



# March 14, 2010 4th Sunday of Lent Parish of St. Michael

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## ***Simply Putting It...***

***Hello God! My name is...*** I am not really an avid mystery reader, but last year at this time when I was on sabbatical, the lounge at the North American College in Rome had a variety of books that priests who had been on sabbatical before me left for others to read. (It is easier to leave books there rather than pack them up for the flight home.) One day I picked up a novel entitled *A Taste For Death*. It was written by a British author, and the novel is about a man who had some sort of mysterious religious experience, resigned his position as a member of parliament and minister of state, and was murdered while spending the night in the church in which he had earlier "met God." All through the novel runs this question, "What happened when he met God?" It got me thinking. It is not just mystery writers who cannot understand religious experience; it's almost all of us. As we know there is a lot of division and confusion about religion and religions. There are also many good people doing wonderful things all over our world who never make the news but are motivated by their encounter with God. What does it mean to meet God?

The Bible gives us quite a few examples; like Zaccheus. Here's a man who apparently wasn't religious but has a curiosity about religion or at least a religious person like Jesus. That's why he climbed the tree. Sometimes when I reflect upon this scene things come into my mind. He must have been a fairly young man in order to climb a tree, he must not have had too much pride else he would not have run the risk of appearing ridiculous if caught. But Jesus passes by and far from either laughing at him or holding him up for ridicule, he urges Zaccheus to come down and have lunch with him. The Bible and Christian experience tell us that when we meet God, when we confront Jesus honestly, we are forgiven and given a new outlook on life.

If our religious experience of meeting God is to have meaning it will result in a new perspective in at least four dimensions: a new view of self, a new view of God, a new view of other people, and a new view of life itself.

***A new view of self...*** Theologians and spiritual writers insist that the basis of a religious experience with power is the simple realization that God loves you and me. One brilliant theologian summed up his theology in a sentence. He quoted the children's hymn: "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so." God loves each of us, not for our money, our standing in the community, our influence. God loves us because God made us and we belong to God. I remember reading the incident of a black mother who held her child upon her shoulder above the crowd as Abraham Lincoln's funeral train passed by, and said "Take a good look, he set you free!" That is what God has done to us through the cross of Christ.

***A new view of God...*** For us as Christians when we meet Jesus we meet God. God is, in eternity, what Jesus was in His thirty some years on this earth. I never cease to be amazed at some people's image of God—fearing God would cast little children into hell; seeing God as a killjoy—Jesus said that when we've seen Him we've seen the Father.

***A new view of other people...*** Rhonda Kelsey our youth director used the story once of two angels looking down from heaven and watching the redemption drama unfold. As they watched the resurrection and the forty days of appearances and then saw Jesus ascend, one angel said to the other, "You mean He's leaving the spread of the Gospel to that little band of believers?" "Yes." "But what if they fail?" "He has no plan B." The more years I spend in ministry the more I realize that all of us are broken. The tragic truth is that lonely, broken people do not wear signs. They are disguised as ordinary folks. That is why we need this community of faith because "out in the highways and by-ways of life, many are weary and sad—carry the sunshine where darkness is rife, making the sorrowing glad."

***A new view of life...*** Again after spending over three decades in the priesthood I have seen too many people live long and aimless lives, and I also see too many people die as children or teenagers, to think that the meaning of life is in its length. The meaning in life on the earth, whether it be one second or one hundred years, lies in the spiritual decisions we make. We don't want to get caught up in all the material things of this life. We know that this world is not all, by a long shot.

There are lots of criteria which are used to measure our worth as individuals. Some even have calculated that if the minerals were extracted from the human body they are worth less than a dollar. But we know that we are worth more than the sum total of the mineral content contained in our physical bodies. Some periodicals publish the list of the wealthiest people in the world. Some are considered worthy because of their great athletic or acting abilities. They can win the "most valuable player" or "best actor award." As I think about it, I know something of the worth of those people who have been a positive influence on my life. Who can measure the worth of my Mom and Dad, or a number of great priests and sisters who have touched my life? Who can measure the worth of my best friend? Our faith reminds us again and again that our true worth is not determined by our human achievements, but by our relationship with our Lord. True worth is based on the Godly influence we have on the people around us. What does it mean to meet God? As one plaque on my book shelf states, "Working for the Lord doesn't pay much but the retirement plan is out of this world!" That's even better than a good mystery novel.

***Make it a great week.*** clc

# St. Michael Parish News

**CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPEAL—2010.** Thank you to those who have responded so generously and have returned their pledge cards. Please take time to prayerfully consider your gift for this year and pray for the success of this year's appeal. Our efforts will enable all members of our diocesan Church to join in glorifying our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Lighthouse Catholic Media Kiosk** Check out the kiosk in the back of the church for CD's about the Catholic Faith. This week's featured CD is, **Finding the Fullness of Faith - Stephen Ray** Stephen Ray was raised in a devout, loving, Baptist family. Since his conversion to the Catholic Faith, he has become an international speaker and is the author of three best-selling books, Crossing the Tiber, Upon this Rock, and St. John's Gospel. He shares with us his amazing conversion to Catholicism and explains why he is convinced this is the Church founded by Christ over 2000 years ago. "Fantastic!! This is absolutely the one CD everyone should start with ... it is persuasive, informative, and highly valuable in educating Catholics and non-Catholics about Catholicism! I will order many and give them to family and friends." Susan - Land O Lakes, FL "This put into words everything I want to tell my friends about my faith but cannot remember when the time is right. Thank you!" Jane - Bourbonnais, IL "Steve Ray's conversion story is powerful - a wake-up call to "cradle Catholics" to cherish the faith we so often take for granted." Marianne - Youngstown, OH "I am a Protestant about to begin RCIA. This helped to clarify a number of questions and to affirm my decision to explore the Catholic Faith." Sharon - Chicago, IL

What is purpose of the tabernacle? The tabernacle is found in every Catholic church: it is the place where the Eucharist is reserved after Holy Communion so that the faithful may come into the church and pray to Jesus. The purpose of the Eucharist is for us to receive Jesus -- "comm-union" -- but early in Church history some Communion was kept after Mass to bring to the sick. With the development of this practice came a need for a sacred vessel in which to reserve the Eucharist until He was brought to the ill and infirm: this vessel is the tabernacle. The practice then developed of perpetually reserving the Eucharist in the tabernacle so that the faithful could always visit Our Lord therein.

**SURVEYS**—Remember to drop your survey off in the Parish Office or in the collection basket, if you have not already done so. You may also fill it out online, there's a link on the home page of the parish website! Thanks for the great response thus far!

## Tuesday Lenten Soup Supper

Join us for 5:30 pm Mass and stay for delicious soup.

We begin serving about 6:00 pm.

Soups for Tuesday March 16th are:

Chili & Chicken Noodle

## FRIDAY MASS FOR SENIORS

March 26th Mass at 10 am in the Chapel with the Sacrament of Anointing. Join us in the Commons afterward for coffee & desserts. Our wonderful kindergartners will also share their talents with us!

**R.C.I.A. welcomes ALL who want to learn more about our Catholic faith.**

Sunday evenings at 7:15 in the Multi-Purpose Room (Entrance 'F')

This week: The Right to Life

Next Week: The Sacrament of Reconciliation

No need to register—Just come!

March is our month to fill the shelves at the **Food Pantry.**

Help is needed now, more than ever. Please help us fill our shopping cart in the Commons with non-perishable groceries and personal hygiene items. Thank you.



## Daily readings: March 15-21, 2010

Mon.	Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54
Tues.	Ezekiel 47:1-9,12; John 5:1-16
Wed.	Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30
Thur.	Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47
Fri.	2 Samuel 7:4-5a,12-14a,16; Romans 4:13,16-18,22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Sat.	Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53
Sun.	Isaiah 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; John 8:1-11



Sunday Morning  
EXTRA!!

Coming March 21st

Did you know that . . .

## God is revealed in the human person?

Come to this presentation by **Deacon John** on one of the most beautiful teachings of our Catholic faith.

Enjoy **Coffee & Donuts, Relax & Learn**

Come right after the 8:00 or 9:30 Mass to

the Oxford Room ( Entrance B )

Contact Sylvia in the office if you would like child care to be provided during the presentation.

**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR BAKERS FOR HELPING OUT WITH RECENT EVENTS—PLEASE REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR PANS!!**

Holy Week will be here before we know it, in just two weeks! If you are a **weekend volunteer** and you will be here for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Vigil on Saturday and/or any of the Masses on Easter Sunday, please prayerfully consider serving in your ministries. Sign up sheets will be in the Commons beginning next weekend. **Thank you!**



# Youth Happenin's CAFÉ

April Café youth group event will be held on  
**Wednesday, April 7th** 6:30-8:00 pm  
in St. Michael Gym.

**We will continue the Easter celebration!**  
**ATTENTION**

## Jr. High and High School Young Men, The Story can't be told without you!

We need readers, behind the scenes helpers and actors for our Jr. High and High School Presentation of the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 2nd. Sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board for an opportunity to grow in faith and walk the walk Jesus took for our sins!



*Please remember in your prayers:*

*Nick Hennings, son of Mark & Deb  
Lucille Wolter, mother of Deb Mell*

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT @ 5:30 PM**

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**47th Annual Epiphany Sausage Supper** Sunday, March 14th, Epiphany Parish Hall Serving: 3-7pm

**Program for Parents:** Sat., March 20th 9:30-1 pm. Dr. Thomas Phelan will present via DVD his '1-2-3 Magic Program for Parents of Ages 2-12'. For more info or to register call 988-3775.

**Life in the Spirit Seminar** at St. Lambert March 26-27. Cost is \$20 includes Sat. lunch & supper. For info call Joan at 332-9009.

**SFCS takes it to the court at the Skyforce Game** on Friday, March 26. OG student groups perform and SFCS students join in fan tunnel! Call the Development Office for tickets 336-6354.

**St. Lambert Fish Fry** Friday, March 19th 5-7 pm. Free will.

**SFCS Shamrock Run** Sat., March 27th at OGHs. There is a 5k race and a 2 mile fun run/walk for all ages. Call 336-6354 for registration info.

**Admin Assistant:** Full time/seasonal for St Katharine Drexel School. Provide administrative, clerical, and support. Call 575-3350 for info.

**LOST A LOVED ONE?** Need help finding your way through grief? Want to help others through their grief? Seminar by author, educator, grief counselor Dr. Alan Wolfelt on Thursday, April 8th at 7 pm at SF Convention Center. Friday, April 9th there will be an all day workshop for caregivers of bereaved. Call 988-3775 for registration material.

**ALL YOUNG ADULTS** (20s-40s) Celebrate Spring Gathering - Sat, March 20th, 6:30-10 p.m. Join with other young adults at 2600 S. Center Avenue for an evening of food and friendship. Bring a snack to share. For more details call Aleta or Mark 338-3630. Sponsored by Catholic Spirit.

**Bread for the World's** free Spring Workshop, "Bridging the Gap, Addressing the Struggle of Low-Income Workers to Make Ends Meet" Sat., March 20th 9am-noon Our Saviors Lutheran- 33rd & Summit.

**Lenten Day of Reflection** "The Meaning of Holy Week" Sat., March 27th 9-1 pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe. All are invited.

**Legion of Mary** annual gathering at Holy Spirit Sat., March 27th. Lunch at 1 pm, dedication to Our Blessed Mother at 2 pm. Msgr Mangan of the Marian Apostolate will give the Legion homily. All welcome.

**CDA Court St. Christina Salad Luncheon** March 27 at St. Nicholas in Tea 11:30-3pm \$7 per person. Contact Linda 605-647-5687.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

March Schedule is as follows; Wednesday, March 17th and 24th normal class schedules.

**Post-Confirmation class for those Confirmed this past January—this Sunday, March 14th 4-6 pm in the MPR**

**EUCHARISTIC FAIR VOLUNTEERS**—We are in need of volunteers for the Saturday, March 27th Eucharistic Fair. Volunteers are needed from 8:45 AM to 11:15 AM. Contact Jackie—361-1600 ext. 209/jackie@stmichaelsfsd.org.

**EUCHARISTIC FAIR**-Saturday, March 27th, 9-11 am. This is a mandatory meeting for all children receiving the Sacrament of 1st Communion. Children must be accompanied by a parent. Completed preparation booklets are due on Sat, March 27th.

### SCHOOL NEWS

Monday March 15, 7:00 SFO Meeting

Friday March 19, No School

**St. Michael School Lenten Project "Kids Helping Kids in Haiti"** We are making hygiene kits and are still in need of nail clippers and nail brushes. We will be collecting items until Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your help!

### KC'S FRIDAY FISH FRY

Friday, March 19th at St. Michael's  
Following Stations of the Cross @ 5:30 pm



### LOOKING FOR SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR LENT?

Sioux Falls Koinonia #32- March 19-21, 2010

—A wonderful Retreat Opportunity—

Call Anne at 361-1600 X206 for information.

(Applications are in the racks in the Commons)

The Small Christian Core Group (SCC) will meet on **Tuesday, March 16th** at 8:30 pm in the Fireside Room to lift up the Parish needs in prayer. Each month we hold up in prayer the needs that have been placed into the basket in the west entrance. All are invited to join us – to pray for the needs of our parish!

### Light of the World Retreat #6

The team wants to say

### THANK YOU, THANK YOU

to all who contributed "goodies", time, and talents that made this weekend retreat so awesome!!

19 new members joined the over 125!!

## Thank you!!

*To all who joined us at our Parish Dinner. We made \$2500 towards our Mission Trip!... We want to especially thank, Pat Siemonsma for making the pork loin, it was simply the best!...To all of our salad and dessert makers, the variety available made sure there was something for everyone!... And to the volunteer workers who planned and supervised, thanks for your guidance!*

## Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of March 20/21, 2010

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday & Tuesday 5:30 pm  
Wednesday - Saturday 8:15 am

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm  
Sunday 8:00-9:30-11:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Supervised Nursery at  
9:30 & 11am Masses  
Nursery open for all Masses

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday & Tuesday 5:00 pm  
Thursday 7:45 am  
Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 pm

### BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

First Thursday of month at 7:00 pm

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Begin 6 months ahead by appointment

### OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays - 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

### ADORATION OF THE

### BLESSED SACRAMENT

\*Can you spend one hour with me in prayer? Call  
361-1600 to sign up

# THIS WEEK

### Monday, March 15

Bible Study 10:15 am  
Life Chain Link PP Noon  
Confessions 5:00 pm  
Mass 5:30 pm Margaret Busch(d)  
SFO 7:00 pm

### Tues., March 16

Finance Council 6:45 am  
Confessions 5:00 pm  
Mass 5:30 pm Dr. Jeff Wheeler(d)  
Soup Supper 6:00 pm  
Book Study 6:30 pm  
Social Ministry Mtg 7:00 pm  
SCC 8:30 pm

### Wed., March 17

Mass 8:15 am St. Michael Staff  
RE Classes 5:30 & 7 pm  
Good News 8 pm

### Thurs., March 18

Confessions 7:45 am  
Mass 8:15 am Pat Cogley (d)  
Gym Leagues 7:00 pm  
Adult Choir 7:00 pm

### Friday, March 19

Mass 8:15 am Dennis Wagner (d)  
Stations of Cross 5:30 pm  
Fish Fry 6:00 pm

### Sat., March 20

Mass 8:15 am Anna Soukup (d)  
Confessions 3:00 pm  
Mass 4:00 pm Rosemary McMahon(d)

### Sun., March 21

Mass 8:00 am Dave Dedrick (d)  
Sunday Morning EXTRA 9 & 10:30 am  
Mass 9:30 am For the People  
Mass 11:00 am Rita Wiese (d)  
Mass 6:00 pm Michelle Walker (d)  
RCIA 7:15 pm

	Sat. 4:00 pm	Sun. 8:00 am	Sun. 9:30 am	Sun. 11:00 am	Sun. 6:00 pm
<b>Altar Servers</b>	St. Michael School St. Michael School	Sam Burnison Nathan Brady	Morgan Koller Carley Schumacher	Kyle Clement Jamie Benedict	Kaleb Overman Claire Washenberger
<b>Book</b>	St. Michael School	Abbie Wilke	Erica Schumacher	Rachel Hickman	Kate Washenberger
<b>Bus</b>	Tanner Hilger				
<b>Lectors</b>	St. Michael School St. Michael School	Shirley Lorenz Nancy Schulte	Phil Duchscher Scott Early	Sonia Coleman Diane Lyons	Jill Stehly Mike Clark
<b>E.M.E.</b>	<b>Cup Bearer:</b> <i>Shelly Kosiak</i> Darlene Cogley Paul Harris Carla Reding Don Kosiak Daryl Thuringer Sharon Cool ---?--- ---?--- ---?---	<b>Cup Bearer:</b> <i>Kay Scharf</i> Jeannie Williams Randy Hohn Deacon John Devlin Zach Williams Jerry Delker Debbie Schulte Pat Cordell	<b>Cup Bearer:</b> <i>Julie Early</i> Pat Seiner Denny Seiner Mary Beth Anderson Miranda Arnold Mary Jo Martin Frank Ahartz Wendy Klein Jordan Arnold Butch Martin	<b>Cup Bearer:</b> <i>Dennis Schulte</i> Sonia Coleman Mike Bornitz Dena Espenscheid Jerry Priebe Wayne Mc Fall Cheri Breittling Denise Clement Diane Lyons Ruth Benedict	<b>Cup Bearer:</b> <i>Shirlee Hanson</i> Mike Clark Cami Fitzgerald Meggie Jervik Dan Barrett Dave Johnson Denise Schwabauer Sheila Rust Dianne Wingen ---?---
<b>Sacristan</b>	Sharon Cool	Pat Cordell	Butch Martin	Ruth Benedict	Dianne Wingen
<b>E.M.E.</b>		<u>Good Samaritan</u> Marlene Miller	<u>Covington</u> Cheri Breittling	<u>Sunnycrest</u> Mark Loneman	
<b>Gifts</b>	St. Michael School	Jerry Delker	Dan Klein	Lori Hofer	Sheila Rust
<b>Greeters</b>	St. Michael School St. Michael School	Randy Hohn Sharon Verville	Pat Seiner Frank Ahartz	Wayne McFall Lisa Vognild	Jeannie Johnson Lisa Kolb
<b>Receptionist</b>	2:30-4:00 pm Thelma Kock	7:30-9:15 am Sharon Story	9:30-11:00 am Maria Jung		
<b>Rosary</b>	Michelle Foy				
<b>SFCS Cert.</b>	Merri Hohn Anita Thuringer	Debbie McEneaney Jean Lipetzky	Betsy Weber Mary Beth Anderson	Dana Priebe Jerry Priebe	Brenda Burton Kathy Junker
<b>Ushers</b>	Chuck Nolz Brian Kerfeld Betty Ordal ---?---	<b>John Maguire</b> Steve Gaspar Gene Vognild Mike Escher	Brad Erickson Daryl Wagner Mark Quissell ---?---	Ray Grismer Chuck Fejfar Keith Kelsey ---?---	<b>Lyle Krejci</b> <b>Cheri Krejci</b> Soctt Wingen ---?---

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*If you would like to honor the memory of a loved one or commemorate a special occasion by contributing to the flowers that decorate the church for Easter, Please put your contribution in a separate envelope marked 'Easter Flowers' and place in the Sunday collection or bring to the parish office.*

