

ST. RICHARD CATHOLIC PARISH

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 10, 2019

Welcome to St. Richard Parish

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Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday
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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Mass of Anticipation 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 & 11:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule

Wednesday and Friday 8:00 a.m.

Sacraments

RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:00 p.m. • or by appointment

BAPTISM

Baptismal preparation for parents is held monthly.
Pre-registration for the class is required. Please
contact the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE

Parish membership is required. Arrangements need
to be made a minimum of six months prior to the
wedding date. Please contact Fr. Allen.

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A SIGN THAT LOVE
IS POSSIBLE...

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Team Talk

What Can I Do Before Lent Begins?

Anything worth doing is worth preparing for.

Just imagine that this Lent is going to be different from every other Lent we've experienced. Imagine there will be many graces offered to us this year. Let's even imagine God is going to help transform our lives, with greater freedom, greater joy, deeper desires for love and service.

If we want it, we will choose it.

Lent will be this wonderful season of grace for us if we give ourselves to it. And, we will give ourselves to the degree we really want it badly. So, in these days before Lent, we need to prepare our hearts. We need to prepare by realizing how much we want to grow in freedom, how much we need to lighten our spirits and experience some real joy, and how much some parts of our lives really need changing.

So, preparing our hearts is a process of preparing our desires. This means practicing our sense of anticipation. If I imagine Lent as an "ordeal" or a time I dread in some way, then I've already pre-disposed myself to not get very much out of it. These days before Lent are a time to start anticipating something wonderful that is about to happen.

Ash Wednesday is a great place to start with our planning. "What are we going to eat?" We shouldn't be embarrassed if we really haven't fasted in a long time, or perhaps ever before. We can plan to intentionally have only one full meal on Ash Wednesday. We can make that meal very meaningful and symbolic.

Before we get to Ash Wednesday, we should start asking ourselves some questions and we should start with some preparations. "What does God want to give me this year?" This question may require that I slow down a bit and listen to my inner spirit. For example, even if I'm very busy, I realize I'm hungry when I hear my stomach start "growling." "What am I going to be doing on Ash Wednesday?" Too often, Ash Wednesday is like every other day, except that I manage to get to church and get ashes on my forehead. Is there anything else I can do on Ash Wednesday? How will fasting and abstaining happen for me, for my family on that special day?

It doesn't take a lot of time to prepare for the beginning of Lent. It just takes desire and focus. God can do so much with that. We can give God more of a space to touch our hearts if we begin to establish some simple patterns. We could wake up each morning and for something like a half a minute to a minute, stand by the edge of our beds and just ask the Lord for the grace to let this day be one in which I long for the beginning of Lent. Perhaps we need to ask for specific helps or graces to get ready to begin Lent. Whatever we try to say, our Lord can understand the Spirit trying to speak through our simple words. And all it takes is the time to find and put on our slippers. And each night, in the days ahead, we can practice giving thanks to God before we go to bed. This simple pattern in the morning and the evening can stir our spirits to look forward to and prepare for Lent as a season of grace.

May our Lord bless us all on this journey ahead.

Reflection from Creighton University online ministries

This Week in Our Parish

Tues.	Lectio Divina Prayer Group - 1:30 p.m. PC Investment Committee - 3:30 p.m. PC
Wed.	Mass - 8:00 a.m. Adult Choir - 6:30 p.m.
Thurs.	Harmony Club - 9:30 a.m. - VH
Fri.	Mass- 8:00 a.m.

Stewardship Report

"They left everything and followed him" (Luke 5:11). We hear this message today to remind us that Jesus' disciples gave up their possessions and walked with him and shared in his ministry. When we leave our selves behind to serve God through ministry we also share in the work of the Lord. Whether it is our regular offering of time, talent, treasure, prayers, we, for even a short time, leave everything to follow the way of holiness.

Financial Stewardship for the week of 26-27 January

\$3,140 Envelopes (27 entries)

\$295 Anonymous gifts to God

\$50 Building Fund

Financial Stewardship for the week of 2-3 February

\$7,842 (59 entries)

\$426 Anonymous gifts to God

\$164 Building Fund

\$123 Siena School Fund

\$1,265 WeShare™ E-giving (11 entries)

St. Richard Mardi Gras Celebration

The Good News Krewe invites you to join them on Saturday, 2 March from 5:00—9:00 p.m. in Vogel Hall for a Fat Tuesday Celebration. Meatball & Italian beef bombers, Jambalaya, Eloy's twisted red beans and rice, Paczki, and King Cake will be served for dinner and dessert. Beer, wine, and soda will be available for purchase. Muisic, beads, photo booth...Come join the fun! This is a Fun Raiser not a Fund Raiser—goodwill offerings gratefully accepted. Sign-ups are in the south entrance.

Souper Bowl VIII - 2019

St. Richard 1,587 + St. Edward 1,043 = 2,627 Hunger 0

The Human Concerns Committee extends a huge Thank You to all who brought cans of soup this year. Thank you to all the volunteers who counted and packed the soup at each Mass and to the donor of all the needed boxes. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Knights of Columbus Math-Spelling-Free Throw Contests

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their annual Knowledge and Free Throw Contests on Saturday, 16 February at St. Catherine High School, 1200 Park Ave. The Spelling and Math contests are open to all 5th—8th grade students in the Racine area. Entrants are limited to participate in one area and if possible, should be registering through their school if attending a private or parochial school. Participants may also register at the door. The Math and Spelling Contests will begin at 11:30 with registration at the door beginning at 11:00.

The Free Throw competition is open to all boys and girls ages 9—14 (as of January 2019) in the Racine area that are not members of a high school basketball team. The Free Throw competition is anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and usually takes 15 to 20 minutes to compete. Winners will be notified.

First place winners in the Math and Spelling competition will receive a \$50 gift card and the right to move on to Diocesan competition. First place winners in the Free Throw competition receive a plaque and the right to move on to Diocesan competition. For further information please contact Steve Jansta at 554-6375 or at janstasteve@att.net.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day Sunday, February 10

9:00 a.m. Jean Tate

11:30 a.m. Living and deceased members of St. Richard and St. Edward

Monday, February 11 Our Lady of Lourdes

Tuesday, February 12

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward

Wednesday, February 13

8:00 a.m. St. Richard All Souls Remembrance

Thursday, February 14 Sts. Cyril and Methodius, Valentine's Day

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward

Friday, February 15

8:00 a.m. † Mary Ann Lojeski

Saturday, February 16

4:00 p.m. † Ann Nevin

Sunday, February 17 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. † Bernice Jansta

11:30 a.m. Living and deceased members of St. Richard and St. Edward

A.C.T.S. Youth Group News

BROKEN—The 2019 Wisconsin Catholic Youth Rally

Attention middle and high school youth! Join A.C.T.S. for the 2019 Wisconsin Youth Rally taking place on Saturday, 16 March for high school youth and on Sunday, 17 March for middle school youth at Carroll University. A bus has been chartered for the event.

This is a great opportunity to reflect and discern spiritual growth with other teens from across the state. Dynamic speakers, reflections, prayerful worship, reconciliations, and relevant breakout sessions are all part of this retreat. Permission slips are available in the south entrance or online at www.actseyouthministry.org. For more information contact Eloy at 898-5666.

Mamma Mia Bus Trip

St. Paul the Apostle is hosting a bus trip to the Drury Lane Theatre in Oak Brook Terrace, IL to see Mamma Mia on Wednesday, 3 April. The cost of the trip is \$78 which includes the show, transportation and lunch. The bus will depart St. Paul at 9:30 a.m. and will return at approximately 6:00 p.m. Parking is available for the day in the west lot. Registration forms are available on the current events page at www.stpaulracine.org or by stopping at the St. Paul parish office. Please bring or mail your registration form and payment to St. Paul by Monday, 11 February. Please call 886-0530 for more information.

Weather Closings

St. Richard Parish will follow the Siena Catholic School System of Racine which follows Racine Unified regarding closures due to inclement weather. If the Siena School System is closed for the day, the parish office and all activities will be closed/cancelled for that day and evening. If you have any questions please call the parish center.

Lenten Luncheon in Kenosha

Join Archbishop ListECKI on Thursday, 14 March for his Lenten Luncheon honoring members of the Kenosha/Racine area for their steadfast commitment and response to the poor in our midst. The gathering will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Bristol Oaks Country Club, Bristol. The 2019 Kenosha/Racine "Treasure of the Church" honorees are:

Individual Award - Reverend Edward E. Carroll

Organizational Award - Snap-on Inc.

Religious Order Award - Sister Immaculata Maria, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Christ Order

Go to www.ccmke.org/LentenLunch for more information and to register online. Cost is \$25 per person. For more information contact Sharon Brumer at sbrumer@ccmke.org or 414-769-3543. Proceeds from the lunch benefit Catholic charities programs and services in our community.

Save the Date

Our next blood drive will be on Monday, 8 April from 2:30-6:30 p.m. in Vogel Hall. The entire blood donation process, from registration to cookies, takes less than one hour. Please watch the bulletin for more information.

Lifelong Learning

Our next Lifelong Learning will be on Sunday, 17 February after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in Vogel Hall. Session topic will be Laudato Si—Sustainable Environmental Efforts presented by Bob Beezat.

2019 Calendar Raffle

02-01-19 \$25 - Jason Candelaria - Racine

02-02-19 \$25 - Marco Celeste - Union Grove

02-03-19 \$50 - Joe Michel - Gillett

02-04-19 \$25 - Grace & Kyle Cross - Huntington Beach, CA

02-05-19 \$25 - Susan & Chris Anderson - Racine

02-06-19 \$25 - Chuck Theiland - Racine

02-07-19 \$25 - Kenneth Michel, Jr. - Franklin

02-08-19 \$25 - Laurel Celeste - Racine

02-09-19 \$25 - Hiedi Tradewell - Racine

Readings for the week of February 10, 2019

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

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Marty Mission Trip

There will be a mission trip to Marty, South Dakota the week of 23 June. An organizational meeting will be held at St. Paul Parish, Racine on Monday, 18 February at 6:30 p.m. for anyone interested in learning more about the details of the trip. If you have a need to learn more prior to the meeting please call Doug or Sheila Wroblewski at 886-2826.

Save the Dates

Please mark your calendars with these very important dates;
A.C.T.S. Fun Festival - Saturday, 20 July and Sunday, 21 July
Cluster Parish Picnic at Johnson Park— Sunday, 28 July