



Second Sunday of Lent

St. Christopher Catholic Church

1000 Michigan Ave., Marysville

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March 12, 2006

BEING WHO YOU ARE, BUT BETTER

by Fr. Art Baranowski

The purpose of Lent is the same as the purpose of life.

The goal of life is simple: “to know, love, and serve God in this life so as to be happy with him in the next life.” (Baltimore Catechism) In other words, each of us is meant to be a saint.

Knowing, loving, and serving God may sound like a lot of work. Because we usually start everything with what we have to do, we easily miss the goal of life and the goal of Lent. God does most of the work in getting us to know and love him.

Let me speak of all the work God is doing, then the part we contribute.

God creates each of us and puts in us a tendency or a desire for God. We may not recognize this desire for God. This desire may be vague like finding out that possessions or human love still leaves us a little empty. Every human being has a deep down longing for more than this world can give. Believers know that only God can fill our desires completely. That desire for God always is there in every human being, even if we don't call that desire “God”.

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Welcome New Parishioners



Renee Tremp and Shawn Metdenningen are preparing for marriage in 2007. Renee grew up in this parish and has been part of the Church all her life. Shawn lives in New Baltimore and was raised in the Lutheran Church. They will live in the area after their marriage and they will be part of St. Christopher's. Coming to faith as adults and belonging to a community of faith for which they are responsible—that is what Renee and Shawn are beginning to find. How good to have them here!



THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

Mark 9, 2-10

Knowing who Jesus really and truly is—that is the only way we can find our own identity. Only **THE Son (Jesus)** knows how to be God's son and only he can teach us. After all, we are God's sons and daughters because of our baptism and the weekly Eucharist.

1. What distracts me from being aware of being God's son/daughter?
2. How can Jesus become a real and living person who influences my life?
3. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus is recognized as the Son of God only at the end on the cross. What am I being taught at the cross about my own life?

Next Sunday's Readings

Exodus 17:3-7

Romans 5: 1-2,5-8

John 4:5-42

St. Christopher's Main Event for Lent



**THE RETREAT
ON THE
EUCCHARIST**

*for Adults, Youth, Children,
Grandparents*

Sunday, March 19

1:30 — 4:30 p.m.

Attention Religious Ed. Parents

There will not be religious ed classes on Sunday, March 26th or Wednesday, March 29th.

WEEKLY CALENDAR**Sunday, March 12, 2006***Blood Drive Sign Up**Pictorial Directory Sign Up*9:30 a.m. Breaking Open the Word
*For those adults and teens inquiring about
the Catholic Church.*9:30 a.m. Baby/Toddler Sitting
Ages 10 months –3 yrs.9:30 a.m. Children's Church
Ages 3 yrs– Kindergarten

10:30 –12 p.m. RCIA /Quest Rm.

10:45 a.m. 1st-8th Grade

1:00 p.m. Kentucky mtg./ Quest Rm.

1:30 p.m. 8th Grade Confirmation
Parent/ Youth Mtg.

6:30 p.m. Quest Leaders

7:00 p.m. Quest

Wednesday, March 15, 2006

4:00 –5:15 p.m. 1st-6th Grades

7:00– 8:30 p.m. 7th & 8th Grades

Thursday, March 16, 2006

6:00 p.m. Pastoral Musicians

Friday, March 17, 2006

11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Blood Drive

Saturday, March 18, 2006

4:00 p.m. Confession

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Retreat

6:30 p.m. Quest Leaders

7:00 p.m. Quest

Kentucky Mission Trip

There will be a meeting on Sunday, March 12 at 1:00 p.m. in the Quest Room for adults and high school students interested in participating in the Mission Trip to Cranks Creek, Kentucky April 16th-22nd.

St. Christopher Church**"Memorial Fund"**

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The truth is that God has an even greater desire for us than we have for him. God responds to that desire for him by giving us his Son. Jesus gives us the power to belong to God, even now—before we get to heaven. Jesus gives us what makes him God's Son. Christ gives us the Holy Spirit.

In Baptism/Confirmation and in every Sunday Eucharist. Christ gives us the Spirit that forms his mind and heart. Christ is constantly transforming us through his Holy Spirit.

So, God is doing most of the work. Our part is to let God keep transforming us. Lent and Life has this one clear purpose: to become better what we already are—the sons and daughters of God. Become who you are.

At Easter, every Catholic Christian says again their baptismal vows in front of everybody at Mass. The whole purpose of Lent (and of one's entire life) is to keep renewing more deeply those promises of baptism. There are 3 vows to reject certain things and 3 vows to accept certain things.

Living as a Child of God means saying no to certain things. **Reject Sin and Satan.** Sin and Satan seem like the biggies. Of course, we reject these—most of the time. But, Satan has hundreds of subtle ways to pull us away from God and from our connection to God. Here are a few ways that we distance ourselves from God without even realizing what is happening.

--being responsible and helping others all the time so there is no quiet in my life
--getting caught on what is not right with life so that I forget to be grateful
--living with so busy a schedule and being so involved with life that I forget that this passing world prepares me for eternity
--trying to prove myself or be good enough to earn a place

If I am to live more deeply as a son/daughter of God, what do I reject at this time?

The other 3 baptismal vows are about belief. To believe means to trust in someone. Believing means to stake one's life on something or someone.

--Do I trust that God loves me as I am? That God will take care of me always?
--Do I seek to love God with an undivided heart?
--Am I tending to the most important relationships God has put into my life?
--In what ways do I love the Church? Is the Eucharist the high point of my week?

If I am to live more deeply as a son/daughter of God, where do I need to trust?

Remember to Keep in Your Prayers

Mae Ward, Roy Cencich, Jose Ramirez, Jeremy Grzech, Kevin Shaw, Robert Finn, Marilyn Springer, Gayle Smith, Helen Robinson, Joyce Farrell, Virginia Tracey, Connie Green, Corey Aspey, Irene Brow, Patrick Owens, Leo & Betty Visga, Ralph & Nancy Ceglarek, Dorothy Smarch, Simone Stern, Barbara Rumley, Dorothy Horn, Maria Miller, Bill Soboleski, Elizabeth Wessel, Theresa Prince, Maureen Pochodylo, Greg Riley, Lori Charette, Helen Ferris, Albert Kubek, Kathy & Karen Carty, Kyle Clayton, Patrick McCarthy, Bernard Shafran, Loreen Metheny, Helen Senik, James Newson, Florence Ferris, Marlene Konik, Mary Blessinger, Dominic, Gino & Jordan Pecoraro, Russel Rumsey, Doris Godi, Barbara Stockwell, Harvey Brodeur, Mary Hodges, Patricia Pavlov-Leins, Jean Brockdorff, Kyle Stivers, and those who care for them.

**Weekend Liturgy
March 18 & 19, 2006**

Day/Time	Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Sunday, 9:30 a.m.	Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
Mass Intention	Elizabeth Owens (7 yrs.) by her family Zeia & Hania Boji & Yelda Dado by their family	Parishioners of St. Christopher	Mary Warren by Joanne Lewandowski	Michael Landschoot (10 yrs.) by his family
Celebrant	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Britz
Lector	Joe Pavlov Bob Sheehy	Ron Horbes Jill Kammer	Joe Tranchida Allison Warsinske	Jenine Ulrich Charlie Andrews
Eucharistic Minister	Marilynn Pavlov John VanTiem Mike King Terri Landschoot Richard Clark	Fely Nurenberg Ron Nurenberg Donna Orr Jane Banyas Sue Bewersdorff	Barb Stocker Rollin Stocker Dierter DeVigili Kathy DeVigili Cheryl Borowski Mary Jo Jewell Adam Taylor	Deanne Quain Eugene Mozal Kathleen Moore Gabrielle Randall Skip Randall Kimberly Erb Gary McCallumore
Cantor	Cheryl O'Neill	Kathy Roehl	Mark Privette	Greg Kobe
Altar Servers	Sean VanTiem Adam Cieslinski	Cara Maertens Kelly Maertens	Jenna Furchak Dylan Jones	Matt Miller Stephanie Erb
Hospitality Ministers	Thomas & Kathleen Neumann Steven Ginther	Gary, Cami, Shane, Megan Armstrong Cameron Roehl	Keith, Paula, Angela, Laura, Bret Bluhm Lavonne Cloutier	Arthur, Laura, Arthur, Bruce Bianchi

**Readings for the Week
Of March 12, 2006**

Sunday, March 12

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Rom 8:31b-34
Mk 9:2-10

Monday, March 13

Dn 9:4b-10
Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 14

Is 1:10, 16-20
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 15

Is 1:10, 16-20
Mt 23:1-12

Thursday, March 16

Jer 17:5-10
Lk 16:19-31

Friday, March 17

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 18

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday, March 19

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17
1 Cor 1:22-25

Jn 2:13-25;

Scrutinies (Cycle A):

Ex 17:3-7

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

**Cardinal Grants Permission
To Eat Meat on St. Patrick's Day**

For those Catholics desiring some pastoral guidance regarding whether it is permitted to eat meat on St. Patrick's Day, Friday, March 17, Cardinal Maida grants his blessing and permission.

Even as he grants permission, the cardinal reminds all Catholics of the importance of choosing to perform some personal acts of penance, especially during these days of Lent; prayer, fasting and almsgiving are traditional Lenten Penances.

An important part of the Church's tradition on penance is Church legislation which requires abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for persons over the age of fourteen years, and fasting on those same two days for those over the age of 18 years and under fifty-nine years of age.

**Weekday Mass Intentions
March 13, 2006 – March 17, 2006**

Monday, 9:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.	Bea Cowger, by Roy & Bev Piper
Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.	Florence Prentice (30 days), by her family
Thursday, 9:00 a.m.	William LaBute & Family, by Stella LaBute
Friday, 9:00 a.m.	Bea Cowger, by Clarence & Martha Getner

**Financial Stewardship At
St. Christopher's**

March 4 & 5.....\$11,301.98
Children.....2.26
Aid Church Central/Eastern Europe
(Total).....996.00

Stewardship Thought...

Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself "did not spare His own Son." Are *my* gifts to the Lord-of my resources, of my time, of myself-also sacrificial?

25 Hour Fast-a-thon

March 31-April 1

Calling all 7th-12th graders!
Join in on the fun by participating in our only fundraiser for the Kentucky Mission Trip. Registration forms and information are available in the parish and Religious Education offices or call 364-4100 ext. 204



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