The background is a deep purple color. In the center, there is a white, draped fabric, possibly representing a shroud or a cloth. Overlaid on this fabric is a crown of thorns, a symbol of suffering and sacrifice. The thorns are dark green and brown, with sharp, pointed leaves. The overall composition is simple and evocative, typical of a religious poster or card.

FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF LENT

"WHILE I AM IN THE WORLD,  
I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD."

JOHN 9:5

**THE WEEK AHEAD****MONDAY – MARCH 23**

Liturgy &amp; Spirituality meeting – 7:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY – MARCH 24**

Rosary for the unborn – 11:30 a.m. – church

Card Party – 1:00-4:00 p.m. – ed. building

Pastoral Council – 7:00 p.m. – ed. building

**WEDNESDAY – MARCH 25**

Confirmation Interviews

Religious Ed. – 6:30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

**THURSDAY – MARCH 26**

RCIC &amp; RCIA – 7:00 p.m. – church

**FRIDAY – MARCH 27**

Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY – MARCH 28 & 29**

Women's CRHP weekend

**PRAYER REQUESTS****Please pray for the sick and suffering and their families of our parish and community:**

Kay Barnes, Robert Flory, Paul Huber, Dale Koors, Doug Loyd, Leonard & Margaret Mauer, Theresa Mauer, Kaitlin Miller, Aaron McCrary, Dale & Bev Phillips, Gish Ray, Donna Roberts, & Kortney Snyder.

**Please pray for all of our armed forces serving both abroad and in the U.S.**

**especially for:** Stephen AmRhein, Ben Buening, Joe Davis, Chris Gauck, Adam Herbert, Edward Hurt, Travis Kehrman, Jeff McNeal, Joe McCullough, Steve Redmon, Kevin Rohr, Victor Tumilty, Brent Wright. If you have a friend or loved one that you would like to add to our prayer list, please call the parish office @ 663-8427. They will remain on our list for 4 weeks.

**THE JOURNEY****WITHIN ... The Experience Of Lent****WEBSITE**

www.stmarysgreensburg.com

**BULLETIN DEADLINE**

All bulletin articles will need to be in the office (e-mailed or written) no later than 11:00 a.m. on Monday.

[ddavis@stmarysgreensburg.com](mailto:ddavis@stmarysgreensburg.com)**Lent 2009 – “The Glory of the Cross”**

Our Lenten journey continues. Through prayer and song we are challenged to “Take Christ to the World.”

**Family Stations of the Cross** will be prayed every Friday evening during Lent, beginning at 7:00 p.m. and also, on Wednesday evening at 6:45 p.m. Both evenings will be followed with a Communion Service.

**Holy Thursday**

Our Holy Thursday liturgy celebrates and remembers a love of sacrifice expressed in humble service to one another. This year as part of our Holy Thursday liturgy we will “Gather Gifts for the Poor: You are invited to express a practical act of love for the needy by your gift of a canned food or staple for St. Mary Hot Meals program. Baskets will be at all the doorways to receive your gift. As your gifts are brought forward with the bread and wine it will become a procession of your generosity.

**The Assembly's Book of Petitions** has been in the rear of church for your special intentions. Each weekend we will pray for the intentions of the assembly.

*Please watch the bulletin each week for all special Lenten activities.*

**CONFIRMATION** – Interviews are scheduled for March 25 between the hours of 3:30 – 6:30. If you have not called for your 15 minute appointment time – please do so on Monday!

**Adoration Chapel**

Please consider stopping in at Adoration Chapel this Lent to pray during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament as a way of deepening your prayer life. Also, consider being a substitute adorer. Call Monica O'Brien, 663-2514, if you feel you can participate in this way.

**EASTER SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE...**

The FIRST mass of Easter will be our Easter Vigil Mass, April 11<sup>th</sup> which will begin at 8:00 p.m. This is a beautiful and meaningful celebration and you are strongly encouraged to attend and be witnesses of our Catholic faith to those who will be coming into our faith on that “special” evening.

Our other Easter Sunday liturgies will be at 6:30, 8:00, 10:00, and 11:30 a.m. **in church.**

Your attendance at the 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil mass is your Easter Sunday obligation fulfilled. We realize Easter is weeks away, but, please give this information your thought and consideration.



**Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg - Program offered at Oldenburg Franciscan Center for April 2009**

**Holy Week Retreat - S. Olga Wittekind and S. Patty Campbell** will provide spiritual direction for a private retreat.

**Dates:** April 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm – Easter Sunday Eucharist April 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am.

**Number of days is flexible - Cost:** \$75 -\$95 per day

**LENT**

### **Kindergarten Registration**

St. Mary's School will be registering students for the 2009-2010 Kindergarten classes on the following dates:

- **Tuesday, March 24 from 12:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

Children must be 5 years old by August 1, 2009. Parents should bring the following items to registration:

- 1) A copy of the Birth Certificate
- 2) Immunization Records with date and year of each immunization
- 3) Custody Papers if applicable
- 4) Names and numbers of emergency contacts

Kindergarten registration will be conducted during scheduled times on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the school. Please call St. Mary's School at 663-2804 to schedule an appointment. The prospective student must accompany the parent to registration (Registration should take approximately 20 minutes). Parents wishing to register new students in Grades 1-6 should contact the school office.

### **Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Dance** **March 28**

Happy hour will begin at 6:30 (free beer or cash bar – no carry-in please) and continue with a corned beef or ham & cabbage dinner with a dance to follow from 8:00-12:00. Entertainment for the dance: Nuttin' Fancy Tickets can be purchased at the Knights of Columbus Hall for \$35.00 per couple; No reserved tables.

**Free Continental Breakfast** compliments of Crown Pointe every Sunday from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Open to the public. Please call on the Saturday before you plan to attend at 662-8888.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**Vacation Bible School - "2009 Discovery Canyon".** June 8-12. 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. We need many **volunteers**, age 14 or older to help as group leaders, aids, craft leaders, snack helpers, decorations, cutting things out ahead of time. Registration materials for your children will be out soon. Thank you for your support of our programs.

**DONATIONS** – We have our "Bible School Donation Quilt" set up again this year with many items we can use for our Vacation Bible School. If you would like to donate, please take a tag from the quilt. The items can be brought to the parish office by April 24.

A few other items we are collecting are paper towel tubes, egg cartons, old metal keys (not plastic), pint size glass canning jars, and a few fabric remnants. These can be brought to the parish office as soon as you have them. Thanks for your help!

### **Creative people**

Looking for those who are creative at coming up with ideas for decorations for our bible school, "Discovery Canyon." We need people to design, create, and set up decorations.

We are starting now on this process and need your help! Call the office and offer your creative gifts to help with this fun ministry! (Come on now – I know who you are – I'll be calling!)

### **Dear Community,**

I have been asked to help Daniel Bedel raise money for his pilgrimage to the Holy Land. In this bulletin you can read the letter addressed to St. Mary's Parish from Daniel. Any checks from parishioners should be made out to St. Mary's and then we will send him one check from St. Mary's. Please mark Daniel Bedel's name on your check, so we can keep everything straight. If you want to send your donation directly to him, his address is 339 N. Co. Rd. 1000 E., Greensburg, IN 47240. Daniel is a seminarian for our Archdiocese, studying at Marian College. Send your prayer petitions directly to him at the above address.

You are invited to the Knights of St. John to join the DCCW on Thursday, March 19, at 10:00 to hear a talk by Sr. Patricia O'Bryan. Fr. Lucas will offer Mass at 11:00 a.m.

The Catholic Relief Services collection will be taken up at all the Masses, March 21-22.

- A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses." When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with a note "I've circled this block 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."
- There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."
- While driving in Pennsylvania a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign... "Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."

Keep smiling, Msgr. Knueven

✚ **MASS INTENTIONS****MONDAY – MARCH 23**

7:15 a.m. Nettie Grote

**TUESDAY – MARCH 24**7:15 a.m. Al Enneking  
Marjorie Hahn**WEDNESDAY – MARCH 25**

7:15 a.m. Mary Harmeyer

8:30 a.m. John R. Picker

**THURSDAY – MARCH 26**

7:15 a.m. Lawrence Schneider

2:30 p.m. Andrew Sturwold

(Morning Breeze Nursing Home Mass)

**FRIDAY – MARCH 27**7:15 a.m. Leo Tebbe  
Rose Powers**SATURDAY/SUNDAY – MARCH 28/29**

4:30 p.m. Ferdinand &amp; Ida Buening

7:00 a.m. Lawrence Schneider

9:00 a.m. For all people

11:00 a.m. Vera Hooten

✚ **SERVERS****WEEKDAY/MARCH 23-27**

7:15 a.m. Molly Oesterling–Caroline Pratt

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY – MARCH 28/29**

4:30 p.m. Allison &amp; Erin Hamilton

7:00 a.m. Brandon Hempstead  
Blake Thomas

9:00 a.m. Tom Lawrence – Ry Burkert

11:00 a.m. Joe Buening – Taylor Reed

✚ **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS****SATURDAY/SUNDAY – MARCH 28/29**4:30 p.m. Kathy Whitmore – Betty Baker  
Mary Ann Welage – Johanne Davis  
Mike & Christy Bokelman7:00 a.m. Marge Bruns – Sally Koors  
Marilyn Davis – Paulette Duerstock  
Helen Froehling – Sheila Kirchhoff9:00 a.m. Steve Meyer – Anita Navarra  
Barb Noah – Mary Preble  
Mike & Diane Novak11:00 a.m. Tom & Jenny Schebler  
Angie Wessler – Travis Schebler  
Chris & Kristy Tebbe✚ **LECTORS****SATURDAY/SUNDAY – MARCH 28/29**

4:30 p.m. Hugh Miller

7:00 a.m. Rick Nobbe

9:00 a.m. Don Wickens

11:00 a.m. Laura Jo Tebbe

**Prayer for Our Campaign**

**Heavenly Father**, who gathers us into Your church; You have blessed us and St. Mary's Parish abundantly. We give you thanks for all that you have given and for this community of believers.

Give us the humility to listen to you and hear each other. Help us see clearly where we are and what you would like us to be and accomplish.

Send the Holy Spirit to guide us on our journey of hope and commitment. Open our minds and our hearts to evoke our passion to be like Christ and follow His mission for us.

Fuel us with love, focus us with faith and fill our hearts with joy at this opportunity to generously serve You.

Help us to give our best and to receive the best that others can give.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**Amen.**

**Archdiocese 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary book** available at the Parish office for \$27.00. St. Mary's, Greensburg, feature page at the very front of the book with 167 pages of very interesting history of each parish in our Archdiocese plus some general history of our Archdiocese.

**Daughters of Isabella Monthly Meeting**, Thursday March 26 at 7:30 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. This is our regular monthly meeting, chairpersons for the meeting are Linda Eckel and Janet Wilmer. All members are asked to come and enjoy this meeting. Please remember if you haven't paid your 2009 dues, please do so as soon as possible.

The **Knights of Columbus** will have the wine tasting event on Saturday, April 18. Wine tasting will be from 6:00 until 7:00 p.m., dinner from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and dancing until midnight, with music by the Smashed Production Disc Jockey. Tickets are on sale at the K of C Hall now for \$50.00 per couple.

**The Sisters of Providence** of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, IN., will host a "Come and See" weekend for women who are interested in living a life as a vowed member of the Congregation. The weekend is planned Friday, April 3, through Sunday, April 5. Participants will have an opportunity to visit with sisters and learn more about their life and mission, ministries in education, eco-justice and outreach to others through additional ministry opportunities.

"Come and See" weekend is open to Catholic women of faith, ages 18-42, who are also seeking ways to faithfully live out the Gospel message of Jesus. There is no charge for the weekend. Housing and meals are provided.

Welcome and introductions will open the weekend on Friday evening. On Saturday, participants will have time for prayer, will hear a presentation on "Religious Life in the Context of Jesus' Mission" from Sister Alexa Suelzer, visit places on the motherhouse grounds, participate in a panel discussion and talk with newer members of the Congregation at an evening campfire. The weekend will conclude on Sunday with prayer time, small-group sharing and Eucharistic Liturgy.

Women who are interested in participating may register by contacting Sister Bernice Kuper, Vocations Office, 1 Sisters of Providence, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind., 47876; or at 812-535-2895, or at bkuper@spsmw.org.



# Youth News

Andi's email: [andmackee44@yahoo.com](mailto:andmackee44@yahoo.com)

**Bible Verse of the Week:** Live as children of the light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. ~ Ephesians 5: 8-9 (today's 2<sup>nd</sup> reading)

## Holy Scripture during Lent

There is one part of the liturgy that is more important during Lent. It is the part containing the Scripture readings that we use at Mass for the weekdays and for Sundays. They are all specially selected to tell the story of our Redemption.

The Old Testament readings tell us the story of how people were created by God but then turned to sin. In the days of Noah, God purified the earth by sending a great flood.

God then chose a people through Abraham. He guided and protected them even in the days of Joseph when there was a great famine. He saved His people from slavery in Egypt. He led them under Moses to the Promised Land.

God sent Prophets to guide His people, but the people and the kings of Israel would not listen to them. During Lent, we hear the loving words of men like Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel.

The New Testament readings are also important, for we hear of Jesus called His followers to be converted from their sins. An important part of our participation in Lent is to listen to these readings with great attention.

~excerpt from *Celebrating Lent* by: Rev. Jude Winkler, OFM Conv.

## The Rite of Christian Initiation

Lent and Easter are still times to prepare for Baptism and to turn from sin.

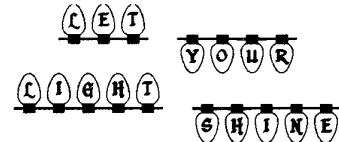
In recent years, the Church has developed a program for adults preparing for their Baptism. It is called the Rite of Christian Initiation. When babies are baptized, they are baptized any time of the year. But when people who are older are to be baptized, they go through a long time of preparation. Then, during Lent, they enter a special period of prayer and fasting, just as the early Christians had done.

For the rest of us, Lent is a time when we remember the promises we made long ago at our Baptism. On Easter Sunday, we light candles and we are blessed with holy water as we are asked to make out baptismal promises once again.

Lent is also a special time for one of the other Sacraments. Because Lent is a time to turn from sin, it is a very good time to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Most parishes have special penance services so that we can celebrate God's forgiveness as a community.

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"Love for the joy  
of Loving!"



7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders this is your retreat!! The date is April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> here at St. Mary's. You must register by Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

## BIRTHDAYS

March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>

Sun:

Mon:

Tues: Ryan Martin

Wed:

Thurs: Alexandra Rather  
Katherine Teague

Fri: Taylor Lang

Sat:

## STILL LOOKING FOR HELP

I am still looking for adults to help with the Jr. High Retreat on April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Jr. High catechist I would highly encourage you to join us to experience a different time with the kids on their faith journey.

I need adults to head up the food committee and 6 more adults to be table leaders. You would be with another adult and 2 high school students. You help keep the conversation going with questions that are provided. You also help keep them on track with different activities.

I also need 4 more high school students to help with the weekend as well.

### St. Mary's Life-Long Faith Formation

Questions of the Week March 22, 2009 The Light of the World

Reading I: 2 Chronicles 36:14-17, 19-23 (Polluting the Lord's Temple)  
Reading II: Ephesians 2:4-10 (By Grace You Have Been Saved)  
Gospel: John 3:14-21 (God So Loved the World)

**Adults** How has my faith journey resembled the journey of Nicodemus?

**Children** Have I kept the Lenten promises I made?

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#### Religious Articles Sale

The St. Mary's Religious Education Program will have some nice items for sale on April 1 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the school main floor hallway. The very reasonable priced items include crosses, rosaries, plaques, angels, and candles. They will make nice gifts for 1<sup>st</sup> communion, Easter, Mother's Day, Graduation, or other special occasions, as well as for yourself!

#### WOMEN's CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH WEEKEND MARCH 28-29, 2009

Signed Up:

- |                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Lorene Brancamp     | Pat Dissett     |
| Barb Christianson   | Michelle Frazer |
| Suzanne Johannigman | Debbie Johnson  |
| Faith Koors         | Rhonda Koors    |
| Dianna Lowe         | Kristen Meyer   |
| Mary McCullough     | Mindy Nobbe     |
| Linda Nobbe         | Robin Nobbe     |
| Jill Pratt          | Debbie Reynolds |
| Norma Schilling     | Beth Schwering  |
| Jayne Stone         | Donna Swinford  |
| Ruth Wallpe         | Sandi Wolter    |

#### PARISH MISSION

What a great week we had with Rev. George Knab, OMI as he led us through our Lenten mission. His encouraging message and moving testimonies of faith made this time memorable and fruitful. Besides the morning and evening sessions, Fr. Knab also took time to visit our shut-ins and sick and to spend time speaking with many of our school children in their classrooms. During the mission, participants had the opportunity to affirm our beliefs and the sacraments, rededicate our gifts to use for God's will, be reminded of God's unconditional love and the ways we can show love to him and to others, hear about stages of grief, and those who attended several nights received a plenary indulgence.

A key to the success of the mission was the efforts of our Adult Catechetical Team. Thank you for all of your time given to organizing the week. Thank you also to Msgr. Knueven & Joan Koors for all giving extra time to help with the needs of the mission. I also want to thank the three teenagers I saw at the mission on at least one night. Thank you for giving your time for renewal and to be with us. *Anita Navarra*

#### Life Challenges – Job Loss and Family

How are families coping with job loss and becoming rich? It's important to share our material needs and concerns with trusted friends and relatives. A family is often overwhelmed by the love and support that God provides through others. "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2). Most people can identify with losing a job and will offer encouragement and support. As you receive from others, you will discover ways to give to others as well. Your abilities, experience, and gifts can be used to form new relationships, to explore new opportunities, and to be rich in good deeds. Joblessness is not hopelessness. Do not "hope in wealth, which is so uncertain. . . put your hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment" (1 Timothy 6:17).

<http://www.allaboutlifechallenges.org/coping-with-job-loss.htm>

An **indulgence** is "The remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sin whose guilt has already been forgiven. A properly disposed Christian can obtain an indulgence under prescribed conditions through the help of the Church which dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints. An indulgence is partial if it removes part of the temporal punishment due to sin, or plenary if it removes all punishment." *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

## **TRIDUUM**

***Come Celebrate The Spirit of the "TRIDUUM"***

***TRIDUUM – The Three Days***

***What is it ??***

***The Triduum is central in the life of Catholics.***

***The Triduum is several distinct moments within  
ONE three-day celebration of the paschal mystery.***

On the evening of Holy Thursday we enter into the  
"Three Days" that are the center of our year:

***The Easter Triduum***

**A Three-Day Liturgy**

**HOLY THURSDAY – The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper  
is the beginning of this three-day celebration.**

**Key focus: Love of others**

**GOOD FRIDAY -The liturgy begins simply and consists of three main parts:**

- 1) Liturgy of the Word/Reading of the Passion**
- 2) Veneration of the Cross**
- 3) and Communion (sharing the body of the Lord  
from the Holy Thursday Mass.)**

**EASTER VIGIL – The night of nights, the primary celebration of the  
resurrection of the Lord**

- 1) Liturgy of the Light**
- 2) Liturgy of the Word**
- 3) Liturgy of Baptism**
- 4) Liturgy of the Eucharist**

***Begin plans NOW to celebrate with your Parish family  
the three greatest days of the Church year.***

**Following the Easter Vigil you are invited to a reception in the  
School gym to welcome the newest members of our parish family.**

## **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

**PALM SUNDAY** – April 5 – This Sunday commemorates the beginning of the last days of Jesus' life. The palms we wave joyfully today are later burned. The ashes will be used next Lent to begin the season of penance.

**CHRISM MASS** – Tuesday, April 7 – will be held at the Cathedral in Indianapolis at 7:00 p.m. During this mass, holy oils are blessed by the bishop and are used during the year for anointing the sick, baptism and confirmation. Priests recommit their vows at this mass. Everyone is welcome. People representing each parish in the diocese are present to receive the oils and take them back to their parish.

**SPY WEDNESDAY** – April 4 – this is the day on which, according to tradition, Judas plotted to betray Jesus.

**SEDER SUPPER** – April 8 – St. Mary's Gym (6:30 p.m.) Seder Supper (also called the Passover Meal). This meal is what has evolved into our present Mass and is similar to the Last Supper Christ celebrated with his apostles. It is a celebration of God's leading the Jews from slavery in Egypt (the Exodus) and a time for fellowship.

### **The Triduum (Latin for "three days") our most holy days are:**

**Day 1: Holy Thursday, the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. The beginning of this three-day celebration.**

**Day 2: Good Friday, celebration of the Lords Passion/Veneration of the Cross.**

**Day 3: Holy Saturday, the night of nights. The primary celebration of the resurrection of the Lord.**

**HOLY THURSDAY** – April 9 – Mass is celebrated ONLY AT 7:00 P.M. This is the day of Evening Mass of the Last Supper. The emphasis of the Mass is upon Jesus' example to serve one another. Jesus calls us to be servants. Through the beautiful ceremony of the Washing of the Feet we give witness to Christ's command to "Love one another." This is the beginning of our Eucharist and of Priesthood. The oils that we received at the Chrism Mass are presented to the parish on this evening. The holy oils are brought to the alter with an explanation of each (Oil of sick, Oil of Catechumen, Holy Chrism-baptism, confirmation, ordination).

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** will follow the 7:00 p.m. mass until 11:00 p.m. The Body of Christ will be carried in procession with the final place of exposition in the sanctuary area. You are invited to leave the body of the church and come into the sanctuary to spend some quiet time with our Lord.

**GOOD FRIDAY** – April 10 – Services are at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. We gather quietly and listen to the reading of the passion from the Gospel of St. John. We pray for all the world's needs. The cross is held up in our midst and we come forward for veneration. (Kiss the wood of the cross) This is followed by Communion.

**HOLY SATURDAY** – April 11 – Night of all nights, the Easter Vigil begins at 8:00 p.m. This first mass of the Resurrection contrasts light and darkness, death and life. These ideals are made clearer by the New Fire, lighting of the Easter Candle, blessing of the baptismal water, and receiving into our faith those who have been taking instructions in the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). This is the height of Holy Week and the climax of Lent.

**A reception in the St. Mary's gym follows the service for the new Catholics. Holy Saturday Easter Vigil is an Easter Sunday Mass.**

**EASTER SUNDAY** – April 12 – Masses will be celebrated at 6:30, 8:00, 10:00, 11:30 a.m. in church. New life and fresh hope have come in the risen Christ. We celebrate with a renewal of baptismal promises to reject sin and evil, to love God and follow Jesus.

**"This is the day the Lord has made. Let us be glad and rejoice. ALLELUIA."**

And, we will be "Gathering Gifts for the Poor." These gifts, along with the bread and wine, will become a procession of love and generosity.



Feb. 27, 2009

Dear St. Mary's Parish,

I pray and hope that this letter finds you all in good health and enjoying the blessings of God's divine providence. I would have spoken to you in person if I had the opportunity, but sadly, I have much to do for the Bishop Brute College Seminary in Indianapolis. Be assured that all of your prayers for vocations and especially for me are much appreciated and help more than you could ever know. Thank you.

Last month, I received word that a group from Indianapolis under the leadership of Father Jonathan Meyer is making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in Israel this July. As a seminarian, this pilgrimage is an awesome opportunity to visit and pray at many of the holy sites mentioned in the Bible. These sites include the actual places where Jesus lived, taught, suffered and died for us. The experience would not only bolster my love for Christ and His Church, but would also provide an opportunity to learn much more about our Lord than I could from any book. Also, I will be able to take any petitions you may want offered with me to the Holy Land where I can pray on your behalf. Any prayers that you would like me to mention on this holy pilgrimage would be most welcomed. Just write them down and send them to my home address which will be posted in the back of church.

However, as is the case with any worthwhile endeavor, money is required for this trip. For the entire pilgrimage, including airfare, food, and hotels; the cost is just over three thousand dollars. I understand that our nation is in the midst of an economic crisis and everybody is hard pressed for financial security. But I implore you as a seminarian, but also as your friend and brother in Christ, to aid me in whatever way you can for this pilgrimage. I have also sent similar letters to five other parishes in hope for financial as well as spiritual aid on this journey. Any donations, no matter how small, will be used to further my knowledge of Christ and aid me in my spiritual journey to the priesthood.

During the season of Lent, we as Catholics are called to abstain from meat on Fridays, perform acts of penance, and practice almsgiving. This last piece, almsgiving, is usually forgotten or put off to one side. However, I need you to prayerfully consider almsgiving as a part of your Lenten journey as you aid me with this pilgrimage. I only wish I could emphasize how much I appreciate whatever aid you can provide. Know that no matter the amount, I will continue to keep you in my prayers and will welcome any petitions you might have for me to pray for on this pilgrimage. Once again, I thank you for your continued support of vocations and specifically for my own vocation. Keep me in your prayers as I continue to keep you in mine. God bless.

Yours in Christ,

Daniel Bedel  
Bishop Simon Brute College Seminarian



# SPAGHETTI DINNER

Friday, March 27, 2009

From 5:00 - 7:30pm

Greensburg United Methodist Church

Free will Offering

**Menu:**

***Spaghetti with Meat Sauce or Spaghetti with Marinara Sauce***

***Salad***

***Cookie Dessert***

***Drink (dine in only)***

**Pick up your meal curb side!**

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