

The Pastor's Corner . . .

Imagine for a moment what our faith community would be like if we all lived by the Beatitudes that Jesus gives us. In a way, the Beatitudes give us an in-depth view of Jesus' priorities. We should make our own the same as his.

Poverty of spirit helps us to overcome the world's materialism.

Mourning the loss of our true spirituality spurs us to regain our real spirituality.

Meekness, as Jesus shows us, overcomes pride and haughtiness.

Righteousness, when sought after with grace and humility, will satisfy all our needs.

Mercy, when practiced with Jesus as our guide, will bring us God's mercy.

Cleanness of heart will lead to our ultimate vision of God.

Peacemakers, within our families, our parish communities and the world, are called to be true children of God.

In so many ways, we who call ourselves followers of Christ, are subjected to persecution both overt and covert. The world resents our call for moral action. The world resents our insistence that we are obligated to follow God's law. We are ridiculed for wanting to hold society to a higher standard. So be it. We have Jesus' promise that our reward "will be great in heaven".

Peace, Fr. Joe Reinig

MASS SCHEDULE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Catholic Center: 2:15 PM, 5:00PM

Downtown Church: 7:00 AM, 12:15 PM,
7:00 PM Bilingual

Ashes will be distributed on Ash Wednesday only
**Stations of the Cross every Friday, 7 PM at the
Downtown Church, Bilingual**


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

TAIZE EVENING PRAYER will be Feb. 7th at 7P.M. at First Presbyterian Church on 9th Street.

STEWARDSHIP MEETING

Will be held on Monday, February 4 at 7:00 PM, Seminar Room 1. Please note the change in date. If you are unable to attend please let me know. Thank you. Janet Chavez

AROUND ONE TABLE • THE DIOCESAN CHURCH

 **Consider Hope: 2.** "... when the *First Letter of Peter* exhorts Christians to be always ready to give an answer concerning the *logos* - the meaning and the reason - of their hope (cf. 3:15), "hope" is equivalent to "faith". We see how decisively the self-understanding of the early Christians was shaped by their having received the gift of a trustworthy hope, when we compare the Christian life with life prior to faith... Paul reminds the Ephesians that before their encounter with Christ they were "without hope and without God in the world" (*Eph 2:12*).

May God bless you. +Bishop Vasa

By the way.....

Did you ever wonder why, with some minor differences, every priest says the same prayers and makes the same gestures at Mass? It doesn't happen by accident. The Church has a document called the "General Instructions for the Roman Missal." (GIRM) In the missal used by the priest these instructions, where necessary, are printed in red and are called rubrics. The instructions are intended also for the congregation so that we are all on the same page, so to speak. From time to time, certain customs start to creep in that are not in the GIRM. In and by themselves they are reasonably harmless unless they tend to impose those customs on others. The holding of hands at the Our Father and the lifting up of hands at the conclusion of the prayer are two primary examples.

A portion of GIRM 42 states, "*The Holy See stated that holding hands at Mass: "is a liturgical gesture introduced spontaneously but on personal initiative; it is not in the rubrics." While this practice is common, it is not to be imposed on anyone. The celebrant is not to join hands with other ministers or the congregation and is not to invite the congregation to join hands. No one should ever be forced to engage in this practice. Likewise the so-called "orans" posture, praying with hands extended, is the priestly gesture during this prayer and is not recommended for the congregation.*

Peace, Fr. Joe

EXPLORATIONS IN SPIRITUALITY

Mon. Feb. 4th 7:00 PM, at the Catholic Center, in the Faith Development Room. 1. *The Contrasting Spirits in the New Spiritual Situation (Rule 1)* 2. *When Spiritual Consolation is Surely of God (Rule 2)*

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIAL SERVICES

Social Services helps approximately 160 people each week. **We need volunteers and donations.** Please remember when shopping or donating try St. Vincent's first.

For more information call: Christine at Social Services 389-6643, or Yvonne at the Thrift Store 389-3325.

COMPAÑEROS: Feb. 3, at 2 PM in the Faith Development Seminar Room, the Latino Community Association will be holding a social gathering for all who are interested in sharing language and culture - both English & Spanish. This is a great opportunity to meet other people in our community, share social time, develop friendships & your experience and culture. Please bring a snack to share.

"Hospitality Hour" From Stewardship

On Sunday, February 10 we will host our first monthly "Hospitality Hour" (coffee and donuts) after the 7:30 AM, and 11:00 AM Masses in the Conference Room of the Phoenix Inn; and after the 9:00 AM Mass in the Faith Development Room of the Catholic Center. Other "Hospitality Hours" - March 16, April 13 and May 18. Can you spare an hour after Mass to meet and greet other parishioners and or visitors? If you are available to help, please call Janet Chavez or Sally Smith at 382-3631 for more information.

Parish Ministries, Organizations, Meetings, Financial Update

RCIA—"Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults"

NEW INQUIRERS - Thurs., Feb. 14 & 28, from 7-8:30 PM, in the RCIA Workroom.

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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Meeting Monday, February 11, 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 meetings please call George Neal, 388-8481 for dates & place.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

K-5: Class Feb. 6, 2008 at 4 PM. Class ends at 5:30 PM.

1st Reconciliation: Next class Sun., Feb. 10, 2:30 PM at the Catholic Center.

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

ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL A big **THANKS** to everyone who joined us for the open house on Sunday and to those of you who purchased raffle tickets.

Can You Help - Isabella Brown, has been diagnosed with Leukemia. She is five years old and must have a bone marrow transplant. Your donation could save a life. Sat., Feb. 2, 10 AM-2 PM or Sun. Feb. 3, 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM at St. Francis Catholic Center. For info call: 382-4701.

ALTAR CARE • Jan. 31, Feb. 1, 2

Dawn Clasby, Rosie Wyllie, Gloria Ahern, Bobbie McNeil

The Bend Volunteer Corps is in need of volunteers for Director of Programs/Retreats, Administrative Assistant, and Web Host Supervisor. Please call Tim Burdsall, Executive Director for more info....788-2578.

ALTAR SOCIETY - Ladies please join the Altar Society and come to the meeting Tues., Feb. 12, at 7 PM at the Catholic Center in Seminar Room 1. All ladies of the Parish are cordially invited.

MARIAN MOVEMENT CENACLE - Meeting Sun., Feb. 3, at 2 PM in Seminar Room 2. Everyone is welcome to come join us for adoration, praying the Rosary, readings and reflections. Call Ann 389-3776, for more info.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Come to the Race for Christ! Sun. Feb. 10, at 6:00 PM Dinner Social and then 6:30 - 8 PM Relay Race for Christ - Come join the fun and learn about your faith.



CONFIRMATION Please fulfill your Parish service hours by helping us set up for Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper, Feb. 5, from 3:30-5:30 P.M.



Please remember those who have died, especially Bernadette Ike, Mother of Father Tony. May they rest in the Peace of Jesus Christ.

A MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP

*Blessed are they who are what they are and do what they do for the sake of the kingdom!
The Gospel today assures good stewards that their suffering and their service on behalf of the Kingdom will be rewarded!*

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

The next **Youth Ministry** gathering is Sun., Feb. 10, after the 5 PM Mass. For more information please email us at youthministry@stfrancisbend.org



Bilingual Children's Choir Mass Schedule

We will be performing on the these dates: Saturday Feb. 16, 2008, 5PM, downtown Church. Sunday Mar. 9, 2008, 11AM downtown Church.

St. Francis Seniors - Feb. 14 we will retry last month's Tour at the Ronald McDonald's House, 10:30 AM. After the Tour, there is a no host luncheon at IHOP.

ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

The Community Service Committee is looking for community service projects. We are offering our time to come and visit you, and do any service deeds. Please call the School Office, 382-4701, for help or company.

Readings for the week of Feb. 4-10 2008

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mon., Feb. 4 - 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Psalm 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mark 5:1-20

Tues., Feb. 5 - 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mark 5:21-43

Wed., Feb. 6 - Joel 2:12-18; Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 & 17; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thurs., Feb. 7 - Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4&6; Luke 9:22-25

Fri., Feb. 8 - Isaiah 58:1-9a; Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Matthew 9:14-15

Sat., Feb. 9 - Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Luke 5:27-32

Sat., Feb. 9 & Sun., Feb. 10 - Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - THANK YOU!!

We have 416 pledges and 2.5 million dollars pledged to build our new Church!!

Let's build our Church together!!

TAX LETTERS

Were mailed out. 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 JANUARY 2008

Weekly Budgeted Collection	\$17,402.00
Actual Collection 1/20/08	<u>\$13,585.36</u>
Over/(Under)	(\$ 3,816.64)