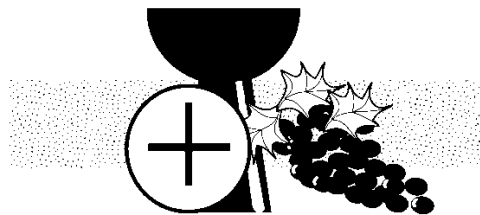


Third Sunday of Lent March 7, 2010

I will wash your sins away,
says the Lord.



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MASS SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	SAINT	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
Mon. Mar. 8	8:30	St. John of God	Archie Myers	Family
Tues. Mar. 9	8:30	St. Francis of Rome	Lucien Demers	Family
Wed. Mar. 10	8:30		Charles Chamberlin	Bob Penders
Thur. Mar. 11	8:30		Ronald Kingsbury	Dick and Sandy Stevens
(At Pines)	10:00		Spagnuolo Family	Gloria French
Fri. Mar. 12	8:30		Leo Hance	K of C Council 7525
SUNDAY MASSES				
Sat. Mar. 13	4:30		Dorothy Barber	Her Husband
Sun. Mar. 14	8:00		Parishioners and Benefactors	
	9:30		Teresa Beatty	Family
	11:30		Bob Beauchemin	Family

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This Sunday, March 7th all students in grades 1-6 are to come to the Church at 5:00pm with a family member for the Stations of the Cross for children and families. There are no regular classes at other times for these grades.

There will be a teaching Mass for parents and students of grade 2 next week, March 14th at 9:30am in the Parish Center Hall. This Mass will be followed by a brief meeting of parents and second grade students.

YOUTH MINISTRY

The 9th grade class will meet this Sunday, March 7th at 6:15 in the Parish Center Hall.

There will be a 6:00pm Youth Mass next Sunday, March 14th for 9th and 10th grade. Students will meet for a short class session immediately following the Mass. The Mass and session are mandatory for both classes. All parishioners are welcome to join us for the Mass!

10th Grade Students – Reminder -The Confirmation name/sponsor form needs to be returned to the office by March 20th.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME NEXT SUNDAY

On Sunday, March 14th, we turn the clocks forward one hour ("Spring ahead"). The Sunday Masses will be celebrated on daylight saving time.

FLOWER MEMORIALS

If you wish to make a donation toward Easter Flowers in memory of a loved one, please pick up one of the special envelopes provided for that purpose at the entrances of the church and either drop it in the collection basket at Mass or mail it to the parish office.

HELP WANTED

People willing to make one decade rosaries and simple standing small wood crosses for our new baptism gift program and also regular rosaries for our May Crowning and Rosary event. Please call the Religious Education office (864-4166 x204) for more information or to offer help.

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Everyone is invited to the Stations of the Cross for Children and Families in the church at 5:00pm on Sunday, March 7th.

SALVATION ARMY DINNER

There will be a Salvation Army Dinner on March 23rd. We're seeking donations of Shepherd's Pie, rolls, brownies and cookies, fruit and milk. All donations should serve 12 and be in disposable containers. Your help will be much appreciated by those served.

CATHOLIC GOLDEN AGE

The monthly luncheon will take place on the 3rd Tuesday of the month: March 16th at St. Anthony's Parish Hall on Flynn Ave., Burlington. Guest Speaker: Father Dallas St. Peter. Please make reservation by Feb. 15th by calling 862-4564.

WHAT'S THAT PICTURE IN THE SANCTUARY?

It is the famous painting of the "Return of the Prodigal Son" by the Dutch painter, Rembrandt (1606-1669). It's one of his last paintings, his final word! It now hangs in The Hermitage in St. Petersburg, Russia. Here he interprets the Christian idea of mercy with an extraordinary solemnity, as though this were his spiritual testament to the world. The main group of the father and the Prodigal Son stands out in light against an enormous dark surface. The observer witnesses an extraordinary event. The son, ruined and repellent, with his bald head and the appearance of an outcast, returns to his father's house after long wanderings and many vicissitudes. He has wasted his heritage and has sunk to the condition of a swineherd. His old father, dressed in rich garments has hurried to meet him before the door and receives the long-lost son with the utmost fatherly love. The occurrence is devoid of any momentary violent emotion, but is raised to a solemn calm that lends to the figures some of the qualities of statues and gives the emotions of a lasting character, no longer subject to the changes of time. Unforgettable is the image of the repentant sinner leaning against his father's breast and the old father bending over his son. The father's features tell of a goodness sublime; so do his outstretched hands, not free from the stiffness of old age. The whole represents a symbol of all homecomings, of the darkness of human existence illuminated by tenderness, of weary and sinful mankind taking refuge in the shelter of God's mercy.

DAILY READINGS

Mar. 8	2 Kgs 5: 1-15b	Lk 4: 24-30
Mar. 9	Dn 3: 25-43	Mt 18: 21-35
Mar. 10	Dt 4: 1-9	Mt 5: 17-19
Mar. 11	Jer 7: 23-28	Lk 11: 14-23
Mar. 12	Hos 14: 2-10	Mk 12: 28-34
Mar. 13	Hos 6: 1-6	Lk 18: 9-14
Mar. 14	Jos 5: 9a-12	
	2 Cor 5: 17-21	Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION DURING LENT

Lent is a season that invites us to repentance and conversion. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is central to that process for it offers us the grace of God's mercy and the grace of new strength in living our life of faith. There will be extra times for this sacrament during Lent. Please note the schedule:

Fridays of Lent at 9:00am & 6:00pm
Saturdays: 3:00 to 4:00pm & 5:30pm

Lenten Penance Service
Sunday, March 28, at 7:00pm

Please plan to participate in our

LENTEN RETREAT

"Steps on Becoming an Effective Involved Catholic Christian"

with

Father Stanley Deresienski, SSE

**Monday, March 8, 2010: *The Good Samaritan*
"The Wisdom of Service"**

8:30 am Mass

7:00 pm Retreat Program

**Tuesday, March 9, 2010: *The Prodigal Son*
"The Wisdom of Forgiveness"**

8:30 am Mass

7:00 pm Retreat Program / Penance Service

**Wednesday, March 10, 2010: *The Lord's Prayer*
"The Wisdom of Living a Reflective Life"**

8:30 am Mass

7:00 pm Retreat Program

LAST WEEK

Collection - \$3,858.36
Development Fund - \$826.00
Attendance Last Week - 659

The second collection next week is for
Catholic Relief Services.

