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The Catholic
Center at Purdue

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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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MARCH 28, 2010 • PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

IN OUR PARISH



There are not enough palm trees in the world for all the Christians to have palms. So in many parts of the world evergreen, olive and flowering branches are used. Here in the U.S.

blades of swamp grass are used as palms. It doesn't matter. They are symbols welcoming Jesus as the Son of David and the King of the Jews.

In the readings we hear the excitement of the people on that original Palm Sunday. They are hoping for their version of a triumphant king to expel Rome from Jerusalem and restore the Kingdom of Israel to them, God's chosen people. But it was their version of what the messiah was to be, not God's. By the end of the week, the people were disillusioned, and since they did not receive immediate gratification of their expectations, their shouts of praise changed to crucify Him!

Every year during Lent most of us have high hopes, plans to do better. The realities of daily life, the passing of time and our own sinfulness and pride often wear down these good intentions. Our cries of praise may turn sour. It can easily become a cycle that never goes anywhere. However, this week is about the ultimate triumph of God over evil, grace over sin and life over death. It is a solemn week, but one filled with hope in Jesus, who is our salvation.

I want to mention exceptions that I experienced during spring break. I was privileged to be with 55 Purdue students who put their good intentions to the test. There were no sour notes. They got involved in a cycle that took them out of themselves to be the face of Christ to the people of New Orleans who are clearly elated over the Super Bowl win, and yet still reeling from the effects of Hurricane Katrina. In these young people they saw the hope we are all to exemplify.

As we leave the church in silence today, may our hearts sing. May the solemnity be turned into celebration, and may God's redemptive grace raise up new leaves, new life from the ashes of our past.

Fr. Patrick, O.P.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

Readings: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56
9:00 am William Breiner †
11:00 am Paul Grover †
7:00 pm Conor Frailey
9:00 pm Students

MONDAY, MARCH 29

Readings: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
11:30 am Parishioners
5:30 pm Jennie Thomas †

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

Readings: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
11:30 am Staff
5:30 pm Mary Josephine Pernia †

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

Readings: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
11:30 am Bishop Raymond Gallagher †
9:00 pm Brother Joseph Fussner

THURSDAY, APRIL 1 HOLY THURSDAY

Readings: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
7:00 pm Jackie Bender †

FRIDAY, APRIL 2 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Readings: Is 52:13-53:12/Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42
3:00 pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 3 EASTER VIGIL

Readings: Gn 1:1-2:2/GN 22:1-18/ EX 14:15-15:1/
Is. 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/ Bar 3:9-15, 32c-4:4/
Lk 24:1-12
8:30 pm Dominicans

SUNDAY, APRIL 4 EASTER †

Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4/Lk 24:1-12
9:00 am Constance Arndt
11:00 am Helena & Mietek Grochulski
7:00 pm Rev. Brian Doerr
9:00 pm Vocations

Liturgy of the Hours

Held in Baptistry. 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

3:30 pm Individual Reconciliation

Upcoming Activities

SUNDAY, March 28

- 10:00 am Community Garden Meeting, Lg. Conf. Rm.
- 5:30 pm Sunday Dinner, Newman Hall

MONDAY, March 29

- 5:30 pm Meditation & Centering Prayer, Rm. 3
- 7:00 pm Music Rehearsal, Church, Rms. 2-4
- 8:30 pm Easter Vigil Music Rehearsal, Church
- 7:00 pm Faith Sharing Rm. 4
- 9:00 pm Rosary, Church

TUESDAY, March 30

- 6:00 pm Life Guide Meeting, Newman Hall, T. More
- 7:00 pm Music Rehearsal for Holy Thursday, Church
- 8:30 pm Music Rehearsal for Good Friday, Church
- 7:00 pm RCIA, Rm. 3
- 7:00 pm OA, Rm. 5
- 7:00 pm Inquiry, Rm. 2
- 7:00 pm Just Faith, T. More

WEDNESDAY, March 31

- 4:00 pm Adult Confirmation Class, Rm. 6
- 6:00 pm Rehearsal (Adam and Eve Play), Newman Hall
- 7:00 pm PCGS Potluck
- 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, April 1

- 5:45 pm Choir Warm-up, Church

FRIDAY, April 2

- 1:45 pm Choir Warm-up, Church
- 7:00 pm Catholic Truth League, Newman Hall, T. More

SATURDAY, April 3

- RCIA Retreat*
- 9:30 am Dominican Laity, Rm. 4
- 7:00 pm Choir Warm-up, Church

SUNDAY, April 4

- 5:30 pm Sunday Dinner, Newman Hall

MONDAY, April 5

- 5:30 pm Meditation & Centering Prayer, Rm. 3
- 7:00 pm Faith Sharing, Rm. 4
- 9:00 pm Rosary, Church

TUESDAY, April 6

- 6:00 pm LifeGuide Meeting, Newman Hall, T. More
- 7:00 pm Inquiry, Rm. 2
- 7:00 pm O.A., Rm. 5
- 7:00 pm RCIA, Rm. 3
- 7:00 pm Just Faith, T. More
- 7:30 pm Theology on Tap Core Group, Augustine Rm.
- 8:00 pm Bible Study-Fr. Brian Doerr, Newman Hall
- 9:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration, Church

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

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: (_____) _____

Just One

Spend 15 minutes each day this week reading scripture.

This message brought to you in Celebration of the Year for Priests.

Battle of the Praise Bands

Join us for the Battle of the Praise Bands on April 17, 2010 12:00 p.m. Covenant Church, West Lafayette, IN

Do you enjoy relaxing afternoons with your family, while listening to some great music? Then come out on Saturday, April 17 and support Family Promise, a non-profit organization that dedicates its time to helping families in need. They will be hosting a 'Battle of the Praise Bands' from noon - 6pm. There will be a \$2.00 entrance fee while children 10 and under get in for free. Food will be available for a small price and donations will be greatly appreciated! You'll never find such a great group of Praise Bands together performing on the same day again!

Performing Bands are:

- The Celebration Band of Central Presbyterian
- St. Thomas Aquinas' Praise Band
- The Mustard Seeds of St. Andrew United Methodist
- Otterbein United Methodist Church Praise Band
- Dayton United Methodist Justin Pascal Band

If you have questions, contact Becky Fry, at dbj4715@aol.com.

March 06, 2010 - March 12, 2010

Total Cash Received	\$16,742
<i>Sunday Collection</i>	\$9,733
<i>(RP-\$8,840 / Students-\$274 / Visitors-\$619)</i>	
<i>Haiti Earthquake Relief</i>	\$1,600
<i>Fruitful Harvest</i>	\$0
<i>Development</i>	\$190
Total Cash Paid Out	\$49,213
YTD Cash Received	\$377,545
<i>Sunday Collection</i>	\$103,262
<i>(RP-\$96,310 online included/Students-\$2,491 / Visitors-\$4,461)</i>	
<i>Haiti Earthquake Relief</i>	\$108,189
<i>Fruitful Harvest</i>	\$54,183
<i>Development</i>	\$19,408
YTD Cash Paid Out	\$248,389

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

Holy Thursday towels for LUM

Please bring in some towels for the foot washing on Holy Thursday. After using them for our liturgy, they will be washed and donated to Lafayette Urban Ministries.

Update March Trip to Baudin, Haiti

Rob Pahl, John Ginda and Patrick O'Brien (St. Tom's and Purdue graduate - structural engineer) visited Fr. Camy's parish in Baudin on March 6-11.

The primary purpose was to inspect all the parish churches, schools, rectories and clinics to determine what was safe to use, what to repair and what was unsafe. Fr. Camy has 1 parish church and 6 chapel churches plus 5 schools. Unfortunately 3 churches were destroyed, 2 churches need repair and 2 schools were destroyed. The medical and dental clinics are safe to use immediately and we predict that the rectory where all mission trips sleep and eat can be repaired, but the damage is significant. We'll meet with Purdue Civil Engineering professors to share drawings, photographs and corrective actions. The generous contributions from St. Tom's will be used to begin rebuilding Father's parish buildings, but additional funds will be necessary. Fr Camy's priority is church repair in Baudin since the damage appears to be relatively minor and the building can be multi-purposed while plans for the 8,000 square foot secondary school are developed. One school is under repair! Schools are scheduled to begin April 5th with in some tents donated by Catholic Relief Services. We are blessed that no serious injuries occurred to people located in Baudin during the quake.

Blessing of the Easter Baskets

There is a tradition in the Polish Community of blessing the Easter meal or "Swieconka". Families carry the whole meal into the church to be blessed by the priest the day before Easter. This is done to give thanks to God for all the gifts God has bestowed on the family and with hope that they will continue to be blessed by God's goodness and mercy. This delightful ritual can be enjoyed by all by bringing your Easter meal into St. Toms for a blessing on **Easter Vigil morning** at 11:30am.

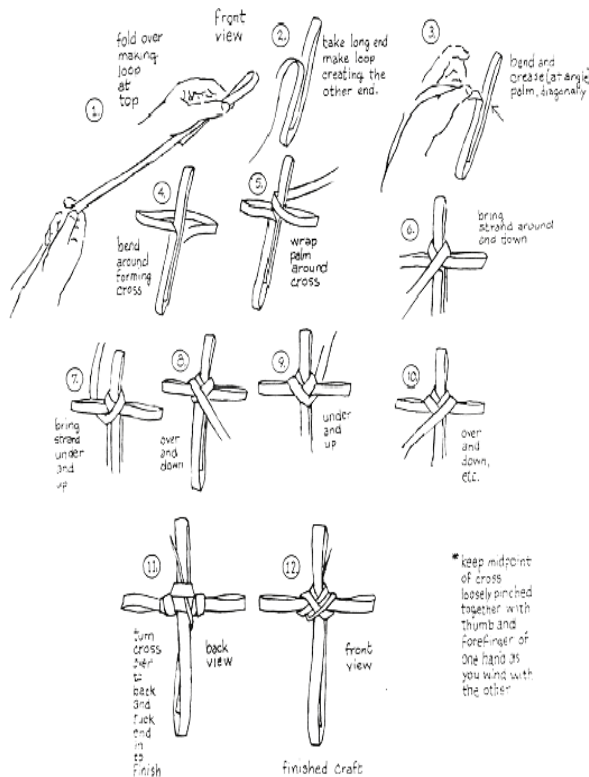
Spotlight On...

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

Lafayette Interior Fashions
3000 Klondike Rd
West Lafayette, IN 47906
765-497-0555

Family Tip of the Week

How to Make a Palm Cross



EASTER VIGIL RECEPTION

Help is needed to welcome new Catholics into our faith community with the traditional reception following the Easter Vigil celebration that will be held this year on **April 3**. We will need many dozens of cookies, brownies, veggies & dip, cheese & crackers; any kind of finger-foods. Please call the office or e-mail Eileen Strater: eileen@boilercatholics.org to volunteer to bring treats for the Easter Vigil Reception.

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.

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.

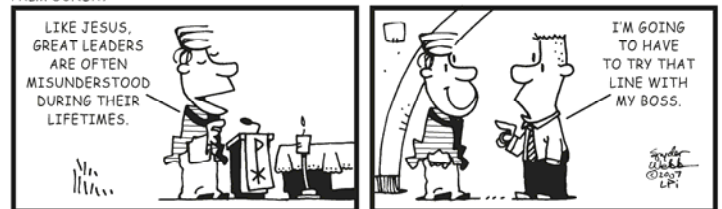
Chicago-based Show coming to area

All Saints Catholic School in Logansport is hosting a traveling Chicago based show "Lake Nite Catechism: Sister Strikes Again!" This comedy will be at the McHale Performing Arts Center in Logansport on **April 24th** at 7PM. Tickets may be purchased by calling All Saints Catholic School at 574-753-3410 or online at www.entertainmentevents.com.

Good Friday Simple Supper

Keeping it simple: Soup or simple fare pitch in Friday, April 2nd. Bring an easy dish, bread or soup to share at 5:30 pm. All are welcome!

PALM SUNDAY



Matrix Lifeline Seeking Director

This Christ-centered Pregnancy Center is seeking a visionary Executive Director. Matrix offers alternatives to men and women considering abortion by providing education and support before, during and after pregnancy. Demonstrated development and management skills preferred. Salary negotiable. Direct questions and resumes by April 3rd to MatrixSearch@me.com.

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!

Simple Supper Pitchin : 5:30PM

Catholic Truth League: 7PM in the Thomas More Room

SATURDAY:

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

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@ 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!



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>.

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If you are interested in religious life,
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