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Deacon's Digest

Resenting, returning and reconciling

In last Sunday's Gospel we heard the familiar story of the Prodigal Son. Jesus told this parable to the people because he is in the company of tax collectors, sinners, Pharisees and scribes. He knows that each of these groups will be able to relate to at least one of the three main characters in the story; the younger son, the father, or the older son. Each of them represents positive and/or negative attributes familiar to most people.

The younger son's story is one that most of us can relate to. Many of us have learned faith and a way of "right living" from our parents and from our Church but at some point we decide it's not for us. Like the young man in the parable, we decide to throw off the teachings of the past and go find out what the world is really like. We might not experience poverty and hunger like he did but eventually most of us find out that living without God, without a connection to the past and without a moral compass, doesn't work out too well. At some point, we desire a return to the life we thought was too boring and too restricted.

The other person in the parable that should be familiar to us is the older son. When his younger brother comes back home, he is angry and resentful. After all, he has been loyal and has never run away to squander the gifts of the father. He has trouble understanding why his dad would allow this "sinner" back into the family. His resentment turns into a sin that is more difficult to overcome than anything his younger brother did because it actually goes deep into his inner being. Have you ever had that experience? I have three brothers and one sister. My dad was very strict with me and two of my brothers, but he wasn't with my sister or my youngest brother. I became resentful of my brother since he seemed to be getting off so easy. The same thing can happen in our Church. When people who have been away from the faith for a long time come back, it can be tempting to resent them. Why should they be allowed the same grace and benefits as those of us who have never left? When people came to Jesus in need of healing and forgiveness who weren't even disciples, He did not require them to swear an oath of allegiance. He treated them with tenderness, knowing that love and mercy would go a lot further than condemnation and judgment.

The forgiving and loving father is the most compelling figure in the parable. He welcomes back his son with

open arms and with great rejoicing. His unconditional love and forgiveness are inspiring, even if they are misunderstood by the older brother.

I believe we are all called to be more like this man. He may have been tempted to give his son a long lecture about the foolish decisions that had been made, but somehow he knew how ineffective that would be. He may have even been tempted to send him away because of all the hurt and pain he had caused, but he knew that would just cause more of the same. Instead, he puts aside anger and judgment and reconciles with his repentant son.

That is the way God treats us. Regardless of what we have done, if we come back to Him with a contrite and humble heart, He will receive us with total love and complete forgiveness. His desire is always for communion with each and every human being.

That is why we have the sacrament of Reconciliation. This sacrament was established by Jesus Christ for us. Through the prayers, confession of sins, and the absolution given, the grace of God enters our beings and sanctifies us. Jesus knew that each and everyone of us had too much of both of the sons represented in the parable. He knew that we would be tempted in life to turn away from him and follow our own path and he wanted us to have a way back to Him. Jesus also knew that there were many people listening to Him who were resentful and unforgiving like the older brother. They also needed the grace and mercy of God to overcome their anger and self-righteousness.

Whichever character you best relate to in this parable, take time prior to Easter and get yourself to Confession. Take the road to reconciliation that God paved for us. There are many opportunities coming up – don't miss out!



Sunday Morning EXTRA!
TODAY!!

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)

St. Michael Parish News

CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPEAL—2010. Thank you to those who have responded so generously and have returned their pledge cards. Letters will be mailed this week to those who have not yet responded. Please take time to prayerfully consider your gift for this year. If you cannot pledge at this time, please return your card 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 Lighthouse Catholic Media: Be sure to check the kiosk weekly for new CD titles. This week's featured CD is about learning God's will for your life...please proceed with caution...it could change your life! **Becoming The Best Version of Yourself: Living Every Day with Passion & Purpose - Matthew Kelly**

Matthew Kelly possesses a powerful ability to combine the ageless tool of storytelling with a profound understanding of today's culture and the common yearnings of the human heart. He shows us how to see the challenges in our everyday lives in a new light. He will help elevate and energize you to pursue the highest values of the human spirit and become the best version of yourself. "OUTSTANDING!!! This timely presentation was filled with truth & presented in a way that was easy to identify with and understand." Anne - Youngstown, OH "I found this talk to be life-changing ... and I'm not easily impressed! Fundamental truths are conveyed in a clear, effective manner." Gary - Zuni, NM "We never realized how relevant some of the oldest teachings are to our modern lives. As a result, my wife and I have been changed!" Jason - Los Angeles, CA

What is a narthex? The narthex is the vestibule which leads from the outer doors into the main part of the church (the nave). It is a place of transition from the secular realm into the sacred. Just as we transition spiritually as we enter a church for Mass—moving from the thoughts and concerns of our everyday life into a place of prayer and worship—so too do we transition physically, moving from outside, through the narthex, and into the nave.

SURVEYS—We are in the process of tabulating the surveys and will let you know the outcome soon. Thank you for the great response!

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 Sacrament of Reconciliation

Next Week: The Meaning of Holy Week

No need to register—Just come!

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 23rd are:
California Medley & Chicken with Rice

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!

Daily readings: March 22-28, 2010

Mon.	Daniel 13:41c-62; John 8:1-11
Tues.	Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30
Wed.	Daniel 3:14-20,91-92,95; John 8:31-42
Thur.	Isaiah 7:10-14;8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38
Fri.	Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42
Sat.	Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56
Sun.	Isaiah 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

PLEASE, many volunteers—young and old—are needed for HOLY WEEK liturgies!

(Sign up sheets are in the Commons)

Altar servers & book bearers (especially older ones), E.M.E.'s, sacristans, gift bearers, greeters, lectors, ushers, nursery workers, **and others (see below)**, please sign up or call the parish office.

Special Notes

- ◆ **Ushers** Please plan ahead and sign up. Your ministry is so important during these holy days when we have so many guests.
- ◆ **Foot Washing** on Holy Thursday No one wants to have a priest wash their feet! But they (the priests) are acting as Jesus. At the Last Supper, when it was Peter's turn to have his feet washed, he refused. Jesus' reply? "Unless I wash you, you will have no inheritance with me." **We would like people who have never done it before to consider signing up.** (Please note: A child must be accompanied by an adult, who is also participating.)
- ◆ **People to help hold crosses on Good Friday** High school youth & adults. **Attendance at rehearsal is encouraged** (4:00 p.m. on Good Fri.).
- ◆ **Older Altar Servers & Book/Cross Bearers** for Holy Thursday, Good Friday & the Easter Vigil We need young people *at least 13 years old* to help with these more-involved liturgies. **Attendance at rehearsal is required** (4:00 p.m. for Holy Thursday and Good Friday, 2:00 p.m. for Holy Saturday). We will provide transportation, if needed.
- ◆ **Trained Servers & Book/Cross Bearers** of any age may help on Easter Sunday.
- ◆ **Easter Sunday Overflow Mass** at 9:45 in the Multi-Purpose Room. All volunteers are invited to a special ministry of service to our many guests on Easter morning by helping out at this Mass.
- ◆ **Nursery Workers** for Holy Thursday & Good Friday Services (We need one adult & one youth for each evening) We would be willing to pay for this service.
- ◆ **Put Easter Season worship aids into all the chair racks** after the vigil on Holy Saturday. Children could help with this!

Thank you and God bless you!

Youth Happenin's CAFE

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!

St. Michael Parish Jr. High and High School Youth, along with Morning Star, invite you to the Presentation of the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 2nd 12:15pm. Come, grow in faith and walk the walk Jesus took for our sins!



Sunday, April 18th 4-5:30 pm

The Post Confirmation class for those confirmed this past January will be held in the MPR. Come with ideas for continuing the journey, a name for the group, questions and/or topics you want to discuss and be ready to play mat ball.



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.

Please remember in your prayers:

David Lee, son of Joanne Schwans

Brett Beuckens, son of Francis & Rosemary

Lester Kappenman, brother-in-law of Myrna

Headrick and Eileen McDonald, uncle of Ken Headrick

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT @ 5:30 PM

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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.

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.

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.

Lenten Day of Recollection "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 Mangano 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.

St. Joseph Cathedral Parish Roast Beef Dinner Palm Sunday, March 28 11-2pm in Cathedral School Cafeteria.

St. Mary Catholic School in Dell Rapids School Carnival & Auction on Sunday, March 28 11 am. Food, games & prizes for all ages.

KC Marquette Council Indoor Rummage sale on March 26 & 27th at KC Hall.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

March Schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, March 24th normal class schedules.

***March 24th the 9th Grade Confirmation Group –
Chrism Mass at St. Mary. Permission forms are due!

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.

EUCHARISTIC FAIR VOLUNTEERS—Please be at the church, in the Commons area by 8:45 AM. Contact Jackie—361-1600 ext. 209/jackie@stmichaelsfsd.org with any questions.

SCHOOL NEWS

Registration is open for children in Preschool - Grade 6.

Please call the school office for a tour or more information.

Friday March 26, 8:15 school Mass prepared by the 3rd Grade students. All Welcome!

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 29th. Thank you for your help!

KC'S FRIDAY FISH FRY

Friday, March 26th @ St. Katharine Drexel

Following Stations of the Cross @ 6:00 pm

Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner to benefit St. Michaels Troop 346: Please join us for a homemade meal Sat, April 10th from 5-7m at St. Michael Gym -- Entrance "D". The cost is \$5/person with a limit of \$20 for the immediate family. Children 4 and under are FREE. Tickets will be sold after masses next weekend as well as at the door. Come hungry and check out our many baskets for bid during our silent auction!

Adoration Reminder

Please check with another adorer scheduled with you or call a substitute if you know you are unable to make your hour. If you are in need of a phone number, for a sub or another adorer at your time, call Anne at the parish office 361-1600. We try to keep all lists updated. Thanks for your patience.

There are still times with no adorer or just one adorer. They are listed in the Chapel. Can you give one hour a week to the Lord?

COMMUNAL CONFESSIONS

Sunday, March 28	2:00 pm Christ the King
	3:15 pm St. Mary
	7:00 pm St. Lambert
	St. Katharine Drexel
Monday, March 29	7:00 pm St. Joseph Cathedral
	Holy Spirit
Tuesday, March 30	7:00 pm St. Michael
	St. Therese

Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of March 27/28, 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 22

Bible Study 10:15 am
Confessions 5:00 pm
Mass 5:30 pm
Roger Carlson (d)

Tues., March 23

Parish Council 6:45 am
Confessions 5:00 pm
Mass 5:30 pm Tom McCoy (d)
Soup Supper 6:00 pm
Book Study 6:30 pm

Wed., March 24

Mass 8:15 am Harvey & Geraldine Kortman (d)
RE Classes 5:30 & 7 pm
Good News 8 pm

Thurs., March 25

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

Friday, March 26

Mass 8:15 am Stg. Wayne Cornell (d)
Mass 10:00 am Clare Kathol (d)
Stations of Cross 5:30 pm

Sat., March 27

Mass 8:15 am Kathy Dieken (d)
Confessions 3:00 pm
Mass 4:00 pm Fred Parker (d)

Sun., March 28

Mass 8:00 am For the People
Mass 9:30 am Chuck Erlandsen (d)
Mass 11:00 am Skip Dearborn (d)
Mass 6:00 pm Sylvan Gaul (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
Altar Servers	Mira Willging Maddy Willging	Ann Coppock Sam Peterson	Chase Norton Raquel Mellegaard	Lauren Crouch Ethan Crouch	Macey Tupper Jacob Tupper
Book	Jenae Porter	Leann Schlotterback	Austin Schulte	Kaiya Davis	Evan Sakry
Bus	Steve Siemonsma				
Lectors	Pat Helgeland Josie Heisel Passion: Angel Heisel Deacon John Devlin	Mike Parsley Carolyn Downs Passion: Terry Oppold Deb Peterson	TyLynn Mellegaard Pat Griesgraber Passion: Mary Ann Roers Deacon John Devlin	Michelle Foy Elizabeth Foy Passion: Tim Neuroth Marcia Steffen	Doyle Hardie Kathy Engeman Passion: Deacon John Devlin Virjean Fejfar
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Sacristan	Angel Heisel	Terry Oppold	Keith Halverson	Lisa Serck	Doyle Hardie
E.M.E.		<u>Good Samaritan</u> Dianne /Kayla Wingen	<u>Covington</u> Mary Jo/Gale Benson	<u>Sunnycrest</u> Kevin Hanson	
Gifts	Kent Huemoeller	S Gaspar/B Kibbe	Bob Clinton	Doug Emanuel	Deb Hauck
Greeters	Pam Hartman Linda Hansen	Jennifer Ellis Catherine Jorgensen	Jim Bones Todd Boone	Molly Fox Cindy Monnin	Dick Weber Lynn Sakry
Receptionist	2:30-4:00 pm Marguerite Mohs	7:30-9:15 am Peg Nieber	9:30-11:00am Diane Lyons		
Rosary	Mary Poncelet				
SFCS Cert.	Jerry Klein Rebecca LeTexier	Alyce Merrill Tom Schlotterback	Julie Norton Richard Molseed	Janice Shaeffer Marcia Steffen	Dan Schneider Donna Schneider
Ushers	Alan Wieskamp John Hammond Dick Krenke Lorraine Roemeling	John Maguire Mary Olinger Larry Anderson Larry Puthoff	Steve Noyes Nick Schulte Tony Konshak Gary Larson	Brian Wuestewald Dave Serck Jordan Serck ---?---	Lyle Krejci Cheri Krejci Dan Schneider Donna Schneider

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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.

