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Third Sunday of Lent

February 24, 2008

While we were still sinners Christ died for us.

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure

Our collection for this past weekend was \$7,105.79.

(For 2006-2007 our average weekly expenses were \$7,360.00.)

Bulletin Sponsor: In Memory of Mr. Allan Brasseaux

By: Joyce Brasseaux and Family

St. Charles Parish Lenten Mission is scheduled for **March 10, 11, 12, 13** with Deacon Cody Miller at **7:00 PM** each evening. On Wednesday evening, our Lenten Reconciliation Service will be celebrated. On Thursday evening the Mission will conclude with Mass and Consecration. Please make plans to attend these evenings.

Mrs. Celeste Vidrine, the principal of our St. Ignatius School, was recognized by the Diocese of Lafayette as an Outstanding Catholic School Administrator for the 2007-2008 academic year in an Awards Ceremony on February 17th at St. John's Cathedral. We rejoice with Mrs. Vidrine in this recognition given to her, and we thank her for all that she does in the education of our children.

Christ the King Annual Lenten Revival is scheduled for **March 3, 4, 5** at **7:00 PM** each evening with Deacon Ignatius Joseph. Different Gospel Choirs from the surrounding area will provide music. On Wednesday, the Revival will conclude with Mass.

Training for Lectors and Ministers of the Eucharist.

There will be important training for Ministers of the Word and for Ministers of the Eucharist on **Saturday, March 8th.**

This training is to bring everyone up to date on the current practices.

Also, candidates for these ministries are invited to attend. If you feel called to either of these ministries please come for training on Saturday, March 8th.

Lectors (Ministers of the Word) - 9:00 AM
Ministers of the Eucharist - 1:00 PM

Church Regulations on Fast & Abstinence

Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years of age and older.

All Catholics 18 years of age but not yet 59 observe fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. One may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted to maintain strength according to one's needs. The eating of solid food between meals is not permitted.

LENTEN RESOURCES

You can find much help for your personal Lenten prayer, for the young people in your family, and for all of our Lenten celebrations at the following website that is sponsored by the Loyola University Press, at the Jesuit University in Chicago.

<http://www.findinggod.org>

Activities of the Week February 25-March 2

M	25	4:00 PM Vigil Mass Choir Practice
T	26	6:00 PM 7:30 Chimes Choir Practice
W	27	Six-steps to Easter Classes at 4:30 and 7:00 PM
TH	28	5:45 PM 10:30 Mass Choir Practice
F	29	7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Minister Schedule-March 1-2

Vigil -Lector Jim Burleigh and Janice Fox
Communion Barbara Burleigh, Juanita Comeaux,
Mary Menard, Lou Santillo, Pat Sonnier
Altar Server Megan Miller

7:30-Lector Amy Lowery and Pemella Williams
Communion Deacon Sam Henry, Sr. Betty Renard,
Perry & Brenda Kennerson, Barbara Meche
Alter Server Carlie Pierre

10:30-Lector Peggy and Bub Harper
Communion Stephanie Richard, Barbara Broussard,
Norman & Flo Carroll, Polly Etienne
Altar Server Lauren Bourque, Morgan Boone,
Andrew Smith

Church Cleaners for March 1-2

Barbara Broussard Jeanette Williams
Vickie Meche Julia Key Genevieve Ray
Barbara & Stephanie Senegal Wilda Richard

Reminder: During Lent, **Stations of the Cross** are prayed every Friday evening at 7:00 PM concluding with Benediction.

Message from Bishop Michael Jarrell

I request your support for the special collection next Sunday (March 1-2) to support the Catholic Relief Services. CRS touches the lives of people who are suffering, poor, and vulnerable around the world—victims of war, persecution, and poverty., “Through the eyes of faith, the starving child, the believer in jail, and the woman without clean water or health care are not issues, but Jesus in disguise.” Over half of the world’s people live on less than \$2.00 per day.

St. Charles Pictorial Directory on the Internet

You can reach our new Pictorial Directory on the Internet. How to do this?

1. Go to our parish web-site:
www.st-charles-borromeo.org
Click on the link “Parish Photo Directory”
2. Just below the church’s name you will see links to “Photo directory”, “our members”, and “staff Directory”.
3. The password to enter the Photo Directory and Our Members areas is *Charles*. Please let us know if you discover any errors in your entry.

THIRSTING FOR LIFE-GIVING WATERS

Especially during the Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter seasons, the prayer texts of the Eastern Church revel in paradoxical images of Christ: the eternal life who is put to death, the host of the supper who is also its meal, the thirsty crucified one with living water streaming from his side. These images flow from the evangelists' portrayals of Jesus and from his very ministry, during which he often upset or reversed people's expectations about him or the ways of God. This "reversal" is at play in today's Gospel, as Jesus speaks to an enemy foreigner who is also a woman beneath his status. In addition he, the thirsting one, shows the woman to be the one truly thirsting. He--whose parched lips will say "I thirst" before he dies--is the source of life and life-giving water. Lent calls upon us to dwell on how each of us is thirsting for Christ, and it leads us, ultimately, back to the life-giving waters of our baptism into his Body.

The Jesuit Spirituality Center in Grand Coteau, Louisiana is pleased to offer in 2008...

Individually directed retreats—February 25-March 5; March 13-22 (Holy Week); March 21-April 9.

Zen Retreat—February 21-24. Presenter is Fr. Robert Kennedy, S.J. Zen practices integrating Christian life, prayer and liturgy. This is a silent retreat and is open to persons of all faiths.

Christian Yoga—March 7-9. Presenter: Andrea Vidrine. The aim of Christian Yoga is to quiet the mind enough to bask in the awareness of Christ within.

Experiencing Joy-March 28-30. Presenter: Allyson Tomkins. This retreat will focus on helping those participating to live in the joy that comes to us by our salvation. There will be presentations, meditation time and small group sharing.

For an application form, for the retreats listed, please visit our website:

<jesuitspiritualitycenter.org> or call 662-5251.

Seven Mile Community Yard Sale March 15, 2008

7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Hwy. 93 East, Grand Coteau to Arnaudville
Vendors and Artists Welcomed
For more information, contact
Janice Fox at 662-3058

FORGIVENESS

People who cannot forgive others break the bridge over which they must pass if they are to reach heaven; for everyone has a need to be forgiven.