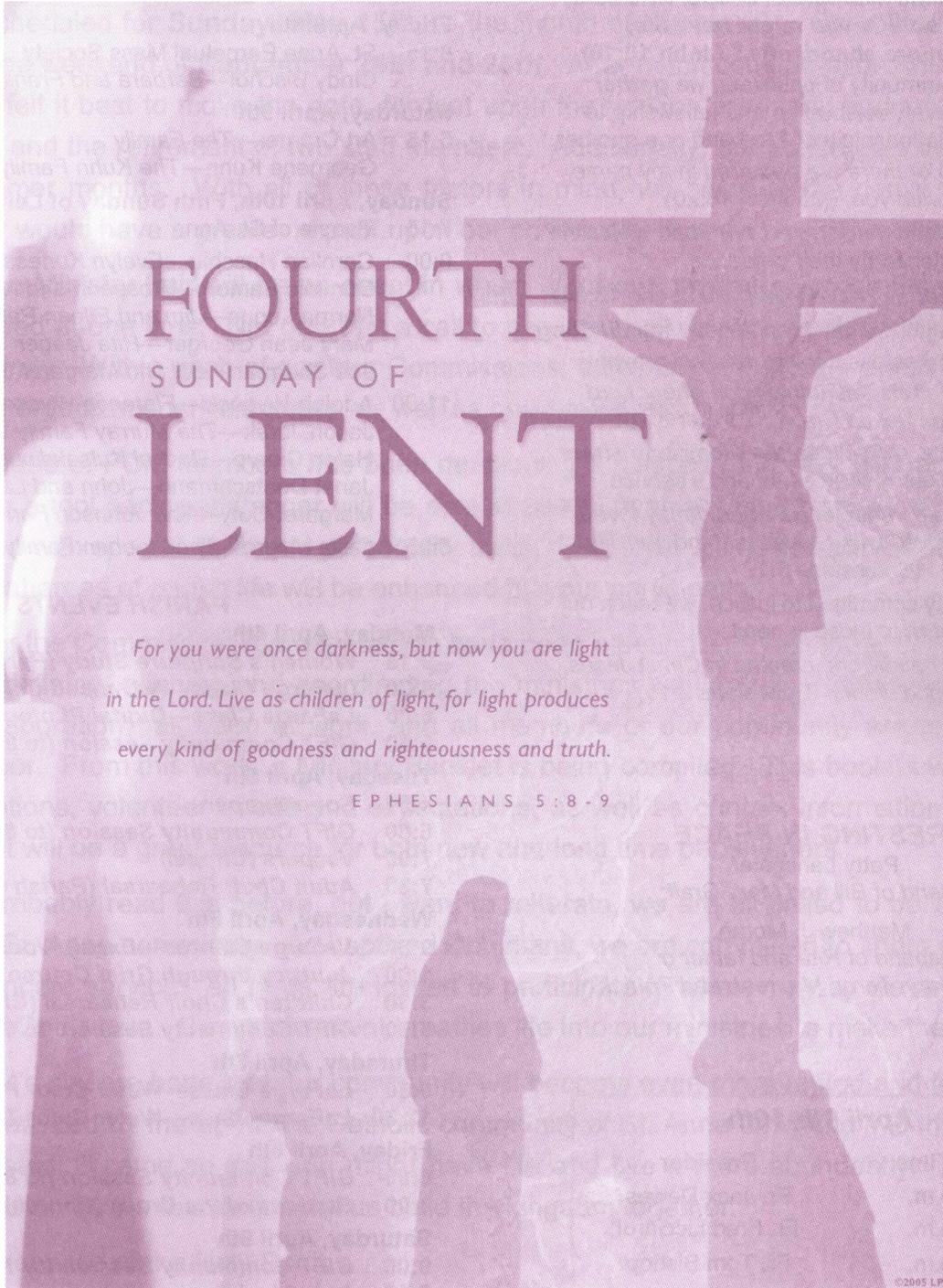




Clarion

A WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ST. ANNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



*For you were once darkness, but now you are light
in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces
every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.*

EPHESIANS 5:8-9

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

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St Anne

Catholic Community

Our Parish Mission and Core Values:

Led by the Spirit, the Catholic community of St. Anne strives to live the example of Jesus, who said, *"I came so that you might have life, and have it more abundantly."* (John 10:10)

- ❖ As a united community of believers, we **gather** in worship, prayer, celebration and fellowship to deepen our relationship with God and one another. *Whenever two or more are gathered in my name, I am with you.* (Matthew 18:20)
- ❖ As a Christian community, we **invite** and **welcome** all and are enriched by their presence. *Love one another as I have loved you.* (John 13:34)
- ❖ As people of faith, we value and encourage **lifelong faith formation** as essential to spiritual growth. *Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.* (2 Peter 3:18)
- ❖ As a community of disciples, we promise to **share** ourselves and our resources in God's service. *As God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with...kindness and humility.* (Colossians 3:12)
- ❖ As a community committed to justice, we reach out with **compassion** to those in need. *We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus, to do good works.* (Ephesians 2:10)



RESTING IN PEACE

Patty Lancaster,
friend of Bill and Mary Graft;

Matthew J. Moran,
husband of Rita and father of
Matt, Mary, Terry, Maureen and Patrick

April 9th-10th

Mass Time	Presider
5:15 p.m.	Fr. Jack Dewes
7:15 a.m.	Fr. Fred Licciardi
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Tom Bishop
11:00 a.m.	Fr. Bernie Pietrzak
5:15 p.m.	Fr. Fred Licciardi

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 4th

8:15 St. Anne Purgatorial Society
Frank and Elizabeth Leipzig
Sophie Oshyra—*The Mayer Family*

Tuesday, April 5th

8:15 St. Anne Perpetual Mass Society

Wednesday, April 6th

8:15 People of St. Anne

Thursday, April 7th

8:15 Jane Obringer—*St. Anne Sharing Board*

Friday, April 8th

8:15 St. Anne Perpetual Mass Society
Cindy Bischof—*Barbara and Frank Bischof*

Saturday, April 9th

5:15 Art Cramer—*The Family*
Georgene Kuhn—*The Kuhn Family*

Sunday, April 10th, Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:15 People of St. Anne

9:00 Caroline Haschin—*Evelyn Kurfess*
Dominic Santoro—*Roseann and Nick Santoro*
Norma Logue—*Jim and Eileen Perille*
Mary Jean Georger—*Rita Jaeger*
Joe Sherman—*Bill and Margaret Graff*

11:00 Adolph Wysocki—*Florence Wysocki*
Jason Jurek—*The Murray Family*
Helen Ciervo—*Rachel Kulsakdinun*
Janet Deutschmann—*John and Laura Hunter*
Margaret Coty—*The Johnson Family*

5:15 Celia Magro—*The Meehan Family*

PARISH EVENTS

Monday, April 4th

9:15 *Women's Scripture Study (Parish Center)*
9:30 *LaFarge Class—Advanced Computers*
6:00 *LaFarge Class—Digital Photography*
6:30 *GIFT Community Session (to 9:00 p.m.)*

Tuesday, April 5th

4:00 *Soup Supper*
6:00 *GIFT Community Session (to 8:30 p.m.)*
7:00 *Vespers (Chapel)*
7:30 *Adult Choir Rehearsal (Parish Center)*

Wednesday, April 6th

9:30 *LaFarge Classes—Excel, Woodcarving*
1:00 *Journey through Grief Course (Parish Center)*
3:30 *Children's Choir Rehearsal (Church)*
5:30 *GIFT Community Session (to 8:00 p.m.)*

Thursday, April 7th

9:30 *LaFarge Class—Water Color Painting*
12:30 *LaFarge Class—Water Color Techniques*

Friday, April 8th

6:00 *GIFT Community Session (to 8:30 p.m.)*
7:00 *Stations of the Cross (Church)*

Saturday, April 9th

9:00 *GIFT Community Session (to 11:30 a.m.)*
9:15 *Individual Reconciliation*

Sunday, April 10th

7:30 *Men's Basketball Open Gym (School Gym)*

PERSPECTIVES FROM THE PCM...

Dear fellow parishioners of the St. Anne Catholic Community,

First and foremost, on behalf of the members of the Parish Council of Ministries (PCM), we thank you for your prayers of support during our first few months of service as a fully formed Council.

The purpose of this missive is to share with you this news: the PCM has decided to move the Ministry Fair, scheduled for **Sunday, May 15th**, to the month of September. Specifically, it will take place over the weekend of **September 24th and 25th**. After much consideration, the members of the Council felt it best to move the date, for fast upon the horizon are many sacramental events, graduations and the retirement of two staff members. Additionally, our parish gets very quiet during the summer months. With all of these factors in mind, we came to the consensus that the Ministry Fair would have a greater impact upon our community if we hosted it this coming fall.

The St. Anne Ministry Fair will be an event in which all of our ministries, programs and services are showcased at one time. Not only is it a call to service, but it is also a celebration of all we do as a community. Within each of our four Commissions, there are ministries in need of chair people, ongoing organizational volunteers, as well as one-time event helpers.

A subcommittee of PCM members has been developing a "Discernment Worksheet." This worksheet will be a tool each parishioner will be able to use to evaluate his or her gifts. We have all been blessed with special skills and personality traits. This form will assist you as you prayerfully consider what areas of parish life will be enhanced by your participation.

Furthermore, the Commission representatives have been meeting with members of the Core Staff to work on defining, aligning and coordinating the ministries within their Commissions. A great spirit of collaboration has been at work, and all members of our community will greatly benefit from this labor. From this work, a Ministry Booklet is being compiled. This booklet will have ministry descriptions, volunteer needs and expectations, as well as contact information. When it is completed, it will be a great resource for both new and long time parishioners.

You have probably read this before, but I want to reiterate, we are all called to be *servant disciples* for the St. Anne community. As baptized Christians, we are committed to share our talents in a spirit of sincere service. All of us are invited to participate in whatever way we are able as an extension of God's love. Our involvement breathes life into our ministries to make them whole.

It is the PCM's sincere hope that our community will become even more united and focused. Our mission states: Led by the Spirit, the Catholic community of St. Anne strives to live the example of Jesus who said, "I came so that you might have life and live it more abundantly." (*John 10:10*) With the mission as our foundation, let us build the kingdom together.

Yours in the service of the Holy Spirit,

Angela Nordgren, PCM Chairperson



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT 2011 EASTER LITURGIES

Dear People of Saint Anne,

EASTER VIGIL

Did you know that Easter this year falls just one day earlier than the absolute latest it can ever be? It will fall on April 25th in the year 2038, a date by which I hope to be retired. Why is the date of Easter important to us? Well, for one thing, the Easter Vigil is supposed to start in darkness. Between the changing of Daylight Savings Time and the late date of Easter, this is getting harder to manage. This year, however, **we are moving the start time of the Vigil to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 23th.** This is JUST for this year. The Worship Commission will also work to keep the timing of the Vigil to about two hours, so we will end just a few minutes later than usual.

EASTER SUNDAY

In an effort to avoid overflow Masses, which would involve many more ministers and exacerbate our parking problems while not offering any guarantee of success in keeping a safer-sized congregation in the church, the Worship Commission, in consultation with the staff and Parish Council of Ministries, hit upon an experimental strategy that we hope will preserve the great spirit of St. Anne liturgies for all who attend and allow everyone to worship in our beautiful church.



In order to accomplish this, we will celebrate five Masses in the church on Easter morning. All of the Masses will be at different times than regular Sunday Masses, in the hope that the large crowds ordinarily seen at the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. will be distributed among three times. The Masses on Easter morning will be as follows:

7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.

To make this work, the Worship Commission will work with our priests to have our worship services on this day last no longer than one hour. While we intend to keep the time down, we intend that the prayerfulness and beauty of the liturgies will be as intense as ever. We hope to do this by following some simple procedures, including starting on time, working to simplify the structure of the Mass, and paying special attention to the length of homilies and music. We feel that if we can start and end in an hour, we can let people move out to their cars, and let the next group of people enter in a satisfactory manner.

Of course, this will require everyone's cooperation, including yours, the parishioner and worshipper. Again, the goal is to allow as many people as possible to experience the Easter liturgy in our church. Once again, the members of the Barrington Brass will grace all five liturgies, and our music ministry will be present to all the services. We hope that you will understand our desire to include everyone and make their Easter experience one that will strengthen us as a parish for the year to come.

Finally, this is, indeed, an experiment. I have great hope for its success, but we will evaluate afterward and adjust. Christmas Eve presents its own challenges which we will also need to look at before long, and I hope that our experience at Easter will inform those decisions as well.

Thank you for reading this far! See you in church, Church!

In the name of the Worship Commission,

Rory Cooney, Director of Worship

Clem Aseron, Associate Director of Worship - Georgene Farman, Worship PCM Rep -

Mark Karney, Worship PCM Rep - Fr. Bernie Pietrzak, Pastor

Office of the Pastor

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly offering for March 27, 2011

Year-to-date Collections

People attending Weekend Liturgies: 2,371			
Sunday Offering Envelopes used: 478	\$27,796.00	Sharing Parish Commitment	\$ 52,394.00
Direct Debit/Credit Card Offerings: 266	\$7,000.00		
Total of this week's Sunday Collections	\$34,796.00	Archdiocesan Required Collections	\$ 29,632.00
Weekly Budget for Sunday Collections	\$41,000.00		
Difference	-\$6,204.00		

Year to Date Collection vs. Budget

Year to Date Sunday/Fall Catch-up Collection	\$1,594,697.00
Year to Date Budget for Sunday Collections	\$1,596,000.00
Difference	-\$1,303.00

**Saint Anne School
Scholarship Collection**
\$31,069.20

INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

PLEASE JOIN US

This week you should have received your invitation to the Inspiration Ball to be held on **Saturday, May 7th**, at the Renaissance Hotel in Schaumburg. Along with the invitation and response card, you can sign up to be a sponsor, to donate a prize for the auction or to buy tickets for the Grand Raffle.

You will note on the response card that there are several suggestions for dinner. The chicken, fish or vegetarian options are \$125.00 per person, while the filet of beef option is \$140.00 per person. The tax deductible donation for any entrée is \$25.00. We need to give the hotel a count the week before the event, so please send your response today.

Please participate in any way possible. This is the most important fundraiser of the year for the parish and all of its ministries, including Saint Anne School and the GIFT faith formation programs.

Father Bernie Pietrzak and Margaret Buckstaff



St. Frances of Rome Parish
Parroquia Sta. Francisca de Roma

Dear Parishioners of St. Anne,

On behalf of the whole St. Frances of Rome family, we want to thank you for your outpouring of support for us at Christmas! The toys and gifts you donated helped to keep the wonder and joy of Christmas alive in the hearts of our children and families. Your generous donations, totaling \$1,785.00 toward our tuition assistance fund, will help us to keep students in our school where they can benefit from caring teachers and the positive values they impart.

Thank you also for your recent \$5,000.00 donation through the Sharing Board. These funds support our mission in a critical way and directly impact our students and families who stand to benefit the most from what a Catholic education has to offer.

'Thank you' seems so inadequate for all that we have received over the years. Without question, we have been blessed by your friendship as we continue in our mission in Cicero. As brothers and sisters in Christ, let us hold each other up in prayer.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Mark A. Bartosic, *Pastor* and **Mr. Clement V. Martin**, *Principal*
1428 S. 59th Court, Cicero, IL 60804, **708.652.2140**

GIFT Growing in Faith Together

LISTEN

By SISTER LAURETTA LEIPZIG, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE/DIRECTOR OF ADULT EDUCATION

There is a story told about a man who was caught in his home during a flood. When his neighbors stopped to see if he needed help to escape down the road, he told them he would wait for God to save him. Then there was the National Guard boat that stopped to see if he needed assistance and again, he said he was waiting for God to help him. Next was a police helicopter that offered him a ladder to climb to safety as he stood on top of his house, but he turned them down putting his faith in God. Finally, when he drowned and went to heaven, he complained that God did not save him. God told him: "I did try to save you. I sent you your neighbors. I sent the National Guard in a boat and I sent the police helicopter and you turned them all down."

The Lord is speaking to each of us also. Sometimes God speaks in the whispering sound of the Spirit. God speaks softly and that is why we may often miss his message and his direction. It becomes difficult to hear unless we are attuned to God's presence. Someone once said: "Once we have discovered the Lord's speech patterns in our life, then perhaps we can hear when God whispers." God also speaks in the heavy wind, the earthquake and in the fire. Sometimes we need to be hit over the head to see God. We tend to tune out God and so, we need God to speak to us directly and forcefully. The heavy wind, earthquake and fire can move us in the right direction.

When does God speak to us? The Lord can speak to us at various times. In Scripture, spiritual reading or in the words of a favorite saint or author - these can call us and give us guidance and direction. Friends, family members, or teachers can guide us by pointing us in a certain direction. Signs are all around us if we allow ourselves to be aware of them.

Today we are to discover for ourselves how the Lord is speaking to us. It is different for each one. Whether we listen to our friends, to the National Guard or to the police helicopter, it is all the voice of God directing us. Listen!



SAVE THE DATE— ST. ANNE BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, April 19th

7:30-8:30 p.m.

The April selection,
The Girls from Ames,
by Jeffrey Zaslow.

LIBRARY for LENT

Looking for some ideas for your Lenten
prayer and reading?

Our parish library has something for you.

Browse through the many shelves for great selections of:

* books * pamphlets * audio-visuals

Look for ideas on the bulletin board.

Check out items in the kiosk labeled
"FOR THE SEASON"

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday:	Isaiah 65:17-21/John 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12/John 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Isaiah 49:8-15/John 5:17-30
Thursday:	Exodus 32:7-14/John 5:31-47
Friday:	Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22/John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jeremiah 11:18-20/John 7:40-53
Sunday:	Ezekiel 37:12-14/Romans 8:8-11/John 11:1-45

GIFT Growing in Faith Together

St. Anne Adult Faith Formation

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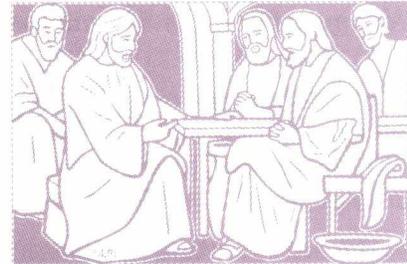
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THE LAST SUPPER

Thursday, April 14th

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Hospitality Room



Filmed and dramatized entirely on authentic locations of the Holy Land and the Middle East, we relive the story of Jesus meeting with his twelve disciples in the “upper room” in Jerusalem where they shared the Last Supper.

The Last Supper emphasizes both the Christian tradition and Jewish roots. We learn about the historic and cultural background, the symbolism, and the Biblical foods served at the traditional Jewish Passover “Seder” meal known as the Passover Meal.

Today this meal symbolizes the deliverance from slavery to freedom and is commemorated in honor of the meal the ancient Hebrews shared before leaving Egypt on their long journey to the Promised Land.

A great Lenten program!

DAILY ROSARY DEVOTION

The Blessed Virgin requested the children to pray when she appeared at Fatima—especially to pray the Rosary. Praying the Rosary is an excellent spiritual exercise during the Lenten season. **A group gathers at 7:45 a.m., prior to the celebration of the 8:15 a.m. Mass, to pray this most revered prayer of the Church.** Please consider this prayer activity as a part of your Lenten journey. Our Lady is calling you and all are welcome.

PLANTING FOR THE FOOD PANTRY

As spring quickly approaches, so does the planting of gardens. Project Hope is expanding its food pantry and is looking for ways to bring in more fresh produce. If you plant a garden and have some extra room, please think about planting a few extra rows or extra plants to feed our hungry! If you need service hours, we would be happy to incorporate a plan to support that effort. For more information, call **Jill** at **847.381.5721**.

GIFT Growing in Faith Together

GIFT COMMUNITY EVENT – APRIL 4TH-9TH

Topic – *Dying to Self*

This year we have been exploring what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. As we continue to gain a better understanding of how to change our view of the values and vision of human life as expressed in the Gospel, we learn to allow true discipleship to take root in our hearts and lives.

“Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

Matthew 10:39

The concept of dying to self entails changes and transformation from self-preoccupation, self-justification, and self-gratification into “new life” in Jesus Christ. The process of dying to self is a continual journey of letting go—releasing resentment, guilt feelings, non-forgiveness, and fear—so that the love of Jesus becomes paramount in our relationship with God and with our brothers and sisters.

AMY FLORIAN

GUEST SPEAKER FOR ALL ADULT SESSIONS

We are most fortunate to have St. Anne parishioner, Amy Florian, as our presenter at the adult breakout for all five sessions of this event. Ms. Florian is a liturgy and bereavement consultant and grief coach as well as an adjunct professor at Loyola, Dominican and St. Xavier Universities. She conducts missions as well as workshops in prayer, liturgy and bereavement, both regionally and nationwide. Ms. Florian, a certified Thanatologist, holds a Masters in Pastoral Studies with a concentration in liturgy and bereavement from Loyola University and is a Fellow in Thanatology of the Association for Death Education and Counseling.

PLEASE JOIN US

If you are registered for *GIFT Community Events* but have not selected your session for *Dying to Self*, call **Carla Czyzewski** for assistance at **847.620.3069** or email her at cczyzewski@stannebarrington.org.

If you would like to experience a GIFT Community Event but are not registered for the year, you can pay \$20.00 per person at the door for a single session. Please call **Carla Czyzewski** at **847.620.3069** for details.

The dates and times for the upcoming sessions are as follows:

Event	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday	Saturday
Dying to Self	April 4th 6:30-9:00 p.m.	April 5th 6:00-8:30 p.m.	April 6th 5:30-8:00 p.m.	April 8th 6:00-8:30 p.m.	April 9th 9:00-11:30 a.m.

SHARE YOUR BOOKS

Last Christmas, St. Anne gave away 1,000 books entitled *Rediscovering Catholicism* by Matthew Kelly. We continue to receive good comments from those who have read the book. As the word spread, some who did not take a book at that time or found the books were all gone have expressed their desire to read it. To accommodate these people, we are asking anyone who has finished the book, has duplicate copies, or just wishes to share with others, to drop off their copy at the library sign-out desk (on the mezzanine level above the Gathering Space). We are going to set up a section in our parish library for these recycled books and invite anyone to sign them out on a rental basis. Thank you.

LENT 2011

VESPERS (CHAPEL)

TUESDAYS DURING LENT, 7:00 P.M.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (CHURCH)

FRIDAYS DURING LENT, 7:00 P.M.

PENANCE SERVICE (CHURCH)

MONDAY, APRIL 18TH, 7:00 P.M.

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 21ST

MORNING PRAYER, 8:15 A.M.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD,
10:00 A.M.

SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER,
7:30 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 22ND

MORNING PRAYER, 8:15 A.M.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD,
10:00 A.M.

SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION,
3:00 P.M. AND 7:30 P.M.

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 23RD

MORNING PRAYER, 8:15 A.M.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD,
10:00 A.M.

BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS,
12:30 P.M.

VIGIL OF EASTER,
8:30 P.M.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 24TH

7:00 A.M., 8:30 A.M.,
10:00 A.M., 11:30 A.M.,
1:00 P.M.

NOTE: The Nursery will be available for the 10.00 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. Masses only.

Summary of Lenten penitential practices of fasting and abstinence for Catholics:

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to **fast** on **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must **abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent**. Fasting means *partaking of only one full meal*. Some food (not equaling another full meal) is permitted at breakfast and around midday or in the evening—depending on when a person chooses to eat the main or full meal. Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk products or condiments made of animal fat.

USHERS AND GREETERS NEEDED FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICES AND MASSES

Give the gift of your time. Holy Week services and Masses are quickly approaching. Large attendance is expected for the Holy Week services and Masses. Because of the anticipated increase in attendance, extra ushers and greeters are needed. To volunteer as an usher or greeter, please sign up on the bulletin board in the usher's room near the Gathering Space.

The greatest need is for the Easter Sunday Masses at 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. For more information or to sign up, call **Chuck Breneman** (to be an usher) at **847.304.1925**, or **Darrell Medley** (to be a greeter) at **847.726.8842**.

What are You Building this Lent?

The Lenten call to almsgiving offers each of us an opportunity to serve the needs of those who are poor, lonely, forgotten, and downtrodden. As we reach this half-way point in our Lenten journey, we thought we would look back on the hope that led us to commit our parish Lenten almsgiving to a war torn corner of the world—to a Catholic parish in a rural village in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Catholic Relief Services on Education

Working with Catholic and Protestant churches and the Ministry of Education to revitalize primary education through teacher training, school rehabilitation, translation and distribution of teaching manuals, and promotion of girls' education.

The United Nations Millennium Development Targets

Achieve universal primary education by 2015 for girls and boys with literacy training for 15-24 year old girls and boys.

Eliminate gender disparity in primary and secondary education, preferably at all levels by 2015.

The World Bank

Fight poverty with passion and professionalism for lasting results and to help people help themselves and their environment by providing resources, sharing knowledge, building capacity and forging relationships in the public and private sectors.

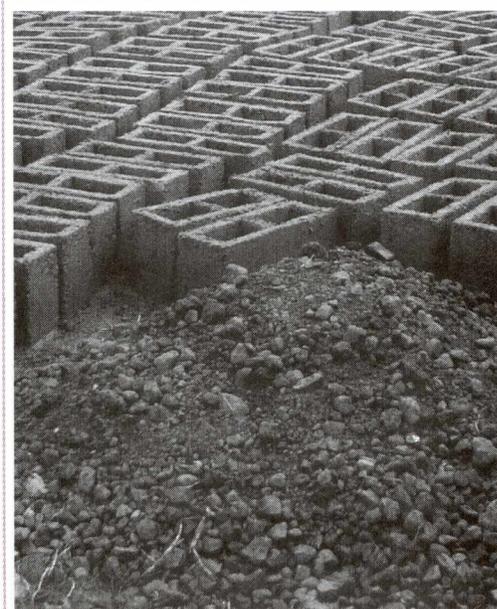
Center for Global Development

Give people the skills they need to prevent disease and to use health services effectively and earn 10% higher wages, which, in turn, contribute to national economic growth. (No country has ever achieved continuous and rapid growth without reaching an adult literacy rate of at least 40%.)

Support the growth of civil society, democracy, and political stability, allowing people to know their rights and acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to exercise them.

The Rugari Parish Council

"And what of the children?" These were the opening words of a letter written to St. Anne Faithjustice five years ago expressing the desire of parents, teachers, the principal, catechists and other village and parish leaders to use whatever gifts might come to them from St. Anne for the purpose of educating their children. This same question is asked daily in the greeting of friends. Parents instinctively understand the lofty goals expressed by large organizations. In their hearts, they know that education is critical to building their communities and overcoming years of conflict and violence and the grinding poverty.



What You Can Do

Challenge everyone in your household to think about the role of education in their lives. Try to imagine life without the normal educational structures that Americans routinely have available. Then be generous with your almsgiving throughout the remaining weeks of Lent.

This year's alms will —

- Help build a secondary school in the Village of Nkokwe
- Refurbish the primary school in Kanyabusaro

Tags describing the specific goals for this year are located in the large basket on the hearth in the Gathering Space. Alms may be returned to the receptacle by the cinder blocks. Instructions for check writing are found on the tags. The receptacles will be emptied after each Mass. Envelopes may also be delivered to the Parish Office.

Justice and Human Concerns



Alexian Brothers Interfaith Parish Support Services

Journey through Grief

This six-week course will explore the tasks of grief, provide the opportunity to share experiences with others who have lost a loved one, and learn how to cope with loss. Each session will provide support of other people and education about this journey.

Wednesdays, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
April 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, May 4th

St. Anne Parish Center

There is **NO FEE**, although **registration is required** by the Friday prior to the 1st session. To register, call **866.253.9426** or visit www.AlexianBrothersHealth.org/AlexianConnects.

Community Life



WOMEN'S CLUB CORNER

APRIL GENERAL MEETING—TUESDAY, APRIL 12TH

The Women's Club will host a daytime general meeting at **11:00 a.m.**, in the Hospitality Room, with art and antique appraiser, **Karl Gates**. Mr. Gates will begin with a presentation, sharing interesting facts about art and antique history. He will educate us on the origins of our grandmother's cranberry glass and what modern art was considered to be in the 17th century. You are invited to bring one or two of your own pieces of art or an antique, and at the conclusion of his presentation, he will give his personal appraisal of each item. Who knows? Maybe the item you purchased at your neighborhood garage sale is worth a fortune! This event is free, so please plan to attend and bring an item to have appraised. A salad, non-meat appetizer or dessert would also be appreciated.

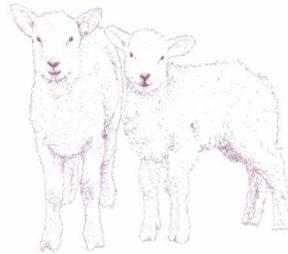
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE—FRIDAY, JUNE 10TH

The Barrington Area Relay for Life, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, will start **Friday, June 10th**, at the Barrington High School Community Stadium. The Women's Club will sponsor a team for this event, which will raise funds to support ACS research, education, advocacy and patient service programs. If you know a cancer survivor or are one yourself, please consider joining us. All participants simply need to raise a minimum of \$100.00. Our goal is to build a team of ten participants, and raise at least \$2,000.00, which was easily raised when the Women's Club participated four years ago.

Not only will the Women's Club try to raise the bar this year, but so will Barrington, with a goal of over 100 teams participating and raising \$145,000.00. The fitting theme for the American Cancer Society is: "Less Cancer, More Birthdays." For more information, see the Barrington Relay for Life website at http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=30528&pg=entry. To join our team, contact **Mary Sneed** at **847.746.4235** or mary.v.sneed@sbcglobal.net or **Evelyn Diaz-Jimenez** at **224.406.3444**.

Justice and Human Concerns

*He said,
"Feed My Lambs"
John 21:15*

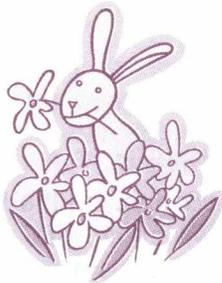


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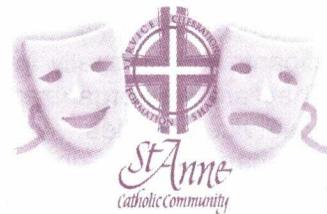
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Teen Service Week, June 19th-25th

- Applicants must have completed at least one year of high school
- Serve the people of Chicago in a multi-cultural community experience
- Cost - \$150.00. Includes food, lodging and transportation to work sites for the week
- You must provide your own transportation to the home site and back (NW Chicago)

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- Serve the people in the eastern Kentucky area of the Appalachian Mountains
- Cost - \$350.00. Includes all food, lodging and transportation for the week
- Spending money and meals on the trip down and back are additional

Because of our 15 year relationship with Glenmary Farm, we have been invited to bring a larger group of missionaries this year. While we will still be interviewing candidates to discern the most cohesive group, we encourage any interested teens to apply, including those who have made the trip before.

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE NOW!!

Download the application form from the Parish Website: www.stannebarrington.org

Click on Youth Ministry/High School/Social Justice Opportunities
Then click the link for "Summer Mission Trips" at the bottom of the page
to access the registration form

- Applications must be returned **NO LATER** than **Monday, May 9th!!**
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Inspiration Ball

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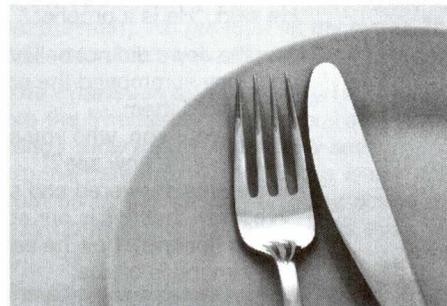
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Are you a young or young-at-heart single who would like to attend alone or bring a friend, and would like to sit with other singles so you can meet new people in the parish? This is a perfect opportunity!!! When making your reservation, indicate that you would like to sit at the "YOUNG SINGLES TABLE" or the "YOUNG-AT-HEART SINGLES TABLE."

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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT, 2011 (31A)

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

(The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.)

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

- ¹ As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from birth.
- ² His disciples asked him,
"Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"
- ³ Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned;
it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.
- ⁴ We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day.
Night is coming when no one can work.
- ⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."
- ⁶ When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva,
and smeared the clay on his eyes, ⁷ and said to him,
"Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" – which means Sent –.
So he went and washed, and came back able to see.
- ⁸ His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said,
"Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?"
- ⁹ Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him."
He said, "I am."
- ¹⁰ So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?"
- ¹¹ He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me,
'Go to Siloam and wash.'
So I went there and washed and was able to see."
- ¹² And they said to him, "Where is he?"
He said, "I don't know."
- ¹³ They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees.
- ¹⁴ Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a Sabbath.
- ¹⁵ So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see.
He said to them,
"He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see."
- ¹⁶ So some of the Pharisees said,
"This man is not from God, because he does not keep the Sabbath."
But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?"
And there was a division among them.
- ¹⁷ So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him,
since he opened your eyes?"
He said, "He is a prophet."
- ¹⁸ Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight
until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight.
- ¹⁹ They asked them,
"Is this your son, who you say was born blind?
How does he now see?"
- ²⁰ His parents answered and said,
"We know that this is our son and that he was born blind.
We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes.
Ask him, he is of age;
he can speak for himself."
- ²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews,
for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ,
he would be expelled from the synagogue.
- ²³ For this reason, his parents said, "He is of age; question him."

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Sharing the Living Story

- ²⁴ So a second time, they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner."
²⁵ He replied, "If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see."
²⁶ So they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"
²⁷ He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?"
²⁸ They ridiculed him and said, "You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses!"
²⁹ We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from."
³⁰ The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes."
³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him.
³² It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind.
³³ If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything."
³⁴ They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out.
³⁵ When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
³⁶ He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?"
³⁷ Jesus said to him, "You have seen him; the one speaking with you is he."
³⁸ He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.
³⁹ Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."
⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?"
⁴¹ Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains.

While those among us whom God has elected continue with their preparation for their own baptism on the night of the Easter Vigil, the rest of us prepare ourselves by recalling, if we can, either our own baptism, or the promises we have been renewing each Easter season.

Once more, our parish pauses in mid-Lent to seek the gradual enlightenment that comes from subjecting our lives to scrutiny. Compare the evolution toward enlightenment in the man in today's story with the journey of the woman in last Sunday's gospel (Jn 4:5-42). Simply trace the literary signals: *man called Jesus* (v.11); *he put mud* (v.15); *He is a prophet* (v.17); *if this man were not from God* (v.33); *Lord, I believe* (v.38). Simultaneously, the ones who choose not to see decrease into darkness. The twin themes of light and darkness follow opposing graphs: rising into light, descending into darkness. Again, note John's favorite devices: contrast and misunderstanding, light and darkness.

As always in John's gospel, Jesus is the divine pursuer! John uses the same device as he did with the woman: Jesus does the soliciting. Compare the synoptics¹ who instead have the person who needs healing do the seeking (e.g. Mk 10:47).

John uses a literary device consisting of a series of seven questions and answers to highlight that Jesus is the Light of the world.²

I. 1-7 *Jesus and the Blind Man*

Question (from the disciples): *Rabbi, who sinned ... ?*

Answer (from Jesus): *Neither ...*

Jesus then heals him.

II. 8-12 *The neighbors of the man and the man*

Q. (from neighbors): *Is this not the man?... How were your eyes opened? Where is he?*

A. (from the man): *I am the man...the man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes...told me to wash...and I received my sight.*

III. 13-17 *The Pharisees and the Man*

Q. (from the Pharisees): *How did you receive your sight?... How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?...What do you say about him?*

A. (from the man): *He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed... now I can see...He is a prophet.*

IV. 18-23 *The Pharisees and the Parents*

Q. (from the Pharisees): *Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?*

A. (from the parents): *We know this is our son and that he was born blind, but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age.*

V. 24-34 *The Pharisees and the Man, again*

Q. (from the Pharisees): *What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?*

A. (from the Man): *I have told you already and you would not listen...Do you also want to become his disciples? Exasperated, the Pharisees drive him out saying, "You were born entirely in sin, are you trying to teach us?"*

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VI. 35-39 *Jesus and the Blind Man*, again.

Q. (from Jesus): *Do you believe in the Son of Man?*

A. (from the Man): *Lord, I believe.*

VII. 40-41 *The Pharisees and Jesus*

Q. (from the Pharisees): *Surely we are not blind, are we?*

A. (from Jesus): *If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say 'we see', your sin remains.*

v.2 Still present in Jesus' time (and our own?): the idea that sin merited God's disfavor or punishment in the form of bad luck, disabilities, lack of money, with social ostracism.

v.3 God can draw good out of the most dire situations.

v.4 "We" – probably John's way of showing Jesus' way of associating the disciples with himself in his work - giving sight is God's work; **and**, others in addition to Jesus are to do God's work.

v.7 "Sent" could refer to Jesus, the one who was sent by the Father. Or "sent" might be a mission statement that the man would be sent as witness that Jesus is Light of the World. It is likely a mission statement by John to his own community: go, you are sent.

vv.8-9 The start of polarity, one of John's favorite literary devices. See 16-17 and 39.

v.11 *The man called Jesus*. The man does not identify with Jesus – he simply says, "the man they call Jesus." He follows with a simple recital of the facts, with little insight.

v.12 *Where is he? I do not know*. This is more than just that bald fact. The implication is that he does not know that Jesus is from the Father (see v.16), or where Jesus is going (back to the Father). In Mediterranean sensibilities, to know where a person is from is to know their ancestry and therefore, to know their claim to status.

v.14 This sets up what is to become **the** problem: Jews were prohibited from working on the Sabbath; to make mud is to work, to do the trade of potters, of brick makers.

v.16 A real quandary: If he does not keep the commandment about the Sabbath, he is a sinner, but then, how could he effect cures?

17-18 Naturally, they resort to wondering if the healing occurred at all! The man has been hearing all this and apparently comes into his first insight: *He is a prophet*. (One whose power comes from God and who does God's work!)

20-23. John is addressing an issue prominent in the minds of his community some 30 years after the destruction of the Temple by the Romans in 70 AD. The Jews, in attempt to draw the scattered community together in solidarity after their dispersal by the Romans, "cleaned" house and ejected those Jews who accepted Jesus as the Messiah.³ Fearful, the parents corroborate that he is their son and that he was born blind, but very carefully refer the question of how and by whom he was healed to the son himself.

25-27 Another step in the man's enlightenment - he now wonders . . . do *they* want to follow Jesus, and become disciples themselves?

30-33 Again, the "where does he come from" question: the man is now certain who healed him.

v.35 Jesus, the ever-faithful divine lover, pursues him and asks the critical question, *Do you believe in the Son of Man?* (Note, this is the first time the man will **physically** see Jesus)

v.36 Convinced now of the identity of the healer, he asks that the healer be pointed out.

v.37 Jesus responds: *the one speaking with you is he*. This is the same response that John has Jesus give to the woman at the well in last week's gospel (see 4:26). To the Jewish ear, it rings loud: recall that God replied to Moses that he should tell Pharaoh that ego eimi (**I AM**) was the one who was sending him (Exod 3:14).

v.38 **Fully** enlightened, the man responds in the only way one can at a theophany: he worships. (c.f.Gen. 17:3)

v.41 Being physically (or spiritually) blind would not be wrong. However, not accepting the Light offered, that is, **choosing** to stay blind, to remain attached to previous positions in the face of Light, to continue to deny that one is alienated, is to tenaciously descend into darkness, into sin.

So What?

The story of the *Man Born Blind* is an appropriate metaphor to help us scrutinize our lives during Lent.

(Next Sunday, we will scrutinize for the third time.)

Trace one of your own stories of gradual enlightenment that led you to recognize God operating in your life.

Are not such recollections what draw us to the waters of Baptism at the Easter Vigil?

FOOTNOTES:

¹ Mark, Matthew and Luke: so called because passages can be laid side by side and compared

² Seven signifies perfection in the sense of being complete

³ Note that this could lead to the use of Johannine passages to justify anti-Semitic attitudes and behavior

Community Events and Offerings/Needs

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Future Lion Day. Sunday, April 3rd, 4-6:00 p.m., St. Viator High School. Grades 5-7, athletic competitions. Call **847.392.4050** to register.

Lenten Fish Fry. Friday, April 8th, 15th, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus, Lake Zurich. Call **847.847.7808** or jchiarelli@ameritech.net.

Fashion Show. Friday, April 8th, St. Emily Women's Club, Bristol Court Banquets, Mt. Prospect. Call **Maritza at 847.253.4907**.

Open House. Saturday, April 9th, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Loyola Institute of Pastoral Studies. Call **312.915.7484** or LUC.edu/ips.

Jeremy Langford Lecture. Saturday, April 9th, 9:00 a.m., Mayslake Ministries, Doubletree Hotel, Downers Grove. www.mayslakeministries.org.

Amazing Grace Gala. Sunday, April 10th, 4:00 p.m., Little Sisters of the Poor, Stonegate Centre, Hoffman Estates. Call **Diana at 847.358.5700**.

Mission Trip to Cedar Rapids. Information meeting, Disaster Assistance Ministry, **Monday, April 11th**, St. Edna, Arlington Heights. **847.400.6459**.

Pilgrimage. Poland, Prague with Fr. Michael Sparough/Fr. John Ferone, **April 27th-May 7th**. Visit www.pilgrimages.com/poland-sparough.

Northwest Suburban Young Adult Ministry. yamnworg.homestead.com.

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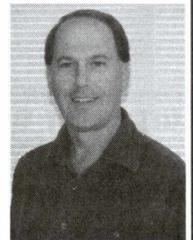
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