



March 7, 2010

3rd Sunday of Lent

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Cimply Putting It...

Faith, Flight and Fight... Did you hear about the guy who went into see his Doctor and told him that he broke his arm in two places. The Doctor looked at him and said, "Well stay out of those places."

Here's a quiz. True or False? Question #1: Temptation can be both a blessing and curse? Question #2: We can defeat temptation successfully on a regular basis?

It seems to me that we deal with temptation in one of three ways. Sometimes we just give in. Other times we attempt to fight over temptation with our own strength. In the end we may come to the realization that we can't overcome it by our own power but only through the grace of God.

A recent survey indicated that the top nine temptations for us in our society are: 1. Materialism; 2. Pride; 3. Self-centeredness; 4. Laziness; 5. Anger/Bitterness; 6. Sexual Lust; 7. Envy; 8. Gluttony; 9. Lying. The survey respondents noted temptations were more potent when they had neglected their time with God (81%) and when they were physically tired (57%). Resisting temptation was accomplished by prayer (84%), avoiding compromising situations (76%), Bible study (66%), and being accountable to someone (52%).

One of the things I have noticed being a priest for almost thirty-two years is that people respond quite differently to worship. Some really pay attention to the prayers. Others are moved by the music. For most of us the Eucharist is the summit of our worship. Some find the homily an important part of the Mass. Sometimes when I listen to other preachers I do so with the expectation that he is going to help me understand some of the questions that come into my mind after listening to a Biblical text. But among the many qualities that we as human beings are inherently given, selective hearing is perhaps one of our strongest. We often hear what we want to hear and filter the rest. Growing up most of us heard from our parents several times "How many times do I have to tell you...?" Some things we may not want to hear at all and may need to be told many times in many different ways.

St. Augustine wrote, "The glory of God is humanity fully alive." Wouldn't that be something? A world of people fully alive. We generally speak of God as a parent, and though anthropomorphic, the analogy seems to work. The fierce love of a parent for their child resembles, albeit distantly, the unconditional love of God for us, the fruit of God's womb. A loving parent does not punish for the purpose of driving the child away. So, the One whom Jesus so intimately called "Abba," Daddy, wants us to be as close to him as possible. This is what gives us the strength to over-

come temptation. It is an insight, an "aha!" -an awakening to a new understanding. And this new understanding brings the insight to exclaim, "I don't want to be like this anymore. I don't want to commit that sin again." A person finds the resolve to quit a bad habit. A person leaves a dreaded situation because he/she knows it is not right. A person sees poverty and despair and begins to help others. Sometimes I just want to say, "Hey God, you can conquer all things, just take this sin away from me." Surely God could do it, but that would be like making a basket without anyone guarding you. Is there any victory in crossing the goal line before the opponent has taken the field? Victory comes in overcoming the opposition of evil.

There was once a ship captain who had a regular route from California to Columbia. One day shortly before leaving for California some drug dealers sent him a message that offered him \$50,000 to allow a small shipment of drugs to get through to the U.S. He quickly said no. On his next three trips they raised the offer each time until they reached \$300,000. He hesitated and said "maybe." He contacted the FBI—a sting operation was set up and the drug dealers were arrested. One of the FBI agents asked the Captain, "Why did you wait until they got at \$300,000 before contacting us?" The Captain replied, "They were getting close to my price."

How urgent is our need for conversion? Do we attempt to resist temptation on our own power or do we rely upon the grace of God? God is patient with us, but do we also need a sense of urgency? The urgency may not come from the threat of being forever damned (although that certainly is something) but from the threat of the hell we create for ourselves on this earth. Our urgency comes from the cries we might hear of those who suffer at the hands of others. Our urgency comes from the suffering we may impose on others through intention or willful neglect. Our urgency comes from the tragedy of lost opportunity. The longer we wait, the harder it is to resist temptation and have a change of heart. It's Lent. It is our "spring-time" retreat. Every day God comes seeking. God walks into the garden of our lives, eager to find even the buds of fruit.

The answers to the quiz questions are both True. We don't have to enter the free-agency market to defeat evil. We already have the best teammate in Jesus. Temptations can be times to celebrate victories over evil. Sometimes taking flight from occasions of sin is the game plan and other times we take the opponent head on. We have won, we will win again!

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 - We are restocked with more **Lenten Bundles and Rediscovering Catholicism** books along with other titles. If you pre-ordered, please pick them up on the table in the back by the kiosk. **Individual CD's are only \$3!** **Featured CD this week: The Truth - Fr. Larry Richards** What is the meaning of life? Fr. Larry Richards tackles life's biggest question with straightforward, timeless, and often jolting answers. In this one-of-a-kind, life-affirming reality check, he unlocks the mysteries of our existence and opens our hearts and souls to the meaning of life. The Truth will give you concrete answers on how to live. "Exceptional speaker; presentation was awesome; critically important topic. EVERY single baptized Catholic NEEDS to listen to this talk!" Mark - Leominster, MA "This was probably the most beneficial CD our family has ever heard! It had a profound effect on several family members and I will be forever grateful!!" Toni - Peachtree City, GA "I work in the Prison Ministry for Spanish inmates, and Fr. Larry's presentation has provided me with great material to share in my ministry." Esteban "This is by far one of the best talks I have ever heard! Classic!! It helped my wife on her journey to the Catholic Faith." Rennie - Spokane, WA "Wow...from the beginning, my ears were glued to the speakers! It's pretty powerful stuff. I want to hear it again!" Fr. Shawn - Alton, IL

What is the ambo? "Ambo" is the technical term for the lectern in the sanctuary from which the Bible readings are proclaimed. In St. Joseph's Cathedral the ambo was and after the restoration will be located to the right of the altar next to one of the large columns because the ancient tradition in the building of churches was to place the ambo on the north side of the church. It is also out of reverence for the Bible that the ambo was and will be elevated above the sanctuary floor, literally giving it greater prominence; in fact, the word "ambo" itself was believed to signify a mountain or elevation.

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 9th are:

Vegetable Beef & Cream of Potato

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: Social Justice & Christian Moral Living

Next Week: The Right to Life

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 8-14, 2010

Mon.	2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Luke 4:24-30
Tues.	Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35
Wed.	Deut 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19
Thur.	Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23
Fri.	Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34
Sat.	Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14
Sun.	Joshua 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Welcome, New Parishioners!

Jeff & Amy Bengry
& sons Zackary & Ryzon
Melody Brech
Derek De Jager
Brian & Beth DeRuyter
& children Abbey & Drew
Lisa Donny
James Free
Judy Gortamaker
Matthew & Donae Hedden
Helen Kennedy
Kayla Kraft & daughter Jordyn
Tarek & Heidi Mahrous & son Evan
Sean McEneaney
Paula Meyer
Pat & Laurie Moran
& children Taylor, Carly, Jake & Nick
Joe & Pam Rempp & son Owen
Stacie Ries
Chris & Sara Rokeh
Ryan Sage
Leroy & Diane Skatvold
Aaron & Lauren Strand
Nicholas & Carrie Thurman
Mike & Becky Wagner

Please remember in your prayers:
Ray Seewald, husband of Lois
Conni McCann, wife of Ron
Pat Mehlhaff, mother of Scott
Sr. Virginia Calmus



Youth Happenin's

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!



Registration forms available on the youth bulletin board for the following events:

- Jr. High Discipleship Camp July 11-14
- Sr. High Discipleship Camp July 15-18
- Steubenville HS Youth Conference July 30-Aug. 1
- Jr. High and High School Totus Tuus Retreat

LET'S 'FILL THE TRUCK' FOR PINE RIDGE

Society of St. Vincent DePaul

thanks you for your donations so far!

They are working to fill a truck for Pine Ridge with:

- * Bedding—Sheets, pillows, blankets, new or used
- * Towels—All sizes, new or used
- * Diapers—Cloth or disposable

Please bring to St. Michael before March 15th.

****St. Vincent DePaul also thanks you for your generous contributions to the poor boxes located at each entrance.**

St. Michael Parishioners are awesome!!

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.

Thanks to all who supported O'Gorman's Empty Bowls Soup Supper! Proceeds help the needy in Sioux Falls.

Life in the Spirit Seminar at St. Lambert on Friday 7-9:30 pm & Sat., 9-6:30 pm March 26-27. Cost is \$20 includes Saturday lunch & supper. For more info call Joan Brown 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 information.

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.

Men's Spiritual Luncheon with Fr. Jim Mason Weds., March 10th at Cathedral Parish Hall 11:30-1 pm.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

March Schedule is as follows; Wednesday, March 10th, 17th and 24th . normal class schedules

1st COMMUNION PREPARATION BOOKLETS—If you have not received your 1st Communion preparation booklet contact Jackie at 361-1600 ext. 209/jackie@stmichaelsfsd.org. Cost is \$15 per booklet.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

KC'S FRIDAY FISH FRY

Friday, March 12th

Following Stations of the Cross @ 6:00 pm
At St. Katharine Drexel.



Catholic Daughters, Court Mother Theresa, will hold their monthly meeting 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9th at St. Michael Parish in the Multipurpose Room.

All parish women are encouraged to attend.

Knights of Columbus Meeting

Sunday, March 7th @ 7 pm
St. Katharine Drexel Parish

St. Michael Parish is hosting
Sioux Falls Koinonia #32— March 19-21, 2010
—A wonderful Retreat Opportunity—
Call Anne at 361-1600 for information.
(Applications can be found in the Commons)

Find your Rest and Strength in God- Broom Tree Silent Retreat opportunities

For Men: March 18-21, July 8-11

For Women: May 20-23

Broom Tree Days of Recollection

March 16: Praying with the Prophets

April 13: Praying with David the Psalmist

To register or for more information, call 605-263-1040.

COUNSELING SERVICES AVAILABLE

Pregnant? Alone? Afraid? Birthright 977-4781, Catholic Family Services 988-3775 in Sioux Falls or 1-800-700-7867.

Project Rachael For women and men who suffer from pain of previous abortions, 1-800-700-7867.

St. Raphael Fund To help military families with unmet needs 1-800-700-7867.

Society of St. Vincent DePaul Going through difficult times? Call the Parish Office for information.

Catholic Family Services Counseling for many things. 988-3775 in Sioux Falls or 1-800-700-7867 outside Sioux Falls.

Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of March 13/14, 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 8

Bible Study 10:15 am
St. Vincent DePaul 4:00 pm
Confessions 5:00 pm
Mass 5:30 pm Skip Dearborn(d)

Tues., March 9

Confessions 5:00 pm
Mass 5:30 pm Allan Burkard
Soup Supper 6:00 pm
Book Study 6:30 pm
CDA 7:00 pm

Wed., March 10

Mass 8:15 am
Jeanette Livermore(d)
Life Chain Link PP Noon
RE Classes 5:30 & 7 pm
Good News 8 pm

Thurs., March 11

Confessions 7:45 am
Mass 8:15 am Joseph Soukup (d)
LPEC 7:00 pm
Adult Choir 7:00 pm

Friday, March 12

Mass 8:15 am Francis Gengler (d)
Stations of Cross 5:30 pm

Sat., March 13

Mass 8:15 am Lillian Siedlik (d)
Confessions 3:00 pm
Mass 4:00 pm Marianne Biggins (d)

Sun., March 14

Mass 8:00 am People of Haiti
Mass 9:30 am Chuck Erlandsen (d)
Mass 11:00 am Kate Emanuel (d)
Mass 6:00 pm Joe Ackerman (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	Alyssa Rokusek Taisya Gowlovech	Amanda Meyer Kelley Criddle	Hannah Hilger Trudy Jones	Allie Vognild Katelyn Czmowski	Luke Merrill Jake Roemeling
Book	Jenna Helgeson	Alyssa Weidler	Andy Jones	Angie Vognild	Ryan Merrill
Bus	Randy Sanders				
Lectors	Carol Doss Doris Graeber	Tom Lord Rose Olinger	Mary Beth Anderson Paula Heim	Mary Wuebben Brian Weuestewald	Lisa Esposito Michele Koupal
E.M.E.	Cup Bearer: Tom Cool Carol Doss Judy Helgeson Barb Bies Mo Forsting Jan McEntee Sharon Cool ---?---	Cup Bearer: Jean Ann Hentges Jerry Foy Don Olinger Dee Cink Dianne Schmidt Amy Meyer Doreen Bonin Wanda Criddle	Cup Bearer: Ron Schauer Paula Schauer Paige Heim Jan Horner Steph Long Tom Long Dean Karsky Sharon Mulder Paula Jones Kerri Konshak	Cup Bearer: Mary Jo Benson Chuck Robinson Steve Kaufmann Wanda Heisel Terri Larson Gary Larson Ann Drotzmann Deb Stellingwerf Mary Wuebben Gale Benson	Cup Bearer: ---?--- Josh Zaug Renaeh Behlings Lisa Esposito Cassie Tomac Brenda Schneider Tracey Merrill Carol Tupper ---?--- ---?---
Sacrtn	Sharon Cool	Wanda Criddle	Kerri Konshak	Gale Benson	Carol Tupper
E.M.E		<u>Good Samaritan</u> Pam Keller	<u>Covington</u> MaryJo/Butch Martin	<u>Sunnycrest</u> Curt Scheafer	
Gifts	Kristianne Irsfeld	Judy Weidler	Dean Karsky	Brian DeRuyter	Rick Tupper
Greeters	Alan Wieskamp Marguerite Mohs	Larry Puthoff Cory Diedrich	Jackie Hill Tom Denevan	Gary Larson Nathan Reed	Mark Stadem Tim Czmowski
Receptionist	2:30-4:00pm Kelly McCann	7:30-9:15 am Karli Boelter	9:15-11:00am Helen Gustaf		
Rosary	Mo Forsting				
SFCS Cert.	Judy Helgeson Kay Rokusek	Amy Meyer Sandy McClung	Barb Clinton Paula Jones	Patty Vognild Tracee Wuestewald	Jim Skaff Patty Czmowski
Ushers	Joe Ahlers Tony Miller Leo Rokusek ---?---	John Maguire Mark McClung Carney Walter Michael Escher	Bob Clinton Mark Mulder Jordan Arnold Doris Berscheid	Ron McCann Mary Busch Phil Busch Doug Emanuel	Chri Krejci Lyle Krejci Cullen Wilson ---?---

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Join us at the **CHURCH DINNER** Today 10:30-1:00!

To benefit Mission trip to Louisiana and youth retreats this summer!!