



# THE BASILICA of ST. JAMES

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**The church invites you to make your prayer scriptural.**

A good way to begin would be to use each week' Sunday Psalm Response at regular daily intervals:

**“The Lord is my light and my salvation.”**

Building Community in God's Kingdom  
Capital Campaign

Please join us in welcoming our General Chairs for the capital campaign. Through their roles, these couples define the word sacrifice at St. James Basilica.

Chuck and Marlene Axtman  
Tim and Nancy Exner  
Greg and Tracy Schweitzer

We also wish to recognize our Honorary Chairs for the effort. Don and Marie Boyle have willingly and graciously accepted this title. Thank you to all of the couples for recognizing the importance of our campaign and for understanding how they can make a difference as a campaign leader. You are truly making an impact for current parishioners of St. James Basilica for generations to come.

We are nearing the end of our leadership recruitment process. If you'd like to help with the campaign through future assignments such as mailings, please call Development Coordinator Peggy Etzold at 252-0119 or email her [development@csicable.com](mailto:development@csicable.com).

*Building Community in God's Kingdom*

**NOTE:** We have the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) everyday before the noon Eucharist at 11:40am. We also celebrate it regularly on Saturday at 3:30pm. We invite you to make a special effort to do this during Lent.

**This week no 12:10pm Eucharist on Wednesday.**  
Instead there is the Ministerial Lenten Service.  
Michelle Brennan from First United Methodist Church  
will be preaching on John 10:1-10.

**Ministerial Lenten Series** this Wednesday, March 3 at St. James Basilica. Lunch will be served from 11:30-12:20 with worship following from 12:20-12:50. This year's theme is "I am..." sayings of Jesus: "I am the Bread of Life." Michelle Brennan from First United Methodist Church will be preaching this week on John 10:1-10 "I am the Gate". Lunch will be served St. James Tabernacle from 11:30-12:20.

**Annulments:** If you know of anyone that needs an annulment, please tell them to see Sr. Michaeleen soon. Right now the diocese doesn't have many cases so we should be able to do them much quicker. There is no cost involved. Sr. Michaeleen can be reached at 269-2143 or email: [michaeleen@csicable.net](mailto:michaeleen@csicable.net).

## This Week's Liturgies - March 1-7, 2010

**MON** 12:10pm † *Rosanne Albrecht* by Jim & Angela Madsen  
5:15pm † *Pauline Rerich* Eve Schonauer

**TUE** 7:00am (L) *Clara Weigel & Family*  
12:10pm † *Joan Bitz* by Sonshine Committee  
12:15pm Eucharist @ North Dakota State Hospital  
(SE Corner of La Haug Building)

**WED** 7:00am (L) *Mrs. Peter (Margaret) Marquart* by Virginia Fettig & Fmly  
10:00am † *Idell Masey* by Aileen Astrup @ Ave Maria Village  
NO 12:10pm Eucharist

5:15pm † *Don McCommon* by Pat McCommon

**THU** 7:00am † *Alicia Stratford* by the Brown Family  
10:15am † *Palmer Thielges* by Don & Arlene Altringer  
@ All School Eucharist (All are welcome to attend)  
12:10pm † *Charles Mitzel* by Elmer & Doris Batsch  
12:40pm Adoration  
5:00pm Benediction  
3:30pm † *Charles Kartes* by Harriet Kartes @ Rock of Ages  
7:00pm Eucharist @ James River Correctional Center

**FRI** 10:00am (L) *Julie Jeske* by Glory Ebertz @ Hi-Acres Manor  
12:10pm † *Linda DuBray* by Krebs Family  
5:15pm † *Rose Feckler* by EPYMD  
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

**SAT** 8:00am *Living & Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus*  
4:30pm † *Louis Wojcik* by Kate (Wojcik) Spanjer

**SUN** 8:30am † *John Linstaedt* by Jim & Carolyn Exner  
10:30am *People of the Basilica and Outlying Parishes* by Fr. Bitz  
6:00pm † *Robert Hodgson* by Janice Willman

## This Week's Readings

Sun	1st	Gen. 15:5-12, 17-18 (27C)
	2nd	Phil. 3:17-4:1
	Gospel	Luke 9:28b-36
Mon	1st	Dan. 9:4b-10
	Gospel	Luke 6:36-38
Tue	1st	Is. 1:10,16-20
	Gospel	Mt. 23:1-12
Wed	1st	Jer.18:18-20
	Gospel	Mt. 20:17-28
Thu	1st	Jer. 17:5-10
	Gospel	Luke 16:19-31
Fri	1st	Gen. 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a
	Gospel	Mt.21-33-43,45-46
Sat	1st	Mic.7:14-15,18-20
	Gospel	Lk.15:1-3, 11-32
Sun	1st	Ex. 3:1-8a,13-15 (30C)
	2nd	1Cor.10:1-6,10-12
	Gospel	Luke 13:1-9

**Reconciliation** ½ hour before daily Eucharists; Saturdays 3:30pm

Scripture Readings: look on the websites:<http://www.nccbuscc.org/nab/http://www.lectorprep.org>. (Good for Proclaimers' preparation)

## Liturgies at Outlying Parishes

**8:30am Next Sunday at:**

St. Mathias, Windsor

† *Leonard Wanzek* by Dolores Wanzek

**10:30am Next Sunday at:**

St. Michael's, Pingree

† *Walter Reiland* by Family

**This week our expressed thanks are:**

every day of life, job security, friends, family, food, beautiful weather, life, safe travel, wonderful neighbors, health, good calving season, my husband, warm weather, medical field and prayers, life of grandkids.

## Bible Study for Men:

Monday's at 7:00pm in the St. Thomas Room. Good Lenten Study. We will be studying the life of St. Joseph, Mary's spouse.

**God's Gift Appeal ...** We encourage each household to return their personalized pledge card which you received in the mail in early February. It is important that you place your pledge card (inside the envelope provided) into the collection basket next week. This step will save our parish the expense of additional mailings from the diocese. May God bless you and thank you for your consideration.

**Please pray for our Elect,** Alyssa Ost, Lindsey Crowston, Tyra Baumgartner, and David Baxter. During Lent they will continue to spend time in prayer and further study as they prepare for Baptism at Easter.

## Youth celebrating Baptismal Anniversaries this week

Bryce Bassett

Reece Kleinknecht

Connor Knutson

Luke Marker

Rachel Schiele

Paul Vandal

**Next Baptism Preparation Session** will be held on **Monday, March 1, 2010** at **7:00pm** at the **Zebedee Center**. Please call 252-0478 to register.

## Bitsofbitz

"I'm retired and I do nothing 'for sure' said someone recently. I laughed when I first heard that phrase used. But when I took some time to think about it, I didn't laugh anymore. I recalled visiting with some parents whose children were grown up and gone from home and college. We were talking about people of their age dropping out of church. They said it was easier not to go to church on a particular Sunday since all the children were out of the house. Then pretty soon they could easily slide into a situation where they found themselves hardly ever going. That's where the temptation lies in "doing nothing for sure." Even in retirement there must be some things that we do "for sure" besides paying the bills. Living and expressing our faith life must be a "for sure" thing

whether the kids are at home or not and whether we are retired or not. Our faith life must be lived because of our personal relationship with God.

I found this bit of information to be quite interesting. Fidelity recently did a survey and they found that 46% of millionaires do not **feel** wealthy. About 84% say they spend with a middle-class mindset, according to the AmEx/Harrison survey. That means buying luxury items on sale, hunting for bargains – and even clipping coupons. In fact, affluent households, including those with income above \$100,000, tend to be heavier coupon users than those with lower incomes, according to a 2009 study by Nielsen and market research firm Inmar. I would guess that many of them would find it also difficult to support the church with a "**feeling**" that they can't afford it.

### Deanery VII 2010 Reconciliation Services:

#### Oriska Tri-Parish:

Sacred Heart, Sanborn  
6:30pm Tue., March 9

St. Agatha, Hope  
6:30pm Thurs., March 18

St. George, Cooperstown  
7:00pm Sunday, March 14

#### St. James Basilica:

7:00pm Sunday, March 21  
7:00pm Monday, March 22

Sacred Heart, Carrington  
7:00pm Sunday, March 28

St. Catherine, Valley City  
7:00pm Sunday, March 28

### **Search Weekend-April 9-11, 2010. Search weekend at Maryvale Convent, Valley City.**

Search is a peer-to-peer ministry, allowing youth to minister to youth. Young people will share bits and pieces of themselves; their joys and struggles in everyday life. They will share how Christ fits into their busy schedules and why it is important to have Christ as a part of your life. The weekend begins at 5:30 p.m. on Friday and concludes around 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. There is time for prayer, Eucharist, fellowship, and fun.

Applications are now being taken for the April Search at Maryvale. **Team Deadline is March 5. New Searcher Deadline is March 17.** For more information or to pick up an application, please contact the Faith Formation office at 252-0478 or e-mail [faithformation@csicable.net](mailto:faithformation@csicable.net).  
Tabernacle pays for 1/2 the cost of the Search Retreat.

**Diocese of Fargo update, collection for Haiti:** As of Tuesday, February 23, 2010 the total received is \$192,438. Our current total for Haiti is \$11,761.31. Also, we received a total of \$3,013.35 so far for Fr. Jack Davis in Peru (Ash Wednesday Collection).

**FACE Fact:** The Foundation for the Advancement of Christian Education (FACE) has received memorials for: Yvonne Schulte, Valborg Skorpen and George Kupper. FACE thanks family and friends for these memorials. May God Bless these people.

**Our sympathy and remember in prayer** the families of those who died recently, Gerald Glynn, father of Tom Glynn and Kay Glynn.

**In your prayers please remember our sick:** (new names are in parentheses and italics) To make things more personal, we include names for two weeks. Behind each name is the neighborhood or outlying parish with which they are connected. Thus we ask the neighborhood or outlying parish to continue praying for them. If you don't remember your neighborhood you can check the map at the church west entrance.

Rachel Fox (NE Jamestown College Neighborhood)  
Leader: Michelle Polries

Alex Schauer, son of Doug & Laurie (NW Fairground Neighborhood) Leader: Suzie Senger

**In your prayers** please remember our friends and relatives who are deployed in Iraq and overseas: (*new names are in parentheses and Italics*)

Jeffery Andersen  
Ryan Carroll  
Rob Falk  
Scott Gainsforth

Tyrel Gion  
Fr. Jack Herron  
Nick Kluck  
Joseph Nasset

Leah Nasset  
Christopher Olsen  
Michael Pommerer  
Philip Pommerer

Daniel Shealy  
Abby Tews  
Jerod Tufte

**(If you know of new people, please let us know).**

#### **This Week Around the Parish**

Mon. 12:45pm Brown Bag Bible Study, Holy Spirit Room	Basilica
Mon. 7:00pm Baptism Preparation Session, Shirley's Office,	Zebedee Center
Mon. 7:00pm Men's Bible Study, St. Thomas Room,	Parish Center
Tue. 4:00pm Prison Ministers Meeting,	Parish Center
Tue. 7:00pm Capital Campaign Meetings,	Parish Center
Wed. 11:30-12:50pm Lenten Lunch/Worship Service ( <b>NO 12:10 Eucharist</b> )	Basilica
Wed. 6:30pm Eucharist Parent Meeting,	Zebedee Center
Wed. 6:30pm K-6 Faith Formation	Zebedee Center
Wed. 6:30-7:45pm, Middle School	Zebedee Center
Wed. 6:45pm Lenten Bible Study	Parish Center
Wed. 7:00pm Basilica Choir Rehearsal,	Basilica
Wed. 7:45-9pm High School	Basilica
Thu. 1:30pm Parish Staff Meeting, Conference Room	Zebedee Center
Thu. 6:30pm College Bible Study, L-2 Nafus Center,	Jamestown College
Fri. 1st Friday, Homebound visits by Pastoral Staff	
Fri. 7:30pm RCIA meet in Parish Center before all-night Adoration	
Sat. 8:30am Creighton Model Fertility/Care INTRO Session, Conference Room	Zebedee Center
Sat. 9:00am Lenten Mini Retreat	Parish Center



**CD of the Week...The Passion of Christ Applied to Your Life - Fr. John Corapi, S.O.L.T.** Fr. John Corapi is well known for his series on the Catechism of the Catholic Church which is used around the world. Before becoming a priest, he achieved worldly fame and fortune and then lost it all. In this stirring talk, he explains the "hard truths" of the Cross and the true freedom of discovering our real identity in Christ. Fr. Corapi provides the practical tools we need to transform our lives.

**Assisted Hearing Units are available in the Sacristy of St. James.**

**Eddy Funeral Home - 252-3138**

Our business of the week. Please support them and all who advertise in our bulletin.

**Bulletin can be found on  
Basilica Website:**

**[www.stjamesbasilica.org](http://www.stjamesbasilica.org)**

**YOUTH 2000, March 19-21, 2010 at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Crookston, MN**

Attention all young people ages 13-30! The challenging message of World Youth Day in Rome, Toronto, Cologne and Sydney is being spread throughout the United States by an initiative called YOUTH 2000. YOUTH 2000 is responding to the call of Pope John Paul II to enable young people to live and proclaim the Gospel. You are invited to a YOUTH 2000 retreat on March 19-21, 2010 at Cathedral in Crookston, MN. You will have the opportunity to gather with young people your age for prayer, adoration, singing, and learning about our Catholic Faith. For more information, please call Sr. Shawna at 252-0478 or e-mail [faithformation@csicable.net](mailto:faithformation@csicable.net).

**The Christian Mimes will be presenting "A Walk With Christ" Friday, March 26** at the Basilica at 7:00pm. The presentation is a combination of the Stations of the Cross and the Passion of Christ done in Mime with special lighting and music. Please join the Mimes for this Lenten Service.

**Question of the Week ...2nd Sunday of Lent - Week of February 28, 2010**

Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18, Philippians 3: 17-4:1, Luke 9: 28b-36

*Lent calls us to transform our lives.*

**Question for Children:** Jesus invites you to be close to him, to see him with clear eyes. What is Jesus like as a friend?

**Question for Youth:** What do you most want God to help you with?

**Question for Adults:** Sometimes we can see Christ with clear eyes, as the disciples did on that mountain. Share about such a time in your own life.

**Saint of the Week: Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs**

Perpetua was a young woman of noble birth and the mother of an infant son. She was arrested in Carthage during the persecution of Christians by Emperor Severus, along with several other catechumens who included Felicity, a slave. Perpetua kept a record of the trials and sufferings which the group endured while imprisoned and of the visions which she experienced. This

journal, which ran up to the day before their deaths, was completed by an eyewitness.

Nothing could shake the faith of these young women, along with the other martyrs, nor even the fear of a painful death. While our faith is normally not tested in the manner of these martyrs, we should still remain prepared to meet death at any time since we never completely know God's plan for us.

**It's not too late to join us for Bible Study.**

A six week bible study is being offered during the season of Lent. All groups are using the book *Amazing Grace* : A six week study of the book of Romans by Kevin Perrotta. If you can't join on of these groups, you can start or group or study on your own. Books are available from the Faith Formation Office. (Suggested donation \$8.00)

**Sessions are scheduled as follows:**

**Young Adults/College (18-30)**

It's not too late to join us on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm in L-2 Lounge in the Nafus Center on Campus. We began on February 18. Contact Sr. Shawna for more information, 252-0478 or [faithformation@csicable.net](mailto:faithformation@csicable.net)

**Adults (of all ages)**

Afternoon Sessions: Mondays at 12:45 (brown bag lunch) in the Holy Spirit Room of the Parish Center.

Evening Sessions: Wednesdays at 6:45 pm in the Parish Center.

**To register or for more information contact** the Faith Formation Office at 252-0478 or e-mail us at [faithformation@csicable.net](mailto:faithformation@csicable.net)

**February 28, 2010**

**2nd Sunday of Lent**

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." - Genesis 15:7  
Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether our home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do we show our gratitude to God for the home He has given us? Do we make a sacrifice of any kind? Do we return any of our finances to God, investing equally in our eternal home just as we invest in our current abode?

## Announcement from Office of the Chancellor - Diocese of Fargo

In 2011 all parishes in the United States and all English speaking countries will begin using a new translation of the prayers used for the celebration of the Eucharist. Today's bulletin contains the first of two a part summary of the new text to be used by the congregation. The current issue of the Diocesan newspaper, The New Earth, has an article on the recent historical development of the translations of prayers used at the Eucharist. There will continue to be more information on this topic in coming weeks and months.

### St. John's Academy News:

**Everyone is invited** to the next All School Eucharist, **10:15am, March 4, 2010**, St. James Basilica.

**FAT TUESDAY SPAGHETTI FEED:** The St. John's Academy School Board's 'Fat Tuesday' Spaghetti Feed was a huge success. Over 500 people ate delicious spaghetti and desserts. A huge thank you goes out to those who gave of their gifts and talents at every level to develop community and togetherness.

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION:** Thank you to the families who have responded and turned in their registration for 2010-2011. We encourage all remaining families to register immediately. It is important for our School Board to have precise enrollment numbers as they review the budget and determine the tuition scale. Please submit your registration form and registration fee to the office as soon as possible.

**PRE-KINDERGARTEN AND KIDS' KINGDOM:** We have begun the process of recruitment for Pre-K and Kids' Kingdom Preschool. If you know of a family who might be interested in our school, let the office know (252-3397 or email [St.John@sendit.nodak.edu](mailto:St.John@sendit.nodak.edu) so we can send information to them.

**PTO MEETING:** If anyone is looking for a fun way to be involved with SJA and an easy way to acquire volunteer hours, plan on attending the next PTO meeting or contact a PTO member. We will have positions open on the board in addition to other smaller roles. Our next meeting will be March 9 at 5:30 pm in the Zebedee conference room. Contact Tonya Moe at 252-1241 or Elizabeth Sherfy at 320-7296 if you have any questions.

### The Year of Priests

#### February 28

Fr. Kevin Willis  
Oakes - Forma



#### March 1

Fr. Jimmy Tiu  
Montrose, CA



#### March 2

Fr. Leonard  
Loegering  
Wyndmere -Milnor



#### March 3

Neil Pfeifer  
Seminarian - Theology III



### Pray for the following priests (February 28-March 6, 2010)

#### March 4

Fr. Dale Lagodinski  
Wahpeton



#### March 5

Greg Haman  
Seminarian - Theology II



#### March 6

Fr. Phillip Ackerman  
Grand Forks - Holy Family



### A Prayer for Priests

Lord Jesus, you have chosen your priests from among us and sent them out to proclaim your word and act in your name. For so great a gift to your Church, we give you praise and thanksgiving. We ask you to fill them with the fire of your love, that their ministry may reveal your presence in the Church. Since they are earthen vessels, we pray that your power shine out through their weakness.

In their afflictions let them never be crushed; in their doubts never despair; in temptation never be destroyed; in persecution never abandoned. Inspire them through prayer

to live each day, that mystery of your dying and rising. In times of weakness send them your Spirit and help them to praise your heavenly Father and pray for the poor sinners.

By the same Holy Spirit, put your word on their lips and your love in their hearts, to bring good news to the poor and healing to the broken-hearted. And may the gift of Mary, your mother, to the disciple whom you loved, be your gift to every priest. Grant that she who formed you in her human image may form them in your Divine image, by the power of your Spirit to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen

## **Tabernacle News ... The Consecrated Life, what is it, could it be for you?**

Did you watch Oprah a couple of weeks ago? Or Raymond Arroyo on EWTN last week? They were interviewing consecrated women – Sisters who have chosen to become brides of Christ and spend their lives serving Christ's people. Did you see their joy? Would you like to know that joy? Would you encourage your daughters/nieces to choose such a life? Are you a widow and looking for a spouse who will calm your restless heart? Are you single and living a successful life but sense there is something missing?

Sr. Michaelleen, OSB, a nun for over 60 years, will speak at 7pm on Monday, March 8 at the St. James Tabernacle Society Spiritual/Social meeting. She will tell her story and explain the life of those called to the consecrated life – Sisters and Brothers.

Mothers, daughters, nieces, and grandmothers are especially invited to bring family members and guests to hear Sr. Michaelleen. St. John's Circle is hosting this event, refreshments will be served at 7:40pm.

**Circle Representatives for Spiritual, Social, and Membership Committees** will meet during refreshments and immediately afterward to plan for future activities. Non-Circle members are asked to choose a Committee they would enjoy. Financial Committee representatives will be contacted by Mary Kuhn and Renae Luhman.

**The Business meeting of Tabernacle Society** will be held in conjunction with Pastoral Council meeting on March 15, 6:30 pm at St. John's Academy.

**Thanks to Bonnie Laber and Barb Hogan** the new Tabernacle booklets are in the Circle folders at the Parish Postal Center. Copies for non-Circle members will be available at the March 8 meeting.

**We are still looking for a chairman or co-chairs for the Spring Parish Rummage Sale.** Help is available, but your leadership is needed. Contact Mary Olson, 952-1989, if you are interested.

**We need empty covered containers for sending food from funerals home with families.** If you have extra whipped topping containers or ice cream buckets please leave them in the Parish Center close to the kitchen windows.

**Ladies of the parish** if your name begins with S through Z you may be called and asked to donate baked goods for a funeral luncheon or other tabernacle events or to help serve a funeral luncheon.

**Assigned circle for March is St. John.**

## **OUTSIDE THE PARISH:**

### **Mothers and Mothers-to-be: La Leche League**

Planning to breastfeed? Then you'll want the information and encouragement that La Leche League provides. Leaders are experienced breastfeeding mothers, accredited by La Leche League International. Whether you are pregnant or already nursing LLL has something for you-tips and techniques shared by mothers who have enjoyed a successful breastfeeding relationship.

Services available include monthly information meetings, lending library, and phone/email help for breastfeeding problems or questions. All mothers-to-be, mothers and babies are welcome.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 2nd, 2010 at 6:30pm. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at the James River Family YMCA. For information contact Lindsey at (701)320-3889 or [lindscramer@yahoo.com](mailto:lindscramer@yahoo.com).

**North Dakota Winter Show presents** Just Us: "An Evening of Christian Music", Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 7:00pm in the Hi-Liner Activity Center, Valley City.

For more information call 1-800-437-0218 or email: [www.northdakotawintershow.com](http://www.northdakotawintershow.com).

**World Day of Prayer...**sponsored by Church Women United of Jamestown will be held Friday, March 5, 1:30pm at Trinity Lutheran Church. For more information contact Doreen Larson 252-1748 or email: [dlarson10@daktel.com](mailto:dlarson10@daktel.com).

**Jamestown Choralaires Spring Concert 2010**, Friday and Saturday, March 5th & 6th, 7:30pm in the Reiland Fine Arts Center Jamestown College.

### **KC Blood Drive**

Wednesday, March 10th, 12noon-6pm  
Thursday, March 11th, 7:00am-1:00pm  
Contact Dean Haas: 252-2270 (W) or 251-1007(H)

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Post-abortion Healing** Have you, or someone you know, suffered from the pain of past abortions? Rachel's Vineyard is holding its next weekend retreat March 12-14 in Hankinson, ND. The retreat is sponsored by the LifeCare Center. For information please call 701-219-3941 or email [ruch@i29.net](mailto:ruch@i29.net). All contact is confidential.

**The Art and Environment of the Basilica:** *In the early 1990's, when there was the discussion about renovating the Basilica, The Liturgy Committee studied the Church Documents on the various elements of a church. They then printed a statement on each element which guided the architects development of the Plan for Renovation which was executed in 1993. It is now 17 years since that happened. It is good that every so often we go back to those foundational documents and refresh our understanding of the Art and Environment of St. James Basilica. We will be printing one of these every week. We trust they will help us renew our appreciation of the Liturgy even as we are preparing to receive the new translation for the celebration of the Liturgy. By doing both of these, we will be led to a deeper participation of all the people in the celebration of the Eucharist and other Sacraments.*

### **RECONCILIATION - CHAPEL**

The sacrament of confession and absolution constitute a liturgical action in which the whole church is involved. We reserve a special place in the church for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Christ entrusted to the apostles and their successors (the bishops and presbyters) the conversion and absolution of penitents, by preaching the word of God, and interceding for them. Every sin is an offense against God and harms the body of the Church. Reconciliation is also viewed as a communal (parish) sacrament.

The practice of reserving a special place for the sacrament of reconciliation in itself shows that the church views reconciliation as being important to our faith ideally this special space should be a small chapel or room located near the baptismal area (when that is near the entrance) or other convenient place. Keeping this place reserved for reconciliation near the baptismal area is to remind us of the connection between the sin that is forgiven in baptism and the sins that are now to be forgiven.

The chapel or room should offer the opportunity for face to face informal confession or between a fixed grill. The furnishings and decorations should be simple and austere. The purpose of the room should be clearly stated by these appointments. As many options as possible should be afforded the penitent to ensure that the freedom of the penitent is respected. This chapel or room should not double as a vesting room, storage room, closet, or part time sacristy.

### **A Closer Look at Fasting-From Fr. Kevin Goodrich at Grace Episcopal Church**

Ash Wednesday, in addition to Fridays throughout the year are traditional days of fasting in the Christian faith. Often the purpose of fasting is misunderstood as merely a discipline in self-denial for self-denial's sake. Actually, fasting is a spiritual exercise that can serve many purposes, one of which is train the mind and body to depend more greatly on God. Another benefit of fasting is that if one can deny oneself food, or Facebook, or whatever (many things can be fasted from) then one will have greater ability to resist temptation when it comes.

Another misnomer is that fasting involves the total cessation of eating on a given day. This is not true, traditionally fasting in the Christian tradition has meant to abstain from meat, or to skip one meal, or to eat two smaller meals on a fast day instead of three major ones. Fasting has been practiced by most of the great Christian saints throughout Church history; perhaps you should give it a try this Lent?

### **Cursillo weekends:**

**March 11-14:**(Thursday-Sunday): **Men's Cursillo** weekend at Belcourt. Contact Perry Lafontaine at 701-244-5449 or [perry@arrowtechinc.com](mailto:perry@arrowtechinc.com) for more information.

**March 25-28:** **Women's Cursillo** weekend at Belcourt. Contact Jackie Delorme at 701-263-4636 or [jcd2561@yahoo.com](mailto:jcd2561@yahoo.com) for more information.

### **Basilica - Fridays during Lent,** 7:00pm Stations of the Cross.

The Christian Mimes will be presenting "A Walk With Christ" Friday, March 12

**Basilica - Tuesdays & Thursdays during Lent,** 7:00am Eucharist will be offered in addition to the 12:10pm Eucharist. This should allow working people to attend & still get to work.

**Basilica - Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays during Lent,** 5:15pm Eucharist will be offered in addition to the 12:10pm Eucharist. This should allow working people to attend after work.

A Creighton Model FertilityCare Introductory Session will be held on **Sat, March 6th at 8:30 AM** at the **Zebedee Center**. Contact Leann Ripplinger, 952-1750 to register. Class size is limited so call soon!

# Keeping Our eyes on God: Leading the Less Distracted Life



What: A Mini Retreat

When: March 6, 9:00am - 12:00 pm

(or)

March 7, 3:00 - 5:30 pm

(The same retreat will be offered at both times.

Choose the time that works for you.)



Where: Parish Center

This retreat will encourage adults to re-claim their baptismal promise to live as children of the light, to live single heartedly. It will address a theology of God's nature in both Hebrew and Christian Scripture, our baptismal call, and the noise, internally and externally, that distracts us from our single hearted purpose. The retreat will be led by Shirley and Sr. Shawna. If you would like more information, you may contact one of them.

The Saturday morning retreat will include lunch, and Sunday afternoon retreat will include a snack.

To help us plan, we ask that you call or e-mail us to register.

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