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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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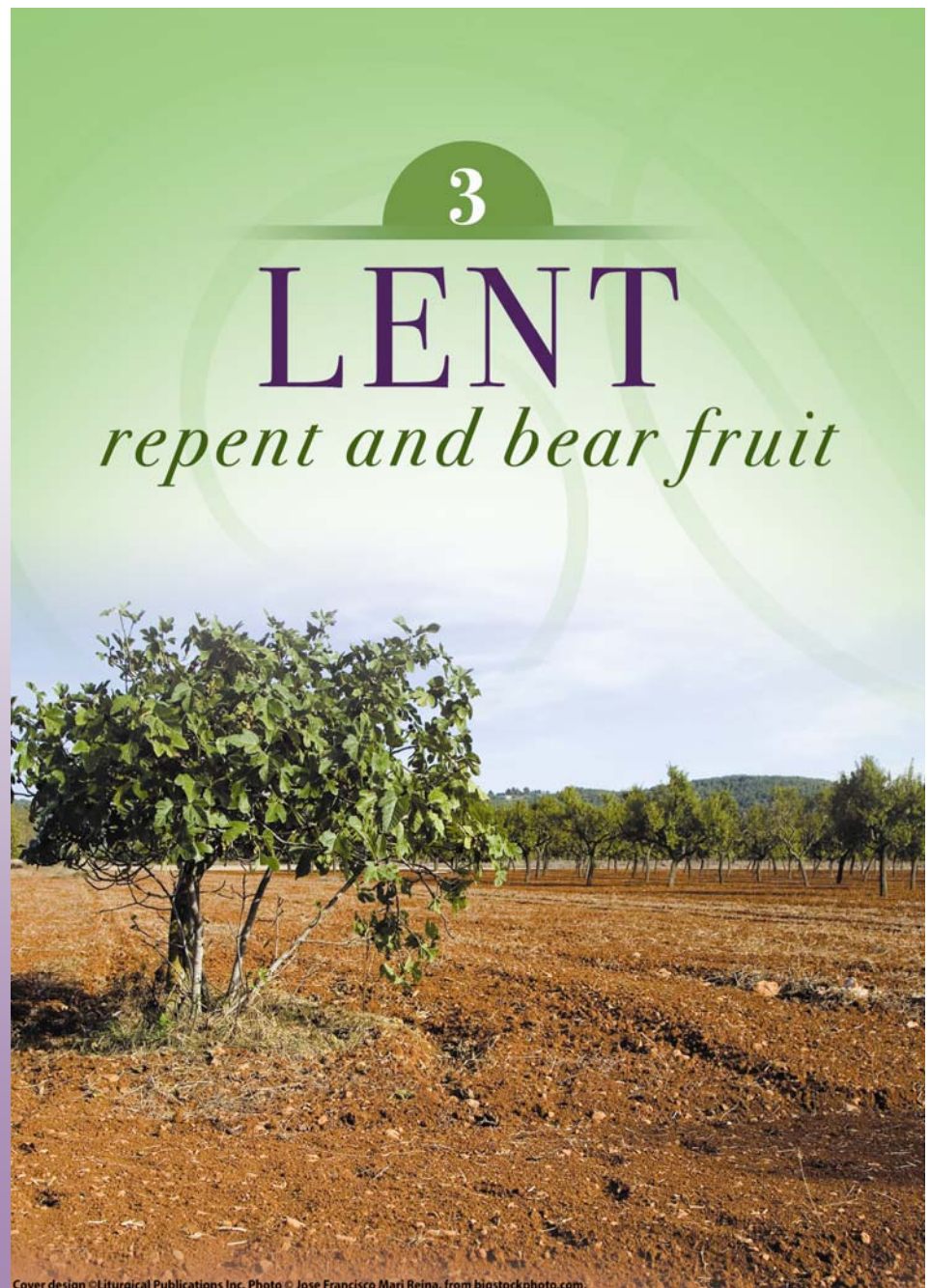
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MARCH 7, 2010 • THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

IN OUR PARISH



"The grace of God is going to do amazing things in your life." That is the first thing my friend Sheila said to me on a warm summer evening in Chicago over ten years ago. I had just told Sheila of my decision to become a priest.

Sheila had been a Carmelite nun for ten years. Now she is married with children and grandchildren. She never told me why she left the Carmelites and I half expected that she would respond negatively to my decision. She did not. Instead she said, "The grace of God is going to do amazing things in your life."

Up until that point God's grace was certainly at work in my life, but how did I respond? As C. S. Lewis describes it, "God was the hunter and I was the deer. He stalked me . . . took unerring aim and fired". Yet once we receive this grace, something is expected of us. Otherwise we face the danger, as Paul says to the Corinthians, "all these things happened as examples for us" and fail to see how we should act.

It seems that what Paul is saying is that unless those who have heard his words put them into practice with life-giving deeds of love, we will be fruitless branches fit only to be pruned away.

It is not enough for us to fast – but it is a start. It is not enough for us to beat our breast and engage in pious prayer – but it is a start. It is not enough for us to give a dollar or two to help the poor and hungry – but it is a start. It is not enough for us to not speak ill of another – but it is a start.

Being content with the initial conversion experience without proceeding to explore its full meaning for our life must also include allowing the spirit of Christ to rule every part of our life – work, study, and relationships. We must proceed to that deeper experience of love of Christ.

Are our Lenten actions done as a need for us – or as a gift for another? The grace of God is working in our lives when we learn God's will, respond to His call, work faithfully together with Him and find our own highest ends in fulfilling His.

Unless the Cross produces in us both the desire and the power to do God's will, we accept the grace of God in vain.

The discipleship Jesus asks of us is not just a big piece of ourselves – it is everything – and it is now. We have given up a lot – it is not enough – we must give up everything. This kind of radical claim on our lives can make our family and friends uncomfortable just as Jesus' claims discomfited the scribes and Pharisees. But the grace of God will do amazing things in our lives.

Fr. Patrick, O.P.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

Readings: Ex 3:1-8a,13-15/ 1Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
9:00 am Eleanor Kohl Brecher †
11:00 am Parishioners
7:00 pm Lay Ministers
9:00 pm Thomas Sullivan †

MONDAY, MARCH 8

Readings: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30
11:30 am Priests
5:30 pm Brothers & Sisters in Haiti

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

Readings: Dan 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
11:30 am Frank Steiner †
5:30 pm Volunteers

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

Readings: Deut 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
11:30 am Fr. Ludwig Stiller †
9:00 pm Students

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

Readings: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
11:30 am Catholic Church
5:30 pm Repose of Souls

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

Readings: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
11:30 am Fr. Ludwig Stiller †

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

Readings: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
11:30 am Parishioners
5:30 pm Students

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

Readings: Josh 5:9a,10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
9:00 am Constance Arndt †
11:00 am St. Tom's Staff

***7 & 9 pm** *Schedule will return next week*

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** 7:00pm - Communal Penance Service, church

PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

Just One Opportunities at St. Tom's

Pray for those in need.

Details below.

This message brought to you by the Parish Pastoral Council.

Lenten Friday Prayer Service and Simple Suppers

On each Friday in Lent we will have a prayer service starting at 5:30PM, followed by a Simple Supper from 6-7 PM in Newman Hall. The theme for the prayer services is "Stations of the Cross". Various church groups will be hosting the Simple Suppers. The Host for March 12th is the Men of St. Toms, MoST. Please join us with your prayerful spirit, joyful smile and healthful appetite. All are welcome!

Baptismal Preparation

Are you an expectant parent or godparent? St. Tom's baptismal preparation program is for first time parents and godparents and consists of two sessions. The next set of classes will be held on Wednesday, March 17 and Wednesday, March 24 (both are required) from 6:00 – 7:00 pm downstairs at St. Tom's in Room 2. Call Eileen Strater at 743-4652 or e-mail eileen@boilercatholics.org for more information.

5RD SUNDAY OF LENT



February 13, 2010 - February 19, 2010

Total Cash Received.....	\$96,866
Sunday Collection.....	\$9,027
(RP-\$8,272 / Students-\$253 / Visitors-\$502)	
Haiti Earthquake Relief.....	\$56,074
Fruitful Harvest.....	\$2,500
Development	\$95
Total Cash Paid Out.....	\$3,731
YTD Cash Received	\$300,920
Sunday Collection.....	\$62,546
(RP-\$58,480 / Students-\$1,359 / Visitors-\$2,707)	
Haiti Earthquake Relief.....	\$96,873
Fruitful Harvest.....	\$54,183
Development	\$10,282
YTD Cash Paid Out	\$116,796

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

The Catholic Relief Services Collection

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection helps to fund six Catholic organizations that improve the quality of life and protect human dignity. Your gift will support agricultural development to strengthen economies and create food sustainability, provide outreach services to survivors of human trafficking, and supply pastoral care and advocacy for immigrants and refugees. By helping the marginalized and impoverished, you give hope to **Jesus** in disguise. Please be charitable in next week's Catholic Relief Services Collection.

Need some help? Want to talk?

Whether you are having a problem in your relationship or having financial struggles, we're here to listen every hour of every day.

Lafayette Crisis Center

- All services are free and confidential
- Contact us by phone: (765) 742 – 0244 or Dial 2-1-1
- Walk-in Service: 1244 N 15th Street in Lafayette
- Visit us online at www.lafayettecrisiscenter.org

Young Life

Do you have a desire to share your Catholic faith with Catholic high school students? Then the Central Catholic Young Life team is for you! We are a group of Catholic Purdue students who minister at the local Catholic high school. We focus on making relationships with kids and living out our faith in front of them, in their world. Our ministry includes Club (hanging out with kids), a planning meeting, attending sporting events, chaperoning dances, school lunches, and much more. For more information contact Ruby Behringer at rbehring@purdue.edu.

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:

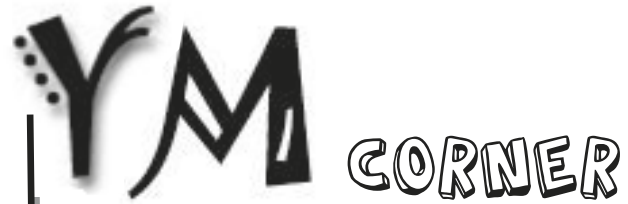
Hahn-Groeber Funeral Homes
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(765) 742-7873

We would like to thank all of our contributors (see the back of the bulletin!), for their generous and gracious support. Thank You!

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.



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@boilercatholics.org with any questions! We hope to see you there!

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

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 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 cards.

Family Promise Volunteer Training

Volunteer Training for those who have signed up to help with Family Promise but have not yet been through the training will be held at Dayton United Methodist Church on Monday, March 8 at 6:30 PM. Please call Jill Hostetler, Executive Director, at 838-3651 to register. If you have any questions, you may also call Steve Starks, parish coordinator, at 742-1188.

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 Hofer at (765)471-8734 or shofer@verizon.net for more information or to register.

John XXIII Center—Upcoming Events

March 13-Sat.-8:30AM-3:00PM- Women's Spa & Lenten Retreat Day-"How Does Your Garden Grow" Come and join other women for a day of renewal. Renew your body and your spirit as you listen to a main speaker, Sr. Cathy Ann Lepore,OSB choose a spa session-either hands, or shoulders, participate in a break-out session with a choice of various presenters. Sr. Christine Styka: "Sowing Seeds of Peace"; Lori Marquette: "Printing on Fabric" & Rev. Laura High: "Faith Grows in Darkness." The day includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Cost: \$25.00 by Feb. 19th, \$30.00 by March 5th and \$35.00 after March 5th.

March 20-Sat.-10:00am-4:00pm-"Creating Hope" A Retreat for Cancer Patients and for those who support them. This day will be an opportunity to use your Creative Talents. Make a book mark with water colors and share with other cancer patients. Led by Tina & John Gianfagna whose daughter started Creating Hope while receiving cancer treatment. Bring a sack lunch. This is funded by a grant. All cancer patients will receive a Creating Hope Kit. Register by March 17th.

For more info, call 765-348-4008 or 1-888-882-1391.

Listening to Women's Voices

Indiana Voices of Women (a local nonprofit organization committed to women learning to trust our voice, lead with our spirit, and gift the world with our wisdom) wants to hear your voice and to learn what it is like to find meaning as a woman in the Greater Lafayette community. Bring a friend and join in the conversation on one of the following dates:

Tue, Mar 9, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at YWCA, 605 N. 6th St., Lafayette

For more information call Barbara Kerkhoff at 765-418-3772 or contact indianavoicesofwomen@gmail.com.

STUDENTS & 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 website (www.purduecatholics.com), facebook fan page (Purdue Catholic Students), or e-mail me at mpaparie@purdue.edu. Pace (Peace)!

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.



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

Purdue Catholic Students

"Embrace the Tide!" on the Purdue Christ Encounter (PCE) Retreat, April 9-11th. The PCE Retreat is designed and led by Purdue students for Purdue students. PCE offers you a time away from campus to learn more about yourself, your faith, and other Purdue Catholic Students. Registration available online! <http://www.boilercatholics.org/PCE>.

Annual Masquerade Ball!

You are cordially invited to the annual Purdue Catholic Students semiformal! Saturday, March 27, 2010, 7-10 pm in Newman Hall of St. Thomas Aquinas. Tickets are \$5.00 and go on sale this weekend!



Thinking About Becoming Catholic?

Or, do you know someone who would like information about becoming Catholic? Inquiry and information sessions for the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) are Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Call the office for information, or email Eileen Strater at: eileen@boilercatholics.org.

Vocation Information

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

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