

CC Connections



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'The Light is On' for Lent--and stays on afterwards

Every Tuesday evening during Lent, The Light is On for you.

Whether you never miss a Sunday Mass, or haven't been to Mass in years, this is an evening to spend some time with God in prayer, to take advantage of the sacrament of reconciliation if desired--and even to come back home to the family of the Church and your parish.

The evening will begin with Mass at 5:05 p.m. (always preceded by the rosary 30 minutes before Mass



begins), stations of the cross at 5:30, and a holy hour from 6-7.

The holy hour will begin with exposition of the Holy Eucharist,

then quiet adoration while confessions are being heard, and will end with Benediction. You're welcome to come and go as your schedule allows.

On March 17, and on every third Tuesday once Lent is over, an evening holy hour will continue on the parish schedule, with a slightly different format from The Light is On, as requested by Bishop David Ricken. A focus on prayer marks the

first two years of his 6-year evangelization program, "Disciples on the Way."



The monthly holy hour will begin immediately following the 5:05 p.m. Tuesday Mass, and will include

exposition of the Holy Eucharist on the altar, as well as Scripture readings and quiet time for personal reflection.

The invitation to be present at these prayerful times comes from your pastor, your parish worship committee and, ultimately, from the Lord himself. We hope you RSVP with an enthusiastic YES!

Come feast with us for St. Pat's Day

On Saturday, March 14, just before the popular St. Patrick's feast day, Corpus Christi will serve an all-you-can-eat corned-beef dinner that has been a tradition for many, many years. Serving 5-7 pm. \$14 adults, \$7 kids 5-12.

The dinner will be prepared by Dan Klein who donates his time for the event. He and his wife Vicki own and operate the Scofield House Bed & Breakfast in Sturgeon Bay.

The menu includes corned beef, roast pork, cabbage, carrots, boiled potatoes, apple sauce, homemade rolls, coffee or milk, and ice cream. Celtic music will be provided by Sugar on the Floor.

Not only is this a way to give Mom a night off from cooking and the family a break from Lenten fare, but it's also a fun way to mingle with fellow parishioners and maybe talk with people you usually see only at Mass.

Or, if you enjoy the camaraderie of working with a dinner crew, extra help is always needed. Call Steve LaLuzerne at 920-495-6885.

Website treasure hunt

Surf our parish website, look for the treasure chest and hidden words, and win prizes. See website for details. www.ccp parish.net

Parish Council Notes

How are you doing with your new year resolutions for 2015? Are you still working at achieving what you set forth on Jan 1?

Your parish council has encouraged parish committees and other program organizers to adopt the goal of “Enhancing the Eucharistic Celebration” for 2015. Considering that our Eucharistic celebration is truly a *celebration*, our goal is to make sure parishioners can *hear what is being said, feel comfortable seated in the pews, and participate within the Mass with*



Meet your council

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Age: 49

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additional visual improvements.

I am happy to report that through donations from our “Dreams and Visions” program, we will begin the installation of an upgraded sound system with assisted hearing devices very soon. Additionally, new pew cushions will be installed to allow for more comfortable seating. Numerous other improvements are being evaluated as donations are received.

Please join us at Mass when we come together as a family of believers to celebrate our faith through the Eucharistic celebration. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide our efforts throughout the year and beyond!

See you at Mass!

Bill Sauvé
Parish council president

Connecting with parish organizations

St. Ann’s Mission Quilters

Every Tuesday during Lent, from 9 a.m. to noon, a group of women gathers at the parish center to tie quilts. They, or their mothers, have been doing it for more years than anyone can remember.

The finished quilts make their way to the Salvatorian Mission Warehouse in New Holstein, Habitat for Humanity, and to local residents who are victims of fire or other tragedy. Baby-sized quilts are given to the Christ Child Society.

During the year, using fabrics that are donated from many sources, these and other women piece and sew the tops for these quilts, and save them for the Lenten tying sessions. Fillings come from old, lightweight blankets that motels or the hospital is replacing, or from parish members. Once the quilts are backed and tied, “someone” comes to get them, takes them home, and finishes the edges.

“We don’t always know who they are, just quilting elves, I guess,” said Rachael Bartz.

As long as women like to sew and work with fabric, there’s a place for them somewhere in these quilt projects.

For more information about piecing tops, tying, or donating materials, contact Rachael Bartz at 920-743-6004.

Elise Denil, Linda Walczak and Mary Tlachac tie a quilt on a recent Tuesday morning. They and others will finish about 40 full-sized quilts and 20 more for babies.



Connecting with the CC Family

Seminarian Zach Weber

The newest member of our parish family is here only temporarily, but he's someone we'll become familiar with very quickly.

Seminarian Zach Weber--who drew the short straw, according Fr. Carl--is at Corpus Christi through mid-May to get an up-close view of what it's like to be a parish priest, including attending meetings, assisting at Mass, and working in the office and on little behind-the-scenes projects "that no one may ever know about."

"They want to assign us to a priest we can learn from, someone with a growing, vibrant parish and a school--because young priests usually get sent where there are schools. They have the energy for it," Zach said during a chat after one of the weekday Masses.

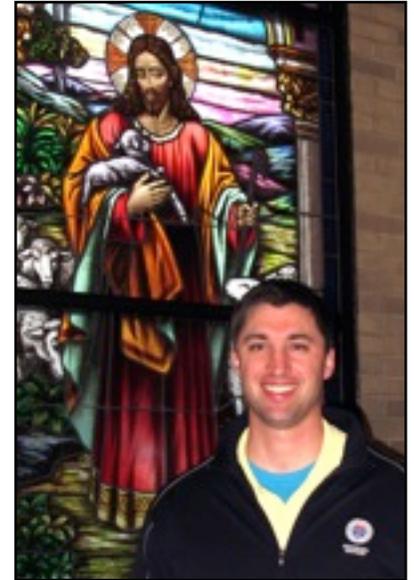
If all goes well, Zach will be ordained in 2017. This kind of internship is required by Mundelein Seminary for seminarians in their second year of theology.

Zach is from Kohler, which is not in the Green Bay Diocese, but he said our diocese "fit" him better, so his adopted parish is St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Greenville. He is the youngest of four children who didn't really know much about his faith or even how to pray until his brother invited him to attend a Men of Christ Conference when he was a college sophomore. It launched him on a journey he loves, and he's been on fire ever since.

Zach said his call to the priesthood has brought the freedom to his heart to make a complete gift of self for the Church. He asks that people pray for him through the intercession of St. John Vianney "because of his humility, dedication to Mary, deep interior life, and selflessness."

For the seminarian page on the diocesan website, when asked what advice he would give to confirmation students, Zach spoke words that apply to all of us: "Do not worry about the past. Do not worry about the future. Open your heart just a little more every day. Ask questions with an open heart and an open mind. God will bless your path if you say yes to a life of virtue and holiness. Go to confession often and pray always."

We're glad you're part of our parish, even for this short time, Zach!



Using the computer to make a good Lent

It's Lent. The perfect time to get on your computer!

What?

That's right. Using a computer, iPad or Android can be a good thing during Lent if it's used to pray, study our faith, or learn about hot issues through a Catholic viewpoint.

• Want to spend time with **God in prayer**?

The Liturgy of the Hours is the official prayer of the Church, and on this site you can read it or listen to the audio: www.divineoffice.org

Pray the rosary, either in real time with a "worldwide rosary" or on your own:

www.comepraytherosary.org

• How about some **opinions you can trust**?

The Deacon's Bench is equal parts interesting links and insightful commentary: www.patheos.com/blogs/deaconsbench

Gospel in the Digital Age is by Cardinal Timothy Dolan, who blogs very well: www.blog.archny.org.

Julie Davis, the Happy Catholic, blogs about sites of interest, book reviews movie comments and art: www.happycatholic.blogspot.com

In the Conversion Diary, Jennifer Fulwiler writes entertainingly about conversion and life with small children: www.conversiondiary.com

Think, "the Onion, written by someone who loves the Catholic Church." That's Susan Windley-Daoust at: www.ironicatholic.com

• Want some **fun for the whole family**?

Catholic Mom, with all kinds of links and commentaries: www.catholic.com

Catholic Dads, with topics ranging from masculinity to finances, family and culture concerns:

www.catholicdadsonline.com

Catholic Icing, with sunny instructions for crafts and kids: www.catholicicing.com

Catholic Foodie, with Jeff Young talking how good food can be a sign of God's love and care for families: www.catholicfoodie.com

Equipping Catholic Families is Monica McConkey sharing ways to involve your whole family in actively being Catholic:

www.equippingcatholicfamilies.com

More Catholic websites on our parish website: www.ccp parish.net Click on Catholic Resources

Walk together on the Lenten path to Easter

We've washed off the ashes, but we know we still have a long way to go down the Lenten path toward Easter. Is it a joy, or a burden?

Or, maybe the correct question is, are we paying any attention to it at all? Now, we have only two fast days, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, but long ago, every day was a fast day during Lent. For faithful Catholics, that meant that every day they ate only one full meal and two snacks, with nothing in between. And no meat on Fridays, which is still in effect.

Now, with only two fast days, it's easy to forget that Lent is a penitential time designed for us to examine our spiritual lives, a time to pull back from the usual pleasant distractions of daily life to practice saying no to some things--like certain foods and activities--and to practice saying yes to other things--like spending more time in prayer, and being more generous with the poor, even if it means doing without a few things for ourselves.

So, back to that first question. Should Lent be a joy or a burden? It all depends on your motive. If you'd really like to use this time to deepen your faith, to get to know Jesus better, to arrive at Easter ready to celebrate more than Easter baskets and a ham dinner, then the answer is obvious.

Traditionally, three things are supposed to get our attention: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Here are some random ideas you might like to incorporate into your

family's Lenten life. There are, however, a lot of ideas that involve prayer, since that is the next two years' focus in our diocese at Bishop David Ricken's request.

Pray a daily Chaplet of Mercy, alone or with your family, for the intentions of Christians being persecuted and even killed in other countries.

Pray one decade of the rosary for a different intention each day: the poor, abused children, the diocesan seminarians, our political leaders, our pastors and bishops,

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marriage and family issues, the right to life--the list is endless, and you may have your own favorites.

Spend some in the Ignatius Room, the space in our pastoral center set aside for days of quiet reflection during regular office

hours. The Bible and other prayer books are available in the room. Call the office to schedule a time.

Go to confession at least once during Lent with the idea of making it a regular practice.

Come to Sunday Mass every week if that's not your current practice. If you already do, then **try to attend at least one Mass during the week**. There are morning and evening options.

Join hands and pray an Our Father before everyone heads off to work or school. Couples, do it together before you even get out of bed. It's an easy first step to marital and/or family prayer.

Collect the family's spare change each night and donate it to Catholic Relief Services or a local agency that helps those in need.

On meatless Fridays, don't indulge in a salmon dinner that costs more than a meatloaf would have. Make some soup, or have pancakes, and give the money you saved to the food pantry or other charity.

Cull your wardrobes of even the "nice" clothes and donate them to Clothe My People.

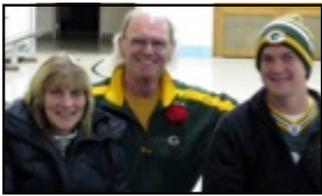
Coming Home Basket

The wicker basket at the front of the church is for you to place the names of people you know who need to "come home" to the Catholic Church. Use the paper provided and drop the slips into the basket on your way back from Communion, during a weekday visit, or before or after Mass. A simple first name will do.

The entire congregation will be praying for your intention, both at Mass and at home. Prayer is the most important part of evangelization.



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Above, Lori LaLuzerne and son Adam say goodbye to our retiring facility manager Ken Van Straten.

Right, the dedicated newsletter mailers. Below, attendees at an Adult Faith Formation event at Corpus Christi.



Top, Fr. Carl and some of the St. Ann's Society ladies at their Christmas party. Bottom two, Fr. Carl and some of those who made the mission trip to Nicaragua.



Left, Haley Herbst, Emily Bretl, Madi Jilot and Barb Schriener-Schmitt at an Advent tea with the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity.



Photography by Matt Orthober

Fr. Carl shows off his Gaudete Sunday vestments.



Left, Edge students Amelia Scheer, and Madelyn and Marina Jeanquart. Right, Haley Herbst, Madi Jilot, Jacob Schartner and Sarah Gavin at March for Life in Washington, D.C.



Ask Fr. Carl



Q: In the Catholic Church, what is the difference between a priest or pastor and Father or Reverend?

A: All ordained men to the priesthood are priests. A pastor is a priest but takes on a unique role of "shepherding" a parish. I, for example, am a priest for the diocese of Green Bay and a pastor of Corpus Christi Parish and Holy Name of Mary Parish.

The title Father is used most often for an ordained priest. The term Reverend is used mostly in a legal or more formal manner. Both pertain to an ordained clergy member of the priesthood.

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