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Parish Mission Statement

We seek to promote the reign of God within and beyond our faith community as living testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We joyfully celebrate the liturgy, faithfully foster spiritual and intellectual formation, actively encourage stewardship, and passionately promote social justice.

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FEBRUARY 28, 2010 • SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

IN OUR PARISH

The first reading this second Sunday of Lent is Yahweh's promise of a covenant relationship with Abraham and Sarah and their descendants forever. We are Abraham's "spiritual" descendants. It was said in those days that one "cut" a covenant. Why? Because the heifer, the she-goat, the ram, the turtledove and the pigeon were cut in two and the halves separated by a short distance. In a solemn covenant between a king and his vassals, both the king, promising to take care of the vassals, and the vassals promising to support the king, walked between the split animals, asking that, if they broke the covenant, they be killed and cut up just as the animals were. Notice though, that in this covenant, only the LORD (the smoking fire pot and flaming torch) passes between the carcasses. Abram (later to become Abraham) is in a trance watching the whole event transpire.

A similar scenario unfolds in chapter 9 of Luke's Gospel. It is his recounting of the Transfiguration. In individualistic societies, we tend to look at everything as something able to be scientifically proven, or else non-existent. But the rapt wonder induced by a professional ice skater, or a beautifully performed piece of music, or the incredible story of someone overcoming insurmountable odds, or a pleasurable dream about one's life direction are all altered states of "normal" consciousness.

Most of the ancients, and most people in our world today, routinely encounter God's presence in such states. The Old Testament and Gospel readings today record two such experiences that happened to Abram and Jesus and the apostles. Such encounters, though sometimes frightening, were obviously very powerful and moving. Peter wants to immediately build three tents, and stay in such state for a very long time.

After hearing the voice from the cloud saying "This is my chosen Son; listen to him," there is little doubt what they have encountered. Part of the "magic" of Lent is putting aside the body's and our own natural wants and desires to discover realities at a much deeper spiritual and mystical level. That is why the season calls us to fasting, prayer and almsgiving. Fasting addresses our bodily desires, prayer our spiritual and mystical needs, and almsgiving the reminder that God is present in all those around us. Let us be opened in our Lenten observances to encountering God in all the aspects, dimensions, and states of consciousness in our daily lives.

Mike Glotzbach

Alumnus of Aquinas Institute

Mass Schedule & Intentions

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Readings: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

9:00 am William Breiner †
11:00 am Priests
7:00 pm Frederick Cordova †
9:00 pm Thomas Sullivan †

MONDAY, MARCH 1

Readings: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38

11:30 am Jackie Bender †
5:30 pm Students

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

Readings: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12

11:30 am Parishioners
5:30 pm Students

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

Readings: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28

11:30 am Unity in the Church
9:00 pm Lenten Awareness

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

Readings: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31

11:30 am Youth of St. Tom's
5:30 pm Vocations

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

Readings: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

11:30 am Parishioners

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

Readings: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

11:30 am Lay Ministers
5:30 pm People of Baudin

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

Readings: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

9:00 am Eleanor Kohlbrecher †
11:00 am Resident Parishioners
7:00 pm Youth of St. Tom's
9:00 pm Thomas Sullivan †

Liturgy of the Hours

Held in Baptistery. All are welcome!

SUNDAY-FRIDAY

5:05 pm Evening Prayer

MONDAY-FRIDAY

8:30 am Morning Prayer

Reconciliation

The reconciliation room is in the back corner of the church, near the Marian niche. *Also available by appointment.*

MONDAY AND THURSDAY

3:30 pm Individual Reconciliation

March 9

* 7:00 pm *Communal Penance Service, church

Upcoming Activities

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

5:30 pm Sunday Dinner, Newman Hall

MONDAY, March 1

5:30 pm Meditation & Centering Prayer, Rm. 3

7:00 pm Faith Sharing, Rm. 4

9:00 pm Rosary, Church

TUESDAY, March 2

6:00 pm LifeGuide Meeting, Newman Hall, T. More

7:00 pm RCIA, Rm. 3

7:00 pm OA, Rm. 5

7:00 pm RCIA Inquiry, Rm. 2

7:00 pm Just Faith, T. More

7:30 pm Theology on Tap Core Meeting, Augustine Rm.

8:00 pm Bible Study-Fr. Brian Doerr, Newman Hall

9:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration, Church

WEDNESDAY, March 3

6:00 pm Rehearsal (Adam and Eve Play), Newman Hall

6:00 pm Holy Hour for Priests, Church

7:00 pm Social Concerns, Rm. 23

7:00 pm Ministry to the Baptized, Rm. 3

7:30 pm Intro to Theology of the Body, T. More

7:30 pm Community of Grace, Rm. 4

THURSDAY, March 4

12 - 5 pm Adoration, Blessed Sacrament Chapel

6:00 pm Cross Bible Study, Rm. 24

6:00 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal, Church

6:30 pm Legion of Mary, Lg. Conf. Rm.

7:00 pm Haiti Committee, Rm. 23

7:00 pm Music Group Rehearsal, Church, Rms. 1-4

FRIDAY, March 5

5:30 pm Stations of the Cross, Church

6:00 pm Lenten Simple Supper, Basement

7:00 pm Catholic Truth League, Newman Hall, T. More

9:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration, Church

SATURDAY, March 6

9:00 am Social Concerns Workshop, T. More, Kitchen

5:00 pm Indonesian Catholics, Rm. 3

6:30 pm PCS Movie Night, Basement

SUNDAY, March 7

5:30 pm Sunday Dinner, Newman Hall

MONDAY, March 8

5:30 pm Meditation & Centering Prayer, Rm. 3

7:00 pm Faith Sharing, Rm. 4

7:00 pm Bread for the World, Rm. 3

TUESDAY, March 9

6:00 pm LifeGuide Meeting, Newman Hall, T. More

7:00 pm Communal Penance Service, church

7:00 pm Knitting Group, Rm. 24

7:00 pm O.A., Rm. 5

7:00 pm Just Faith, T. More

7:30 pm Theology on Tap Core Meeting, Augustine Rm.

8:00 pm Bible Study-Fr. Brian Doerr, Newman Hall

9:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration, Church

WEDNESDAY, March 10

6:00 pm Rehearsal (Adam and Even Play), Newman Hall

6:00 pm Holy Hour for Priests, Church

7:00 pm Ministry to the Baptized, Rm. 3

7:30 pm Intro to Theology of the Body, T. More.

7:30 pm Community of Grace, Rm. 4

Check out our online calendar:
www.sttoms-purdue.org/calendar

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Offerings Automatically Transferred (fill out form and drop into offering basket)

- I would like to donate: \$ _____ every month for the next _____ months.
- I would like to have my donation automatically withdrawn each month on the 1st 15th
- I would like my donation withdrawn every Friday.

Routing Number _____ Savings Checking Account # _____

Signature _____ Amount: _____

Please apply my donation towards Development _____ % Offering _____ %

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone: (_____) _____

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PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

Just One

It's not what you give up, it's what you do!
Help Habitat for Humanity.

More information below.

This message brought to you by the Parish Pastoral Council.

Habitat for Humanity Catholic House 2010!!

St. Toms will put faith and love into action this fall as a partner in Catholic House 2010.

TOGETHER Catholic parishes from the Lafayette-West Lafayette have committed to raising the money and providing the labor to build a Habitat for Humanity home in Greater Lafayette. This home will be the fifth Catholic home built by the local parishes in the past 8 years. In raising this money, the Catholic parishes also will fund the construction of one to two homes in Haiti. St. Tom's commitment is to raise \$8,200 as part of this effort.

The family who will be living in the Lafayette home will work hard by contributing 500 sweat equity hours with Habitat for Humanity of Lafayette by late October when they are ready to move into their home. The need for homes in Haiti is even greater now. Let us help families realize the security and hope that a home offers through JESUS CHRIST.

Please help St. Toms reach its commitment by contributing to this worthy mission. If you have questions, you may contact Rod Forbes at 765-742-4529. If you would like to make a contribution, please make your check payable to St. Toms, put "Catholic House 2010" in the memo section and send it to the parish office.

February 6, 2010 - February 12, 2010

Total Cash Received	\$24,057
<i>Sunday Collection</i>	\$8,924
<i>(RP-\$8,207 / Students-\$223 / Visitors-\$494)</i>	
<i>Haiti Earthquake Relief</i>	\$5,498
<i>Fruitful Harvest</i>	\$6,000
<i>Development</i>	\$327
Total Cash Paid Out	\$9,478
YTD Cash Received	\$204,053
<i>Sunday Collection</i>	\$53,519
<i>(RP-\$50,207 / Students-\$1,106 / Visitors-\$2,206)</i>	
<i>Haiti Earthquake Relief</i>	\$40,799
<i>Fruitful Harvest</i>	\$51,683
<i>Development</i>	\$10,187
YTD Cash Paid Out	\$113,065

* Numbers are not final until reviewed by the Finance Committee *

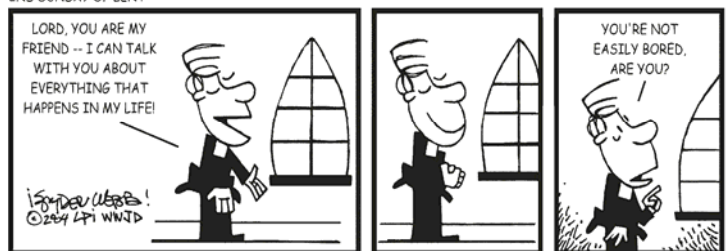
Attention Married and Engaged Couples:

Natural Family Planning is Good News for modern families. It is safe, healthy and highly effective. Classes in your area begin March 19. Contact Susan or Louis Hoefer at (765)471-8734 or shoefer@verizon.net for more information or to register.

First Friday Potluck

Friday March 5th is First Friday Potluck. The Potluck takes place in the basement of church. This month it will not begin till 6 p.m., after the 5:30 pm Way of the Cross prayer service. This is family friendly, student friendly, people friendly eating and visiting! Bring a friend, bring a food to share and come meet someone new or visit with someone you haven't seen in awhile! All are welcome.

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



Franciscan Retreat April 16-18, 2010

The Conventual Franciscans are offering a Vocation Retreat April 16-18, 2010 for single men, ages 16-40, who are interested in learning more about priesthood and brotherhood. Come and experience our fraternity, our prayer life, and our mission as we live the Gospel in today's world. The retreat is at Mount St. Francis Center for Spirituality (near Louisville, Kentucky). It begins Friday evening and ends Sunday by noon. There is no cost for the weekend. For more information, please contact Friar Paul Schloemer, 800.424.9955 or email: franvoc@aol.com.

Spotlight On...

Showing our appreciation for the individuals, groups, and businesses that support our parish in one way or another, this week's spotlight is on:

Adam Wilson—Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance
2 Executive Drive, Suite C
Lafayette, IN 47905-4878
(765) 474-7310

Lenten Regulations

Fasting and Abstinence

- Those 14 years and older are to abstain (not eat meat) on Ash Wednesday and each Friday of Lent.
- Those between the ages of 18 and 59 should fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. To fast is to eat only one meal and two smaller meals (two smaller meals not to equal one large meal) throughout the day.

Stations of the Cross

5:30pm on Friday in the worship space

Friday Simple Soup Suppers

6:00pm Newman Hall

*For a complete list of Lenten opportunities, see the handout on the Lenten Resource table in the gather space or the purple cords.

Communal Penance Service

Tuesday, March 9 at 7:00 pm there will be a communal penance service in the worship space. Several priests will be available to hear individual confessions after the service.

Lenten Friday Prayer Service & Simple Suppers

On each Friday in Lent we will have a prayer service starting at 5:30PM, followed by a Simple Supper from 6-7PM in Newman Hall. The theme for the prayer services is "Stations of the Cross". Various church groups will be hosting the Simple Suppers, except on March 5th and April 2nd suppers which will be First Friday Pot Lucks at 6 pm. All are welcome!

Holy Week - Triduum 2010

"Come and See"

w/ the Adrian Dominican Sisters

Single, Catholic women, 18-35, are invited to Adrian, Michigan to celebrate and discern life as an Adrian Dominican during our Holy Week - Triduum celebrations. Plan to arrive by 3 pm on Thursday, April 1 and depart after lunch on Sunday, April 4, 2010. To RSVP, please contact Sister Durstynne Farnan, O.P., at vocations@adriandominicans.org or 517-266-3530 by Friday, March 26, 2010. Learn more about us at www.adriandominicans.org.

*Please remember St. Thomas Aquinas
in your will.*



Y.A.C.S. Spring 2010 Events

Here are the Young Adult Catholic Students Youth Group Spring Events that we have scheduled so far. This youth group is open to all students 9th - 12th grade. Please email Katy Argadine katy@sttoms-purdue.edu with any questions! We hope to see you there!

- **Monday (3-1-2010)**
- **Monday (4-5-2010)**
- **Detrash the Wabash (4-10-2010)**
- **Monday (5-3-2010)**

Accepting Enrollment Applications for 2010-11!

765-474-7500

www.lcss.org

Lafayette Catholic Schools System *Schools to Believe In!*



St. Boniface 4th grade students Elizabeth Marlatt and Jillian Presutti hand separate an egg yolk from the white to create egg tempera paint. Led by Franciscan Friar Fr. Robert Melnick, the painting project was one piece of the Religious art series on Icons.

"The Jesuits -- Come and See"

This is a weekend for men 18-35 years of age who are interested in learning more about life, spirituality and work of Jesuit priests and brothers. Come and See the possibility of a religious vocation: March 26-28 in Chicago. For further information, go to www.thinkjesuit.org or contact Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, S.J., Director of Vocations, 773-975-6363 or email: vocations@jesuits-chgdet.org

STUDENTS AND RESIDENTS

PCS News

[Purdue Catholic Students]

Got Catholic? WE DO!

Every day, there is an opportunity for you to share and live out His Good Word. Here are just a few of the ongoing activities during the week. If you want to explore more, please check out our facebook fan page (Purdue Catholic Students), or e-mail me at mpaparie@purdue.edu.

MONDAY:

Campus Renew: Renew your faith! Come deepen, share, and connect your faith with action. See information under Campus Renew about the different meeting times and locations.

Rosary: 9PM at Marian niche (back of church)

TUESDAY:

Fr. Brian's Bible Study: 8PM in the Newman Hall

Eucharistic Adoration: 9PM in the church

WEDNESDAY:

Community of Grace: Prayer meeting filled with scripture, the Rosary, and song. Meet 7:30Pm in Room 4.

Theology of the Body and Love and Responsibility: All college students are invited to take a fresh look at the dynamics between men and women. Wednesdays @ 7:30pm in the Thomas More Room.

THURSDAY:

CROSS Bible Study: 6PM in Room 24

FRIDAY:

PCS SPORTS: Meet 5:30PM outside the Co-Rec for some fun sporting activity!

Stations of the Cross: Fridays @ 5:30PM in the church

Simple Suppers: 6PM

Catholic Truth League: 7PM in the Thomas More Room

SATURDAY:

11:30AM Daily Mass

Saturday Night Movie Night: Join our Brothers and Sisters in watching a wonderful movie. Popcorn provided! Meet in the Thomas More Room (basement of St. Tom's) at 7PM.

SUNDAY:

Sunday Night Dinner: Join us for great food and great times for just \$2! Dinner starts at 5:30PM in the Newman Hall (basement of St. Tom's).

Harry Potter Meets Catholic Theology: 8:10pm in room 3.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Check here for future upcoming events.



Monday

6:30 - 7:30 pm

@ St. Tom's

6:30 - 7:30 pm

@ St. Tom's (Spanish Group)

8:00 - 9:00 pm

@ Windsor Hall

9:00 - 10:00 pm

@ Shreve Hall

Tuesday

7:00 - 8:00 pm

@ Hillenbrand Hall

8:30 - 9:30 pm

@ Cary Quadrangle Hall

Wednesday

7:00 - 8:00 pm

@ Wiley Hall

8:00 - 9:00 pm

@ St. Tom's (PCGS)

Thursday

7:30 - 8:30 pm

@ Earhart Hall

For more information, contact pdavila@purdue.edu



Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays

12:00 (Noon) - 5:00 pm

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

In honor of the Year for Priests

PCS presents

Holy Hour for Priests

Join us in praying for our priests on Wednesdays

@ 6:00 pm in the Church. All are Welcome!



St. Tom's is on a Mission!

New Orleans during the spring break? Bolivia during May-mester? Groups are already forming.

Contact Br. Nick at nick@sttoms-purdue.org.



Vocation Information

If you are interested in religious life, please contact these vocation directors.

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Diocese of Lafayette

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