



Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 29, 2009

I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be by my people.

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

Our offertory collection for last Sunday was \$5,738.50.

Our parish contribution for Catholic Relief Services was \$474.00.

(For 2007-2008 our average weekly expenses were \$6,509.00.)

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PARISH IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

We have been planning to construct a covering over the driveway at the handicap entrance of our church (the door of the north-wing area). This would give protection from rain for the elderly, for funerals, and for emergency vehicles. We plan to make this covering match the architecture of the church, and the final details of the work are now being decided. Our hope is to begin construction before the end of March.

A related project is to enlarge the parking space on the north side of the church. It has become clear that we need more parking around the church. We have already begun to fill in low areas and have set up a one-way flow of traffic through the present, limited parking space. We would like to extend the parking area down towards the cemetery. This will require grading, a crushed rock cover, and a new entrance ramp. This project may take some time to complete, but we would like to move it along as soon as possible.

A conservative estimate for the cost of the two projects is \$25,000. In this Bulletin announcement I appeal to all who would like to make a special contribution for these improvements. In a couple of weeks we will begin a series of second-collections on Sundays to raise funds. If you wish to contribute please designate your offering for the "Improvement Projects".

Thank you for your generosity. I look forward to completing these improvements to our church.

Fr. Jim Lambert, S.J.

O God, bless us during this season of spiritual renewal. Fill our minds and hearts with love, that we may be a sign of Jesus to all those living in our midst.

Christ the King Mission in Bellevue will hold A Lenten Mission for all of St. Charles Parish Community. Deacon Ignatius Joseph will speak at 7:00 PM on March 30th, 31st and April 1st concluding with Holy Mass on Wednesday.

The Season of Lent

Church Regulations on Fast & Abstinence

FAST: 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.

ABSTINENCE: We do not eat meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent. Abstinence is observed by all Catholics 14 years of age and older.

Lent is a time for **prayer** and **penance**. The "Works of Mercy" offer us many opportunities to: visit the sick, help the hungry and homeless, comfort the sorrowful, counsel the doubtful, pray for and admonish the sinner, forgive all injuries, and pray for the living and dead.

Activities of the Week March 30-April 4

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| M 30 | 4:00 PM Vigil Mass | Choir Practice |
| | 7:00 PM | Lenten Guided Prayer Meeting |
| T 31 | | |
| W 1 | Six Steps to Easter Programs | |
| TH 2 | 5:45 PM | 10:30 Mass Choir Practice |
| | 7:00 PM | Adult Sacrament Class |
| FR 3 | 7:00 PM | Stations of the Cross |

Minister Schedule-April 4-5

Vigil -Lector	Al & Dyanne LeBlanc
Communion	Margie McClendon, Ivy Lavergne Janice Fox, Jim & Barbara Burleigh
Altar Server	Nicholas Smith, Meghan & Emma Bush
7:30 -Lector	Cheri Dubroc & Melba Courtney
Communion	Gary Dubroc, Ruby Gardiner Perry & Brenda Kennerson, Joe Landry
Altar Server	Taneshia Cormier, Carlie Pierre, James Charles
10:30 -Lector	Cathy Taylor & Danielle Belson
Communion	Deacon Herd Guilbeau, Norman & Flo Carroll, Frank & Avis Domingue
Altar Server	Morgan & Emily Boone, Taylor Kimble

Church Cleaners for April 4-5

Denise Baloney Shanda Guidry
Natasha & Caitlin Williams
Perry & Brenda Kennerson
Diane Meche Tommie Miller

Stations of the Cross Devotion is scheduled for Friday, April 3rd at 7:00 P.M. Services will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

The Lenten 2009 Penance Services North Region, Diocese of Lafayette St. Leo the Great (Leonville)

Tuesday, March 31st at 7:30 p.m.

Lenten Retreat, March 29-April 1st at 7:00 PM.

Fr. Jim Sichko of Lexington, Kentucky will be the guest presenter. Fr. Sichko is billed as the voice of laughter, storytelling and praise. All are welcome to attend.

St. Landry Church (Opelousas) City-Wide

Monday, April 6th at 6:30 P.M.

Senior Citizens will gather at Thensted on Friday, April 3rd at 10:00 A.M.

St. Ignatius School in Grand Coteau is currently accepting enrollment applications for the 2009-2010 school year. If interested please contact the school office at 662-3325.

Vermilion Catholic High School in Abbeville, La. Is now accepting applications for the position of principal for the 2009-2010 school year. Request applications by calling 893-0244.



LIVING LENT Day by Day

March 30 Monday

Susanna and the woman caught in adultery are featured in today's readings. Both found themselves in a terrible pickle, and God rescued them. Think about times in your life when God's mercy saved you. Eat a pickle in celebration of God's compassion.

March 31 Tuesday

When we whine, the world looks dark. Put an imaginary piece of duct tape over your mouth and try not to complain today.

April 1 Wednesday

Who are those people who passed on the faith to you? Say a prayer for them today and thank them for their witness.

April 2 Thursday

Everyone needs a place to be alone. A good, hot shower, or some other retreat, can do wonders for a troubled soul. Enjoy a visit to your hiding place and rest awhile.

April 3 Friday

Take in today's news and listen to it with a critical mind. Who is performing good works in our world? Make a list of those "workers" and pray for them.

April 4 Saturday

It is time to prepare for Holy Week. Make it a family affair to clean the house for Easter, as a holy sign that we are God's people.

April 5 Sunday

Plan time for the coming week—to pray, to go to the parish celebrations, and to spend family time. Also, empty your home of your religious art until Easter. Jesus leaves the ordinary for the extraordinary.

2009 Youth Conference

The Schools of the Sacred Heart will host their first annual Youth Conference on **Saturday, May 2** from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Grand Coteau. This co-ed retreat is open to students in grades 7-12, and their guests. Students for schools and churches in the Diocese of Lafayette are all invited. There will be live Christian music, small group discussions and activities on various topics of spiritual growth. Pre-registration is required with a fee of \$5.00. T-shirts are \$15 and must be ordered by April 6th. Registrations accepted after April 6th will not be able to order T-shirt. Registration forms available on the table at the entrance of church. For more information, please contact the school at 662-5275.

