that we, as a parish, are praying for. **We would like to open this up to the whole parish.** In addition, if we have enough supplies, we will send them to soldiers who do not receive letters and care packages from their families. **We are asking for your support in collecting items that the soldiers may need.** If you have a family member that we are praying for, please call Jody Patershall by **March 20<sup>th</sup>** to give her your family members contact information.

### MARDI GRAS THANK YOU

What did you do last weekend? I know what these people did. . Ann Barrie made a huge box of cookies for 24 middle school youth to enjoy; Connie Bilton-Smith, Karen Sadoff and Jody Patershall decorated the parish hall; Paula Kraemer welcomed and registered our youth; Nancy Patton photographed all the youth; Tracie Martin helped with crafts; Alicia and Jim Thomas Played games with our youth, Jen Rosenblad popped in several times to lend a hand; Ryan Patershall brought his band to play for the youth; Marlene Kirkpatrick hosted a pajama fashion show; several high school youth including Gerardo Alvarez, Ashley Holmes, Raymond Lopez, Alvaro Mendez, Christopher Phan, Diego Santiago, and Jose Zurita came by to help with games; Joe Patershall, Ann Boyd and Ron Suchanek had a full evening of fun, merriment and cleaning on about 3 hours of sleep and Joe Boyd dropped in at 5:30am to make our tired and hungry crew a wonderful breakfast. These are all amazing volunteers and we are blessed to have you! Thank you for your help with the 2011 Annual Mardi Gras Lock In.

### WEDNESDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes will resume this Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. We will not have class Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> for Spring Break.

### MONASTIC VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Mount Angel Abbey sponsors vocation discernment retreats for men between the ages of 16-45, several times per year. The next retreat is scheduled for Friday through Sunday, April 8-10, 2011. If you are interested in making a Monastic Discernment Retreat, please contact Fr. Odo Recker, OSB at 503-845-3242 or [Odo.Recker@mtangel.edu](mailto:Odo.Recker@mtangel.edu). More information at [www.mountangelabbey.org](http://www.mountangelabbey.org).

### SHALOM PRAYER CENTER PRESENTS: A MID-LENTEN RETREAT: HALF WAY TO JERUSALEM

After three plus weeks of Lent, we often need "a spiritual boost." Come join us as we reflect on Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and what he taught his disciples (and us) along the way. There will be scriptural teachings and time for silence, reflection, and prayer. Please bring a bible. Presenter: Sr. Jeanette von Herrmann, OSB.  
Friday, April 1, 7pm; Saturday, April 2, 9:30am-3:30pm  
\$125, \$25 deposit, includes Friday overnight accommodations, Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast and lunch. Start the retreat with Vespers at 5p.m followed by dinner at 5:30pm. Check in by 4:30pm. \$80 commuter fee, includes Friday dinner and Saturday lunch. Register by March 30.

### HOLY WEEK

Shalom Prayer Center welcomes you to come for a private retreat during all or part of Holy Week. There will be abundant time for silence, reflection and joining the monastic community for the liturgy of the Hours and the Paschal Triduum liturgies. \$64 per day includes your room and meals. Please contact: Shalom Prayer Center - 503-845-6773.

