

Roncalli Newman Parish

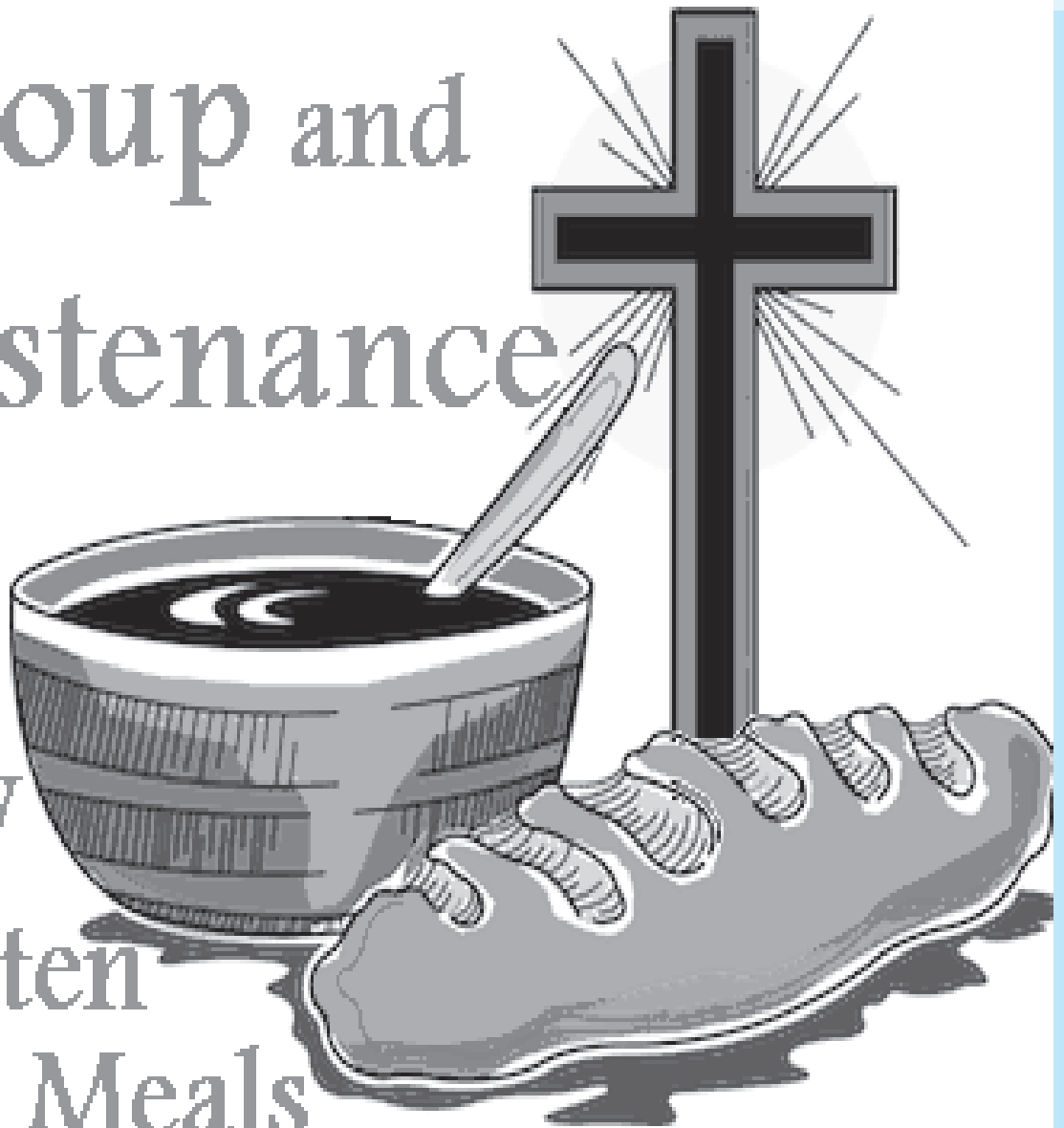
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The Roman Catholic Community at UW-L & WTC

February 28, 2010
2nd Sunday of Lent

Soup and Sustenance

Friday

Lenten
Meals



March 05—Fr. Bernard McCoy - "Stages in the Love of God: Continuing Spiritual Development"
March 12—Ms. Barb Kruse - "Compassionate Communication: Opening Your Ear for the Other"
March 19—Dr. Elise Amel - "Treasuring God's Earth: How the Faithful Can Respond to the
Challenge of Living Sustainably"

March 26—Newman's Own Stations of the Cross

Simple SOUP meal at 5:30 pm in the lower level followed by a inspirational presentation from 6:00-7:00 pm

Parish NEWS

Newman and Franciscan Spirituality Center are collaborating on another service trip to Cedar Rapids

This trip will be May 16-21st. We will be working on different projects some of which may involve landscaping and outside improvements in the area that was flooded in 2008. Cost of the trip is \$200 to cover lodging (at Prairiewood), breakfast, and lunch items. Dinner will be on your own. A \$100 down payment is required to secure a spot as there are only five positions left to fill. For more information, contact Dee Paqué 788-3620 or dpaque@centurytel.net or Jenny Walter at jwalter@fspa.org.

Soup and Sustenance Lenten Friday meals continue with Fr. Bernard McCoy and “Stages in the Love of God”

For the six Fridays of Lent we will again pair a simple meal of hearty soup and bread with a presentation on some aspect of the spiritual life. Come for the meal part at 5:30 pm, or just show up for the speaker part at 6:00 pm ... either way will be on to other things by 7:00 pm. There is no charge for this—though donations to our Catholic Relief Services Ricebowl effort will be accepted. Our next presentation, March 5, will feature Fr. Bernard McCoy, I. Cist. Of Our Lady of Spring Bank Abbey in Sparta. He will speak on, **“Stages in the Love of God: Continuing Spiritual Development.”** Again this year there will be an alternate children’s programming for the younger set, ages 5-12 and childcare for those 1-4 years of age. To help us with the cooking and set up part we need for you to sign-up on the clipboards for each week’s presentation by the prior Wednesday (notice that we are looking for clean-up help as well). The following week, Friday the 12th, Ms. Barb Kruse will be the presenter. Come; expand your vistas a little this Lent.

A CRS Ricebowl reminder

Here’s hoping that the cardboard Catholic Relief Services ricebowl you picked up has been quietly calling you to evaluate your spending habits on yourself. We often use material things (food, drink, entertainment, stuff) to respond to a hunger that is spiritual. One of the aims of the season is to regain control of these things we use to smother our real hungers, while at the same time attending to the needs of those truly on the edge of poverty. Keep feeding your ricebowl your surplus change, amounts equal to your eating out, or what you save by cutting out your favorite pacifiers. We will welcome your stuffed bowl back on Holy Thursday, April 1.

Cupcakes = Additional funds for Haiti

Four Confirmation candidate/mentor teams helped turn cupcakes into cash for Haiti last weekend. The group received \$150 in donations for their cupcakes with less than one dozen left! The monies will be sent to Catholic Relief Services (CRS). CRS (which also sponsors the Lenten rice bowls) will use these funds for the direct need of Haitian earthquake survivors. For more information on CRS Haitian relief go to www.crs.org Special thanks to the candidate/mentor teams: Jessica Schumaker/Diane Perrone; Sarah Divney/Nora Tetkoski; Morgan McAllister/Rosemary Bodnar; Taylor Winger/Mary-Kate Martin.

An explanation of the Lenten chapel art

Kwer’ate Re’esu is the title of our Lenten banner Icon, original to Ethiopia in the late 17th century. In their language of Ge’ez, it is translated as “Ethiopian Messiah.” The scene is Jesus’ scourging, attended by two jailers on each side who hold whips of torture and the keys of imprisonment. Notice that Jesus holds his hands in a gesture of blessing despite the circumstances. Originally created in Ethiopian Orthodox style, cloth was applied to olive wood panels, treated with gesso (gypsum) and painted with mineral based colors. Stored with other sacred objects, icons were displayed on holy days and in public processions. The use of Christian visual symbols in Ethiopian Icons, served to keep the Ethiopian church united in its theology and to visually teach the fundamental truths of Christian faith to the mostly illiterate population of that time. Icons are also effective instruments of Divine inspiration and prayer.

Are you a veteran?

The recently developed Veterans Court in La Crosse County is seeking veterans who are willing to serve as mentors in the program. Mentors will support other veterans who are involved in the criminal justice system and encourage their participation in VA and community-based treatment programs. If you’re a veteran from the La Crosse area and you’d like to be a mentor, contact the La Crosse County Veteran’s Service office at 785-9719.

An upcoming class on Vatican 2

A 3 week class titled, “Understanding Vatican 2” will be presented by Benedict Nguyen beginning March 1st at 6:30 pm at St James the Less Church. The class will be held in the rectory basement library. For more info, please call Donna at 782-1022 or Lynne at 782-7557.

Knights of Columbus is serving Friday night fish

Knights of Columbus, N3020 State Road 16, La Crosse is again serving fish and other foods on Friday nights. Stop and give them a try.

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More “Blah, blah, blah” from the pastor:

Lent got off with a bang here with lots and lots of people at our five Ash Wednesday services ... and baskets and baskets of our own Lenten devotionals, pocket reminders, CRS ricebowls, and the like leaving with those who came for worship on that day and last Sunday. Then twenty-five students participated in the 2010 version of the “Busy Student Retreat.” The heart of the BSR is sitting down one-on-one with a spiritual director to sort out matters of faith and prayer. We welcomed a woman religious from Chicago, a couple people in youth formation for the Diocese, and a number of our own parish members who have been trained in spiritual direction to help listen to God’s movements in our students lives. Sitting with someone with a good ear and more experience with God’s currents within us is something we all could use.

While we continue with our “usual” student and stationary programming (Bible studies, “Catholicism 101,” student suppers, serving meals at Salvation Army and the Place of Grace Catholic Worker and the like) the next “big event” on the campus minister calendar are our alternative spring break trips to rural Eastern Kentucky and inner city St. Louis during UW-L’s break, leaving March 12/13. While getting ready for such an adventure always takes some extra work, once we are on the road (speaking for myself, at least) it is a wonderful chance to live up close with some of our best students ... and to reprogram our minds with something completely different.

In between what has been and what’s coming, we are also trying to move forward Phase II of our renovation process—this time the chapel. The folks at River Architects and Fowler & Hammer are working to smooth out the final knots that stand in the way of our putting this all out to bid in March, and the asbestos estimator and various engineers have come to inspect this and re-measure that. Do join me in spending a little prayer energy that these many eyes and hands will be on their top game as we move this puppy along. I have been holding my breath for a long time ... I am hoping that once the bids come in I may be able to let it out.

Come visit the Aquinas Catholic Schools booth at Family Fest today at the La Crosse Center
Aquinas Catholic Schools will have a booth at Family Fest 2010 in the La Crosse Center on Sunday February 28th from 10:00 am to 3:00pm. Come enjoy FREE family fun with Big E inflatables, entertainment and food booths. We invite you to stop by our booth and learn how Aquinas Catholic Schools can educate, challenge and inspire your child.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Student Supper of Substance

Our next student supper is this Wednesday **March 3rd, 5:30-6:30**. Student parishioners **Billy and Jessica Thomson** have something to say about keeping faith roots alive and growing while in college. Join us for **Keeping NEWMAN in the CENTER of your college experience**. Sign up on the table in the entrance.

Mass in the middle of the week this Wednesday evening at **8:00**. Another opportunity to keep your Lenten prayer alive and growing.

Spring break meeting this Thursday at 9:00 pm in the Bartl Fireplace Lounge.

Student Rosary, Thursday at 7:00 pm.

Other Events

Free Retreat for those who have lost their job

When: Monday, March 29 (7:00 p.m.) to Wednesday, March 31 (4:00 p.m.)

Where: Franciscan Spirituality Center, 920 Market St. If you have lost your job or fear losing it, join us for a retreat at no cost to you. At the beginning of Holy Week, when we remember the suffering of Jesus and His rising to New Life, we invite you to a retreat filled with hope. No longer live in fear; come join us and turn the darkness of uncertainty into the light of new beginnings. The retreat leader is Fr. Charlie Smiech who has experience leading retreats for the unemployed in the Chicago area. Limited bedrooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis at no cost for the retreat. Call 608-791-5295 or email fscen-ter@fspa.org with questions or to register.

Morning Recollection by Fr. Delbert Malin

The Catholic Daughters of America and the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women wish to invite everyone to their annual Morning Recollection on March 13th at the Cathedral of St. Joseph starting with 8:00 am Mass and ending at noon. Breakfast and lunch will be served for an offering of \$10.00. Fr. Delbert Malin promises a very spiritual morning. Reservations must be made by March 6th. If you would like to attend, contact Linda at 784-4994.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PSF committee meeting this week

The regular meeting of the PSF committee will be held this Wednesday, March 3rd at 6:00 pm in the former religious education office. The conversation will continue about plans for next year. Please let Kathy know if you are not able to attend.

First Eucharist workshop

The 9:00 am-Noon First Eucharist workshop is coming up on Saturday, March 27th. All children in our parish religious education program are expected to attend with at least one parent. Parents and children preparing at Aquinas Catholic Schools are welcome to participate in this workshop, which gives families a time to talk about the upcoming sacrament together. All families will receive a note about snacks and the family's Mass preference for the celebration in a few days.

Upcoming PSF schedule: The program will meet every Sunday this next month which is March 7, 14, 21 and 28.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry This Week: Seeking a Change of Heart

Are you a willing disciple—one who desires to follow God? Do you find that your actions and attitudes, however, aren't always Christ-like? Sin is a reality in our lives.

Through God's forgiveness, Jesus' example, and the work of the Holy Spirit, we can turn from sin toward life. Join us on **Wednesday March 3rd from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm** as we pray, learn, share, and reflect with one another on how to change our hearts.

Youth Ministry Summer Mission Trip

Did you miss the Summer Mission Trip info meeting? No need to worry! Check out the NEW addition to our website which gives you all the info your need PLUS a video about the floods in Cedar Rapids and a slide show of photos from our trip last year <http://www.roncallinewman.com/youth-ministry-mission-trip> There is room for 10 young people from our parish entering grades 9th-12th in the fall of 2010. Young people who are interested in being a part of this trip should make a \$50 deposit to Kristin to reserve their spot. Deadline is **March 11th**.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, February 28—2nd Sunday of Lent

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

9:00 am - Sunday Liturgy (For the Parish)

Monday, March 01—Lenten Weekday

Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38

12:00 nn - Daily Mass (+Killian & Susan Hansmann)

7:00 pm - Sunday Scriptures Study

Tuesday, March 02—Lenten Weekday

Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12

12:00 nn - Daily Mass (+Barbara Flottmeier)

7:00 pm - Catholicism 101

Wednesday, March 03—Lenten Weekday

Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28

12:00 nn - Daily Mass (+Thomas Anderson)

5:00 pm - Liturgical Choir

5:30 pm - Triduum Choir

8:00 pm - Lenten Mid-week Prayer (Eucharistic Adoration)

Thursday, March 04—Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31

12:00 nn - Daily Mass (+Helen Fait)

6:00 pm - Opportunity for Individual Reconciliation

Friday, March 05—Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

12:00 nn - Daily Mass (+Patricia Engler)

5:30 pm - Soup and Sustenance Simple Meal

Saturday, March 06—Lenten Weekday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

5:00 pm - Daily Mass (+Betty Bryant-Morris)

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Next Saturday and Sunday, March 06/07

Minister Coordinators

5:00 Tom Trudeau

9:00 Kathy Running

11:15 Debbie Clarkin

Readers

5:00 Deb Simon / Jason Beyer

9:00 Tom Klemond / Kylie Barton

11:15 Michael Collins / Student

Greeters

5:00 Sam and Donna Schmitt

9:00 Joyce Heil / Carl Koch

11:15 Debbie Schultz / Pat Soell

Gift Presenters

5:00 Diane Foerster / Gerri Harrington

9:00 Callie and Paul Reuteman & family

11:15 Ken and Ginger Horth

Donut Pick-up Cindy Schini (March)

Coffee Set-up Cynthia & Paul Patros

Wafer Pick Up Tom Breiter

Altar Linen Care Teresa Walter

Minister of Care Michelle Thorman (385-9073)
(February 28-March 13th)