

# ST. RICHARD CATHOLIC PARISH

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**March 3, 2019**

## **Welcome to St. Richard Parish**

1509 Grand Ave., Racine, WI 53403  
Parish Office Phone: 637-8374  
Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday  
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Facebook: "St. Richard Parish - Racine"

### **Weekend Mass Schedule**

Saturday Mass of Anticipation 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 & 11:30 a.m.

### **Weekday Mass Schedule**

Wednesday and Friday 8:00 a.m.

### **Sacraments**

#### **RECONCILIATION**

Saturday at 3:00 p.m. • or by appointment

#### **BAPTISM**

Baptismal preparation for parents is held monthly.  
Pre-registration for the class is required. Please  
contact the Parish Office.

#### **MARRIAGE**

Parish membership is required. Arrangements need  
to be made a minimum of six months prior to the  
wedding date. Please contact Fr. Allen.

**Racine Catholic Cemetery Assoc.....639-1071**

### **Pastoral Team**

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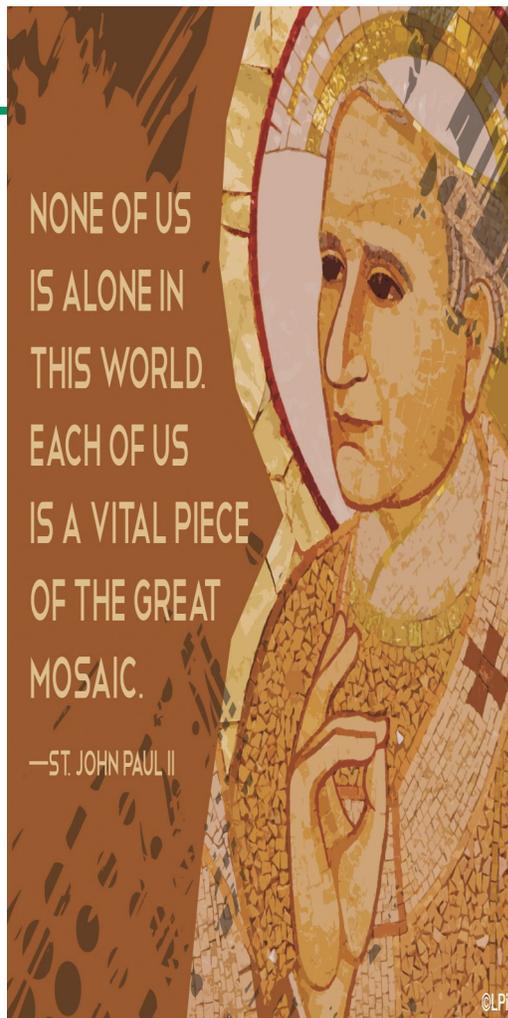
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### **Pastoral Council**

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## Team Talk

by

Fr. Allen



Are you ready for Lent? Well, ready or not, Lent begins this week with the liturgies for Ash Wednesday. Coming forward to receive the blessed ashes on our forehead is a sign that we are committing ourselves to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving with more sincerity and intensity than other times of the year. In order to accomplish this, we need our own internal determination along with the support of the faith community. Saint Richard Parish is offering several resources to help us on this annual Lenten journey.

The "Keeping the Seasons" handouts will be included in the weekly Bulletin. It provides a prayer and commentary for the Sunday Scripture readings along with a reflection for every day of the week. "The Little Black Book" is another handy resource that can be used daily. The left-hand side is filled with quotes and interesting information on a wide variety of religious topics. The right-hand side has a few verses from Scripture followed by a meditation on that reading. On Wednesday evenings we will be praying the "Stations of the Cross." There are many different interpretations for this devotion, so each week we will use a different prayer book as we make the way with Jesus from his appearing before Pontius Pilate to his burial in the tomb. The Stations will be followed by a Soup Supper in Vogel Hall to help build a spirit of community among those who have gathered for prayer.

Last week from Luke's Gospel we heard Jesus say, "Forgive and you will be forgiven." This week Jesus says "Every tree is known by its own fruit." Christians are to be recognized, or known in part, as a people of love, forgiveness, service, and peace. This is a good message to reflect upon in Lent. Following this theme, the Stewardship Committee is offering free of charge the book "Everybody Needs to Forgive Somebody." It is easy to read with a profound message. Perhaps you can use this book as your primary source for spiritual reading this Lent. In conjunction with the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, there will be a Day of Reconciliation on April 10 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at Sacred Heart Parish in Racine. Further information will be coming in future Bulletins. May forgiveness and reconciliation be at the heart of Lent this year.

## Update on Fr. Jack

Fr. Jack has been in home hospice care for about a month now. He's doing pretty well. He is happy to hear from people and would love to get notes or cards from those who know him. He's still eating quite well and enjoys conversations. He also reads a lot. His greatest difficulty is not from the cancer. He has a deteriorating hip, which means he has to use a walker to get around the house. You can send him messages at the following address:

Fr. Jack Kern  
3340 N 57th St.  
Milwaukee, WI 53216

## This Week in Our Parish

Tues. Senior Social - Noon - VH  
Lectio Divina Prayer Group - 1:30 p.m. - PC  
Wed. Ash Wednesday Mass - 8:00 a.m. at St. Edward  
Prayer Service - 12:10 p.m.  
Ash Wednesday Mass - 6:00 p.m.  
Thurs. Harmony Club - 9:30 a.m. - VH  
Friday Mass - 8:00 a.m.

## Stewardship Report

"Lord, it is good to give thanks to you." This excerpt from Psalm 92 shows us the love that knows no end. Thanksgiving overflows as we break bread together and enter once again into the paschal mystery of Christ. We are thankful for the gifts we have been given, nurturing them with increase, and sharing abundant joy for the work of God in our parish and beyond our comfort zone.

### Financial Stewardship for the week of 23-24 February

\$3,856 Envelopes

\$364 Anonymous gifts to God

\$30 Building Fund

\$75 Siena School Fund

**2019 Pledge Information**-Thank you to all who responded by providing a pledge for 2019. In the future we will reduce the additional pledge sheet and include it in the monthly letter.

## 2018 Catholic Stewardship Appeal

St. Richard members contributed \$14,603 to the 2018 Catholic Stewardship Appeal. The goal, set by the archdiocese for St. Richard was \$18,000. The 2019 Appeal has now begun and you will be receiving a follow up mailing sometime from mid-May to mid-June.

## Lent Begins

Ash Wednesday, 6 March is the first day of Lent. The following is a schedule of services at St. Richard and St. Edward.

8:00 a.m. Mass - St. Edward

12:10 p.m. Prayer Service and Ashes Distribution - St. Richard

6:00 p.m. Mass - St. Richard

**The regulations pertaining to fast and abstinence are printed below.**

The Catholic Church asks each member to preserve the penitential character and purpose of Lent. For this reason:

- Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and each Friday of Lent.
- Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, in addition to abstaining from meat, should fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On those days they should eat only one full meal. Smaller quantities of food should be consumed at other times during those days. The obligation of fasting ceases with the celebration of one's 59th birthday.

Our first Stations and Soup Supper will be on Wednesday, 13 March at 5:30 p.m. at St. Edward.

## Lent and Luke at St. Lucy

Fr. Ron Gramza will present a Lenten Bible Study at St. Lucy on five of the Thursdays in Lent focusing on the Gospel of Luke. Bible Study will begin at 9:00 a.m. and take place in Vajda Hall on Thursday, 14, 21, and 28 March and 4 and 11 April. Sessions will last about an hour or so. Feel free to attend any or all of the sessions.

## Altar Society

The Altar Society invites all women of the parish to join them at their meeting on Sunday, 10 March in Vogel Hall immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Come and learn about the society's planning for upcoming events and enjoy fellowship and refreshments.

## EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Mass Intentions

#### **Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, March 3**

9:00 a.m. † John & Mary Orr

11:30 a.m. Living and deceased members of St. Richard and St. Edward

#### **Monday, March 4 St. Casimir**

#### **Tuesday, March 5**

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward

#### **Wednesday, March 6 Ash Wednesday**

6:00 p.m. St. Richard All Souls Remembrance

#### **Thursday, March 7 St. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs**

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward

#### **Friday, March 8 St. John of God, Religious**

8:00 a.m. † Eugene & Lucille Majewski

#### **Saturday, March 9 St. Frances of Rome, Religious**

4:00 p.m. † Elizabeth Zinnen

#### **Sunday, March 10 First Sunday of Lent**

9:00 a.m. † Mary Ann Lojeski

11:30 a.m. † Fred Wensing Jr.

### **2019 Calendar Raffle**

02-24-19 \$50 - Randy Vlach - Racine

02-25-19 \$25 - Emily Wroblewski - St. Louis

02-26-19 \$25 - Kim Powell - Racine

02-27-19 \$25 - Elizabeth Wirtz - Racine

02-28-19 \$25 - Doug & Sheila Wroblewski

03-01-19 \$25 - Scarlett Fernandez - Racine

03-02-19 \$25 - Dan Powell - Kenosha

Readings for the week of March 3, 2019

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [11a]/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

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### **Day of Reflection**

The Knights of Columbus Council 697 is hosting a Day of Reflection on Saturday, 30 March at St. Richard from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Fr. Bill Stout, popular campus minister at St. Catherine High School will lead the reflection based on the parable of the prodigal son. Refreshments will be offered during breaks. Reconciliation will take place at 3:00 p.m. with Mass at 4:00 p.m. A \$5 donation is requested.

### **Spaghetti Dinner**

The Knights of Columbus Council 697 invites you to join them for a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, 30 March in Vogel Hall from 3:30 to 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and carry-outs, \$7 for seniors, \$5 for children 4 to 10 yrs. old and children under four are free. There will be a cash bar serving beer, wine, and soda. Advance tickets will be available at the parish center.

**A discount package price of \$12 is offered for attending the day of reflection and the spaghetti dinner.**

### **Daylight Saving Time**

Please remember to advance your clocks by one hour before turning in on Saturday, 9 March. We don't want you to miss church!!

### **2019 Parish Cluster Lenten Mission**

**Ignited by God's Love**—St. Patrick Parish invites you to attend a one-day retreat designed to help participants know God's love more personally and more deeply. Key themes will invite participants to know God's love for us, connect with God through prayer, and follow Jesus in loving service. Retreat themes will be presented in English and Spanish concurrently. Retreat is on Saturday, 23 March from 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. There is no cost for the retreat; however registration is requested by Sunday, 10 March. Lunch will be available for purchase or you may bring a brown bag lunch. Registration forms are available in the south entrance. If you have questions, please contact Don Mueller at 456-4345 or Carol Rawlinko at 939-7987.

**Receiving God's Mercy—How God's Love, Mercy, and Grace transform and heal us through life's hurts, addictions, and losses.** Marianne Skrobiak will present on the theme of Receiving God's Mercy and other topics. Marianne is the liaison for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Join us here at St. Richard on Sunday, 31 March from 2:00—3:30 p.m. and on Monday, 1 April from 6:30—8:00 p.m. as Marianne shares her insight, leads discussion, and guides us in spiritual healing. There is no cost or registration required to attend either/both sessions. If you have any questions, please contact Rita Burgess at 636-8040 ext. 1006.

### **Save the Dates**

Please mark your calendars with these very important dates; A.C.T.S. Fun Festival - Saturday, 20 July & Sunday, 21 July Cluster Parish Picnic at Johnson Park - Sunday, 28 July

### **Senior Social**

Please join the seniors of the parish on Tuesday, 5 March at noon in Vogel Hall for lunch and cards. Please bring a dish to pass or give a \$5 donation.

### **Gluten Free Hosts**

St. Richard is reaching out to see if any parishioners are in need of gluten free hosts. Anyone who has this need please call the parish office.

### **Sharing Sunday**

Next weekend is Sharing Sunday. Special requests from St. Vincent de Paul for the month of March are regular size boxes of cereal, fruit cocktail, canned ravioli, diced tomatoes, and toilet paper. Monetary gifts are always appreciated as the pantry buys over \$200 worth of perishable items each week. If you choose to write a check, please make check payable to St. Richard and put "food program" in the memo line or you can place cash in locked boxes behind the last pew on either side of the church. Your generosity is much appreciated by St. Vincent de Paul.

### **Bereavement Series at St. Paul the Apostle**

St. Paul the Apostle Parish will be conducting a 6-week bereavement series to be held on Thursday evenings beginning 7 March from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Come to share your story and learn from each other to help you through the difficult grieving process. Registration is required—please call the St. Paul parish office at 886-0530. There is a \$25 materials fee to offset the cost of the books, other materials, and a light supper on the first night.

### **Called to Carmel-2019 Vocation Retreat**

The Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus invite single Catholic women, ages 18-35 to spend a weekend with them to experience and learn about their life of prayer and apostolic works. Weekend retreats are on 8-10 March, 17-19 May, 19-21 July, 13-15 September, and 15-17 November. Please contact them at [carmeldcnorth@gmail.com](mailto:carmeldcnorth@gmail.com) if you are interested.