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The Roman Catholic Community at UW-L & WTC

March 07, 2010—Third Sunday of Lent
March 14, 2010—Fourth Sunday of Lent

Soup and Sustenance

Friday

Lenten

Meals



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”

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

Parish NEWS

Soup and Sustenance Lenten Friday meals continue with Barb Kruse (3/12) and Dr. Elise Amel (3/19)

For the Fridays of Lent we are again pairing 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 12, will feature Barb Kruse, of the Franciscan Spirituality Center Staff, addressing, **“Compassionate Communication: Opening Your Ear for the Other.”**

Then, on Friday, March 19, Dr. Elise Amel, a professor at the University of St. Thomas will speak on **“Treasuring God’s Earth: How the Faithful Can Respond to the Challenge of Living Sustainably.”** Again this year there will be an alternate children’s programming for the younger set, and childcare for those under seven 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).

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 going meatless on the Fridays of Lent. We will welcome your stuffed bowl back beginning at the first liturgy of the Triduum—Holy Thursday, April 1.

Monsignor McGarty on Theologian Avery Dulles

On March 22, Monday evening, in the Main Theater of Viterbo University. Monsignor Bernard McGarty will offer a lecture with faculty members from Viterbo University and St. Mary’s University, Winona on “Cardinal Avery Dulles: A Theologian for All Seasons.” The subject matter will be geared to teachers of religion of middle and high school level, religious education teachers, college students and adults. The program will run from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, and is free and open to the public.

A “somewhat” quieter pace around here during UW-L’s Spring Break (March 13th-21st)

Yes, it seems the semester just got underway and here we are taking a breather already. Fr. Mark and Jon will both be accompanying students on alternative mission trips to Appalachian Kentucky and St. Louis, Missouri, and the campus will be rather deserted ... but there will still be a fair amount of action here at the main tent.

Fr. Del Malin will preside at weekend liturgies on the 13th and 14th ... Deacon Kevin will lead 12:00 nn communion services Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (15th, 17th, and 19th) ... “Soup and Sustenance” on Friday the 19th, and PSF, 9th grade youth ministry, choir rehearsals, the early morning men’s group, and the like will all continue as usual. The Parish office will be inhabited for at least part of each weekday, but there will be no Sunday night liturgy on the 14th, no Bible studies on Monday night, no Catholicism 101, nor a chance for confessions on Thursday the 18th. Everything should “return to normal” (whatever that is) beginning Saturday the 21st.

Roncalli 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 (jwalter@fspa.org).

Lenten Reconciliation opportunities ahead: Thursday, March 25, and Tuesday, March 30

A privileged way of applying the power of God’s renewing grace during Lent is by celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation. In the remaining weeks of the season there will be several ways to take advantage of the sacrament. In addition to every week’s 6:00 pm chance for individual confession on Thursdays, will be two seasonal penance services (a time of prayerful common preparation followed by an opportunity for individual reconciliation) at 7:00 pm on Thursday, March 25, and again at 7:00 pm on the Monday of Holy Week (March 30). If this still confounds your schedule, you can also arrange an individual appointment with Fr. Mark.

Mobile Meals thanks you

A huge thank you to all parishioners who helped deliver Mobile Meals in March.

Third and Fourth Sunday of Lent • March 07 and 14

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

As is my custom the week before UW-LaCrosse’s spring break, my column will be shorter than usual ... mainly because it has to be to get all the other stuff in that awaits your attention. What you have here is one of our “two-week” bulletins—two weeks full of information and schedules in one printing. What makes it a bit more challenging now (compared to January and summer when we also ease back into every-other-week bulletin production) is that with Lent there is so much going on. If it were up to me to schedule a week for the University students to be away, it wouldn’t be at the middle of March ... but we will manage. In truth, while the run-up to these Alternative Spring Break Trips is always something of a rush, once we all pile in to our vehicles and hit the road, everything just sort of opens up and I don’t worry too much about things “back here.” Maybe in part that’s because I sort of have my hands full there ... in part because I trust that those left behind can certainly get on without me. I will be heading out with my crew on Friday, March 12th, after “Soup and Sustenance” that night. Jon and his people will be leaving on Saturday the 13th.

The one “on the edge” part of the whole expedition for me is the trip back ... counting on good weather, clear roads, and trustworthy vehicles to get us (well, especially “me”) back with just a little room to spare for Saturday night liturgy at 5:00 pm on the 22nd. Keep your fingers crossed. Enjoy Fr. Del on the 13th/14th ... but not too much. Keep us all in your prayers.

Newman takes a turn at Place of Grace

Sunday dinner at Place of Grace will be served by Newman parishioners on Sunday, March 28th. If you want to help, call Joe Leuck at 788-0090 or 780-8310.

Living Together?

The Health and Social Consequences

On Thursday, March 18, in the Main Theatre of Viterbo, Dr. Patrick Schneider will review the social and medical science now available after two generations of cohabitation in American society. Cohabitation affects many of our families. Come and hear what research has to say about this lifestyle. The talk, sponsored by the La Crosse Guild of the Catholic Medical Association begins at 7:00 pm, and there will be ample time for questions and discussion.

Readers, Greeters, and Gift Bearers Schedule is now available by email. Call Linda in the office at 784-4994 to get signed up to receive it by email.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry Guest Speaker

Join us this week on **Wed., March 10th from 7:00-8:30 pm** as Ursula Chiu shares her story of what it was like living in Germany during the Nazi Occupation.

Youth Ministry 9th Grade ONLY

On **Wed., March 17th from 7:00-8:30 pm** the 9th graders will meet to view and discuss “Sex still has price tag” a video presentation given by Pam Stenzel, a national abstinence speaker.

Mission Trip!

Don’t forget the last day to sign up for our summer mission trip to Cedar Rapids Iowa from July 11th-16th is **Thursday, March 11th at 4:00 pm**. This trip is open to all young people in our parish entering grades 9th-12th in the fall of 2010. A \$50 deposit must be made to Kristin in order to reserve your spot.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Wednesday mid week evening prayer at 8:00 pm.

This week, pray the Stations of the Cross with a social justice theme. Another opportunity to keep your Lenten prayer alive and growing.

Christianity a la C. S. Lewis, 6:00 pm Thursday in the Student Fireplace Lounge.

Student Rosary, Thursday at 7:00 pm.

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 14

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Jeopardy competition

PSF students in grades 4, 6, 8 are gearing up for a class-to-class “Questions of Faith” Jeopardy competition, Sunday, March 21st. The program will be held in the lower hall during coffee and donuts. Plan to cheer your favorite class on to the final Jeopardy question.

First Eucharist workshop

The First Eucharist workshop will be held Saturday, March 27th. All 2nd grade children in PSF are expected to attend with at least one parent per child. 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.

Upcoming PSF schedule: March 7, 14, 21, 28.

THE WEEK OF MARCH 07TH**Sunday, March 07—3rd Sunday of Lent**

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Monday, March 08—Lenten Weekday

2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30

12:00 nn - Daily Mass (+Kenneth Regalia)

7:00 pm - Sunday Scriptures Study

Tuesday, March 09—Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35

6:30 am - Men's Group

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

6:00 pm - Ministry of Simple Living

7:00 pm - Catholicism 101

Wednesday, March 10—Lenten Weekday

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19

12:00 nn - Daily Mass (+Peter Huber)

5:00-5:30 pm - Liturgical Choir

5:30-7:00 pm - Triduum Choir

8:00 pm - After Hours Prayer

Thursday, March 11—Lenten Weekday

Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23

12:00 nn - Daily Mass (+Clara Bingham)

6:00 pm - Opportunity for Individual Reconciliation

7:00 pm - Renovation Committee

Friday, March 12—Lenten Weekday

Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34

Day of Lenten Abstinence from meat

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

5:30 pm - Soup and Sustenance with Barb Kruse

UW-L Spring Break begins tonight

Saturday, March 13—Lenten Weekday

Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

THE WEEK OF MARCH 14TH**Sunday, March 14—4th Sunday of Lent**

Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

No Sunday evening liturgy during Spring Break

Monday, March 15—Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

12:00 nn - Communion Service

No Bible studies

Tuesday, March 16—Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

6:30 am - Men's Group meets

No 12:00 nn Mass or Communion Service

Wednesday, March 17—Lenten Weekday

Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

12:00 nn - Communion Service

5:00-5:30 pm - Liturgical Choir

5:30-7:00 pm - Triduum Choir

Thursday, March 18—Lenten Weekday

Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

No 12:00 nn Mass or Communion Service

No opportunity for individual confession

Friday, March 19—Joseph

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-16/Rom 4:13-18, 22/Lk 2:41-51a

Day of Lenten Abstinence from meat

12:00 nn - Communion Service

5:30 pm - Soup and Sustenance with Dr. Elise Amel

Saturday, March 20—Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

Sunday, March 21—5th Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

7:00 pm - Sunday evening Mass returns

UW-L Spring Break ends tonight

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY**Next Saturday and Sunday, March 13/14****Minister Coordinators**

5:00 TBA

9:00 TBA

11:15 TBA

Readers

5:00 Judy Bautch / Matt Cripps

9:00 Michelle Boge / Bill Leonard

11:15 Tom & Kathy Hench

Greeters

5:00 Jack & Joan Reiland

9:00 Chris & Paul Abicht

11:15 Mary Reckase / Bev Lewis

Gift Presenters

5:00 Mike & Jess Boland

9:00 Jerry & Sandra Miller

11:15 Dale & Mary Wetterling

Donut Pick-up Cindy Schini**Coffee Set-up** Lance & Susan Paulson**Wafer Pick Up** Joan & Jack Reiland**Altar Linen Care** Kathryn Barth**Minister of Care** Michelle Thorman (385-9073)**MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY****Next Saturday and Sunday, March 20/21****Minister Coordinators**

5:00 TBA

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11:15 TBA

Readers

5:00 John Houge / Marian Havlik

9:00 Linda & Scott Dickmeyer

11:15 Jim & Joanne Putz

Greeters

5:00 Mike & Therese Regner

9:00 Tom & Karen Adams

11:15 Dennis & Bryce Olson-Dorff / Jane Inness

Gift Presenters

5:00 Scott & Kate Escher and family

9:00 Jill & Wade Miller and family

11:15 Mike & Carol Mader

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