

The Pastor's Corner . . .

Today we celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. Jesus manifests himself in all of his heavenly glory. He does this in the presence of his selected Apostles. And as one might expect, they are overwhelmed by the image of Jesus in all of his glory. To add to this they see the prophet Moses and Elijah conversing with Jesus. A startling vision to be sure.

What does this account of Jesus' Transfiguration mean to us? Does it mean anything at all? Well if we review what we heard in today's Gospel, there are some thoughts that perhaps could come to us.

With the knowledge that we have from the Gospels, we can perhaps begin to form some kind of meaning to this episode. Jesus manifested himself to his apostles to prepare them for his ultimate fate. They did not understand fully what Jesus was telling them. We however have a record of what occurred to Jesus. And just as Jesus was preparing his disciples for what was to come, through the Gospel he is preparing us for what is going to ultimately happen to him.

As we proceed on our journey through Lent, we can take today's Gospel as preparation for our Lenten journey. We can review the incident of Jesus' Transfiguration, and his bridging between the Old Testament and the New as a guide for us, in preparing for his ultimate victory. We can look at his Transfiguration as a precursor to the glorious resurrection. We can understand his conversing with Moses and Elijah as a sign of his bridging between the New and the Old Testament.

We can begin to understand that by following the teachings of Jesus and following his commandments, we can bridge from the old sinful person to the new saved person in Jesus Christ. That is what Lent presents us with, the possibility of reform and repentance.


As we continue our journey through Lent, which in essence is following Jesus through his, from his temptation to his crucifixion and resurrection, and if we follow his example of doing the will of his father, then we will arrive at the resurrection with the same joy and confidence in God that Jesus had.

The journey began on Ash Wednesday and will continue on to the resurrection. How well we arrive at that wondrous scene of the resurrection will depend on how dedicated we are to the journey.

Peace, Fr. Joe Reinig

The next Chant Mass is February 24 at the 11 AM Mass .

AROUND ONE TABLE • THE DIOCESAN CHURCH



Consider Hope: 2. Here too we see as a distinguishing mark of Christians the fact that they have a future: it is not that they know the details of what awaits them, but they know in general terms that their life will not end in emptiness. Only when the future is certain as a positive reality does it become possible to live the present as well. So now we can say: Christianity was not only "good news" - the communication of a hitherto unknown content. In our language we would say: the Christian message was not only 'informative' but 'performative'. That means: the Gospel is not merely a communication of things that can be known - it is one that makes things happen and is life-changing. The dark door of time, of the future, has been thrown open.

May God bless you. +Bishop Vasa

A BIG THANK YOU FOR THE SNOW REMOVAL

We would like to extend a special thank you to; Harry Fagen for the snow removal at the Church downtown; to Wade Fagen, Ty Reinhart, Mix Landscape - Marvin Mix & Ryan Nopp and Dan McLean for their help with snow removal and the red cinders in the parking lot and driveway at the Catholic Center.

VOCATION CARDS

Remember those Vocation Cards you picked up after Mass a few weekends ago?? Have you written to the person you are remembering in your prayers?? Did you know you can have more than one card and prayer for a couple of our Religious in the Diocese??? What with Lent here and Easter is just around the corner, please let the person whose card you picked, know you are praying for them daily.

EXPLORATIONS IN SPIRITUALITY with Fr. Logan

Mon. Feb. 18, 7 PM, at the Catholic Center, in the Faith Development Room. Please read - 5. *The end Reveals the Beginning* (Rule 3).

LECTOR MEETING - Mon., Feb. 18, 7 PM at the Church downtown. Current Lectors and anyone interested in becoming a Lector, are encouraged to attend.

Aloha, We are excited to announce the
26th Annual St. Francis School Auction.
The dinner and auction will be held Fri., May 2, at the Catholic Center. This year's theme is a "Hawaiian Luau" featuring authentic Hawaiian food, drinks, and entertainment by Bill Keale.
Tickets: \$60. *To purchase or for info please stop by the School office or call 382-4701.*

CAMP JOSHUA - An intense leadership training with a small group of motivated pro-life young men and women, will be March 24-27. Any Pro Life person age 16-21 may attend. Graduates from Camp Joshua will be provided lodging and registration at your choice of 2008 Oregon Right to Life Conference or National Right to Life Conference in Arlington Va. St. Thomas Pro Life Group in Redmond is providing scholarships for any one interested in attending, 548-9970 Richard Thorne; or ORL 503-463-8563 or www.ortl.org

The **Bend Volunteer Corps** is in need of volunteers for Executive Director, Director of Programs/Retreats, Administrative Assistant. Please call Tom Meagher, for more info, 617-6005.

LATINO MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Tamales Sales Sun., Feb. 17 after 7:30 AM & 9 AM Masses

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIAL SERVICES

Active Report for January 2008

Utilities	\$295.00
Prescriptions	89.60
Shelter	<u>1,055.00</u>
Total	\$1,439.60

Social Services 389-6643 • Christine King

PARISH MINISTRIES, ORGANIZATIONS, MEETINGS, FINANCIAL UPDATES

RCIA—"Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults"

NEW INQUIRERS - Thurs., Feb. 28, from 7-8:30 PM, in the RCIA Workroom.

TEAM - Please meet in the RCIA Workroom Thurs. Feb. 21 at 7 PM



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Meeting Mon., Mar. 10, 6 PM Business & General Meeting 7 PM in the Seminar Room 1. For info call Grand Knight Bob Latham, 382-1927.

Knights of Columbus 4th Degree - Thurs., Feb. 21, at Brothers Restaurant in Prineville. Social at 6 PM, meeting and dinner at 7 PM. Call to confirm: George, 388-8481 - Joe 330-9815

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

K-5: Class Feb. 20, 2008 at 4 PM. Class ends at 5:30 PM.

1st Eucharist: Next class Sun., Feb. 24, at 2:30 PM at the Catholic Center.

ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL

Open House Dates & Times: Thurs., Feb. 21, 9-11 AM, Mon., Feb. 25, 9-11 AM, Tues., Mar. 4 7-8:30 PM.

ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

Is looking for projects, visit with you, or do any service deeds. Please call the School, 382-4701.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES SALE

They will be selling cookies after Masses on Sat. Feb. 23, 5PM and Sun. Feb. 24, 9AM, 11AM and 5PM. Boxes of cookies sell for \$4 each.

SECULAR FRANCISCANS

Will gather Sun. Feb. 17, 1 PM, Catholic Center. Newcomers welcome. Info: Greg 388-3212, MaryAnn 382-1545.

Teen Seekers - Get ready for the Eucharist. Classes are the 1st Saturday of the Month. Next Meeting March 1, Teen Seekers 1st Holy Communion Celebration is Saturday, April 5 at 5 PM Mass Downtown. Contact Susie, 382-3631 ext. 110 for more details!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Have a Blessed 3 day weekend and we will see you back at the Parish Center Sunday Night Feb. 24, for a Have No Fear Christ is Near evening!



CONFIRMATION

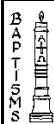
Please make sure you sign up for an interview time on Susie's Office Door in the Parish Office. Next Meeting is Wed., Feb. 27, at 6:30 PM.

Journals are **MANDATORY AT ALL MEETINGS!**



BAPTIST INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASSES

The next classes will be held Thurs., Feb. 21 and Mar. 13, 2008 at 7 PM. Please call the office, 382-3631 to register.



A MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP

"Bear your share of the hardship which the gospel entails," St. Paul tells Timothy in today's second reading. What sacrifice is asked of me for the sake of the Gospel? How willing am I to bear my share?

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry gathering is Sun., Feb. 24, after the 5 PM Mass. For more info please email June at youthministry@stfrancisbend.org



THANK YOU!

For making our "coffee and donuts" a big success after the 9:00 and 11:00 AM Masses. It was wonderful to see so many parishioners enjoying fellowship in our Parish. We have to work on the group that attends the 7:30 AM Mass. We would love to have your attendance. Our next scheduled "coffee and donuts" is Sun., Mar. 16.

ALTAR CARE • Feb. 21-23: Sandra O'Sullivan, Stephanie Langton, Pat Herren & Tina Kjesbo

Readings for the week of Feb. 18-24 2008

Second Sunday of Lent

Mon., Feb. 18 - Daniel 9:4b-10; Psalm 79:8, 9, 11 & 13; Luke 6:36-38

Tues., Feb. 19 - Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Psalm 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23; Matthew 23:1-12

Wed., Feb. 20 - Jeremiah 18:18-20; Psalm 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Matthew 20:17-28

Thurs., Feb. 21 - Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Luke 16:19-31

Fri., Feb. 22 - 1 Peter 5:1-4; Psalm 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Matthew 16:13-19

Sat., Feb. 23 - Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sat., Feb. 23 & Sun., Feb. 24 - Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42

TAX LETTERS

If for some reason you do not receive a tax letter or if we have an error, please call the parish office and leave the info with the front desk-382-3631.

SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR FEBRUARY 2008

Weekly Budgeted Collection	\$17,402.00
Actual Collection 2/10/08	\$15,969.00
Over/(Under)	(\$ 1,433.00)