

REFLECTING ON THE SCRIPTURES First Sunday of Lent, Cycle C**This Sunday's Scripture Readings:** Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13**Knowing Who We Are**

In today's reading from Deuteronomy (26:4-10), Moses instructs the Israelites as they make the ritual offering of the first fruits of their harvest at the altar of the Lord. They are to make a declaration to God that recounts the history of the people and recognizes God's care at work in the harvest they are enjoying. This retelling of their story reminds them of who they are and how blessed they are by the God who broke into history to bring them out of Egypt. The Christian version of this ancient declaration would continue, of course, to recount how we wandered away from God and how he sent his Son Jesus to bring us back. It would speak of Jesus teaching us, giving us the Eucharist, dying for us on a cross, and of how God raised him from the dead. It would conclude with the Son ascending to heaven and God sending his Spirit, who is with us even now.

Lent reminds us of who we are and of our relationship with God. The exchange between Jesus and the devil in the desert in today's Gospel reading, Luke 4:1-13, shows that Jesus has learned well who he is and where his strength lies. With that firm grounding, Jesus was not afraid to confront the temptations thrown at him. May his example and our Lenten observances give us the grounding and courage to face our own temptations.

LENT 2010: Jesus' Crown of Thorns

"He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5)

Our Season of Lent has begun! Our parish focus for Lent this year is the crown of thorns worn by our Lord during this passion and death. If you did not receive your LENTEN REMINDER on Ash Wednesday, there are still some available in the baskets under the cross hanging in the front of the church as well as in the foyer. You are invited to carry this reminder with you throughout the season of Lent.

Once again this Lent, St. Wenceslaus Parish will be providing many opportunities for prayer, reflection and growing closer as a community. By this time, you should have received a parish mailing containing a folder with a schedule of Lenten events. Keep this schedule handy for future reference:

PARISH MISSION: March 21st, 22nd and 23rd**DAILY MASS:** M-F: 6:45 & 8:30 a.m.; 5:30 p.m.; Saturday: 8:30 a.m.+ **RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays, before the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Also 3:30-4:45 p.m.**Parish Reconciliation Service:** Wednesday, March 24th, 7:00 p.m.+ **MORNING PRAYER & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**In the chapel after the Friday, 8:30 a.m. Mass+ **BENEDICTION:** 5:20 p.m. Fridays in the chapel. Be sure to stay for the 5:30 p.m. Mass too!+ **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:***Fridays of Lent at 7:00 p.m.*

Once again this year many different settings of the Stations of the Cross will be celebrated. Come and experience new ways of praying with this ancient devotion.

RCIA RITE OF SENDING

Today, the First Sunday of Lent, catechumens and candidates from all over the Archdiocese will be celebrating the RITE OF ELECTION with Archbishop Lucas at St. Cecilia's Cathedral. The RCIA candidates and catechumens from our parish will celebrate this rite at 2:00 p.m. and will officially be named "the elect" -- those chosen for the Easter sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Please remember these special people in your prayers today and throughout this season of Lent as they journey toward membership in our Catholic faith community!

VOCATIONS - Trust the Promise

Consider your life committed to Christ as a priest, brother, sister or deacon. For more information contact Fr. Paul Hoelsing at 558-3100 or Fr. Mel or Fr. Mike at our parish 330-0304.

VOCATIONS CORNER

His calling is a declaration of love. Your response is commitment, friendship, love manifested in the gift of one's own life as a definitive following. Being faithful to Christ is loving Him with all of one's soul and all of one's heart in such a way that this love becomes the standard and motive of all our actions. John Paul II

PARISH CATECHETICS

The St. Wenceslaus Pro-Life Committee is sponsoring an art contest for grades 1-6. Winners will have their artwork published as prayer cards and receive a gift card! Entries are due Wednesday, February 24th.

This Lenten Season we will be honoring St. Vincent de Paul, patron saint of charity, who organized groups of people to provide food and clothing for the poor. Let us follow St. Vincent's example by contributing to *Project Welcome*. Diapers, toothbrushes, toothpaste, baby clothes, laundry soap, shampoo and bar soap are all needed! Thank you!

Looking Ahead:

February 23rd - 5th Grade HELPS presentation for families whose last name begins with L-Z.

February 24th - Classes Resume

PARISH SCHOOL

St. Wenceslaus School Registration Occurring Now: St. Wenceslaus Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten, Half Day and Full Day Kindergarten, as well as 1st through 8th grade registration is occurring at this time. Call 330-4356 to arrange a school tour and visit with an administrator. This outstanding school was recently highlighted in the Catholic Voice. See what a traditional Catholic School with a strong academic program looks like.

Souper Bowl of Caring: Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Souper Bowl of Caring on Super Bowl weekend we collected **\$824.94** for Blessings for Baby. A note from Sherri Louis follows: "KJ's Carts for Kids would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped over Souper Bowl weekend Masses. We were blessed to have St. Wenceslaus' generous parishioners support our Blessings for Baby; a fund that will help families who have lost a baby and are not able to have a proper funeral."



Don't forget to go to the parish website to get your weekly **Faith Connection**. This newsletter will help you make connections between the Sunday Scripture readings and everyday life. Simply click on Newsletter!



COME AND PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During this Season of Lent, we will be praying the Stations of the Cross in many different ways. Come and join us in the church on the **Fridays** of Lent at **7:00 p.m.** and rediscover this ancient devotion and the meaning it can bring to your spiritual life. Here's what we have planned:

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| February 26th | Way of the Cross for Children |
| March 5th | Led by Parish High School Youth |
| March 12th | Stations through the Eyes of Mary (led by M.O.M.S.) |
| March 19th | Scriptural Way of the Cross |
| March 26th | Living Stations of the Cross (presented by Ms. Brinkman's first graders from St. Wenceslaus School) |

YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

Teens G.I.F.T. Groups

Small group meeting dates are February 24th and March 10th.

No small group on March 3rd, but please come hear Archbishop Lucas speak. Meet in the church.

Opportunities to Serve: Youth Hospitality Ministers are needed. Looking for a way to contribute to the parish? If you are friendly and welcoming please consider joining the hospitality ministry at St. Wenceslaus. We are looking for youth for to help with the 12:00 p.m. Mass, one Sunday a month.

Bell Choir for High School Youth: Rehearsal is on Sunday mornings at 12:00 p.m. currently in the Art Room. The bell choir performs once a month at 10:30 a.m. Mass. While it helps if ringers read music, it is not required. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Joyce Miller at millerj@stwenc.creighton.edu

Youth Stations of the Cross: March 5th, 7:00 p.m. Help lead the Stations of the Cross for the parish. Do you enjoy reading, being in plays, or leading prayer? Give Cheryl a call.

Please call or e-mail Cheryl Poulin if you are interested in any of the above opportunities.

Phone: 330-9620 **E-Mail:** poulinc@stwenc.creighton.edu **Youth Ministry Website** <http://www.stwenceslaus.org/youth/index.html>,

Facebook at St Wenceslaus Youth Omaha.

Steubenville High School Youth Conference 2010

Mayo Civic Center in Rochester, MN, July 16th-18th

Cost of \$260 covers charter bus transportation, conference registration fee, lunch and dinner each day, hotel with continental breakfast, conference and St. Wenceslaus t-shirt. If you participate in fundraisers your cost will be reduced accordingly. Complete required paperwork and return them along with the \$200 deposit to the Youth Ministry Office at St. Wenceslaus by March 15th to guarantee your place. Pick up registration forms at the Youth Ministry bulletin board or go to the Youth Ministry Website. Father José Robles-Sanchez (Adios Baby!) will be at this conference. To view the promotional video go to <http://www.franciscanyouth.com> and click on Promotional Videos - then Franciscan Youth Conference. KVSS is taking 4 buses to the Steubenville St. Louis Conference in Springfield, MO July 9th-11th. For registration info go to www.kvss.com and click on the link "Steubenville 2010".





MASS SCHEDULE



MONDAY—February 22, 2010

6:45 a.m. +Loretta & +Nicole, Dolphens
 8:30 a.m. Deceased of the Parish
 5:30 p.m. Int. of Jacob Murray

TUESDAY—February 23, 2010

6:45 a.m. +Frank & +Mable Hahn
 8:30 a.m. +K. I. Thommi
 5:30 p.m. +Joan Swanton

WEDNESDAY— February 24, 2010

6:45 a.m. Int. of Catholic Daughters of Americas Court
 Mother Teresa of St. Wenceslaus
 8:30 a.m. +Carol Stander
 5:30 p.m. +Robert Williams

THURSDAY—February 25, 2010

6:45 a.m. +Walter Staiert
 8:30 a.m. +Katie Friedman
 5:30 p.m. Int. of Jacob Murray

FRIDAY—February 26, 2010

6:45 a.m. Int. of Specialist Shane Becker
 8:30 a.m. Int. of Thommi Family
 5:30 p.m. +Tyson Henry Peters

SATURDAY—February 27, 2010

8:30 a.m. Int. of Merle and Marvene Gubbles
 5:00 p.m. +Laura Muhlbauer
 6:30 p.m. +Gail & +Pauline Cyr

SUNDAY—February 28, 2010

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
 9:00 a.m. +Mary Calligan
 10:30 a.m. +Richard Fry
 12:00 p.m. +Joseph P. Laferla



Parish Calendar



Monday, February 22, 2010

7:00PM Comm Rm: RCIA
 6:30PM SH-A: Liturgy Committee Mtg.
 7:00PM SH-C: Family Baptism Class

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

9:00AM Cry Rm: Friends of Our Lady
 4:30PM SH-A: St. Vincent de Paul Mtg.
 7:00PM SH-B: AA Meeting

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

8:30AM SH: St. Catherines Circle

Thursday, February 25, 2010

7:30PM SH: Adult Choir practice

Friday, February 26, 2010

Saturday, February 27, 2010

Sunday, February 28, 2010

Back by popular demand! Ministry of Mothers Sharing (MOMS) Experience the support of other women as you discover the depths of your spirituality. Learn to share with other mothers the stress, concerns and positive experiences that have influenced your personal growth. Come to church on Sunday and recognize people from MOMS and experience the sense of belonging. Ministry of Mothers Sharing (MOMS) will be starting a new session on Sunday, March 7th at 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. We will meet on Sunday afternoons for eight weeks. Please contact Lori Doyle at 498-2755 or sldoyle@cox.net, if you are interested or have questions.



Putting Family First: Putting Family First is sponsoring Week of the Family on February 28th March 6th. The purpose of this event is to raise awareness about the vital importance of close family connections. In the foyer families can pick up a Week of the Family invitation and a family prayer card. There is a list of ideas to help celebrate the special week and on the back a list of "talk box" questions as conversation starters for family meals. We hope you have an opportunity to make the celebration happen. Relax with family. Stay home. Go out. Just be together! It may become a habit that your family will treasure.

You can be sure that the angels and the saints in heaven and your own Heavenly Father will rejoice that day you help someone come home to the Catholic Church. We at St. Wenceslaus will be happy to provide them with some helpful resources to assist them with coming home. We want to help them and we want them to know that they can find love and understanding here at St. Wenceslaus. We are happy to welcome them back into our Catholic family here at St. Wenceslaus! You just have to tell them that, we will do the rest.

Attention Graduating Seniors of St. Wenceslaus Parish Invitations have been mailed for this year's Senior Brunch and Mass for graduating seniors and their parents. It will be held on Sunday, March 7th, with Mass at 10:30 a.m. with Brunch immediately following. If you did not receive an invitation, you can RSVP online at www.mysignup.com/graduationbrunch or you can contact Julie Slattery at 669-7602 or Chris Dunn at 691-0724.


Month Five: Your spiritually adopted baby weighs over one pound now and his mother can feel him moving now. Although he swam with ease in his watery world, he needed to be big and strong enough to kick hard against the outside uterine wall and dent it - the inside wall of the uterus has no feeling. We are midway through the pregnancy now. Your prayers have helped your baby's mother continue with her pregnancy and seek the help she needs.



VOCATIONS '31' CLUB

The following members of the Vocations 31 Club have agreed to pray for vocations on the days indicated. Please pray for an increase in vocations.

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| 21 st | Martin & Jo Caliendo | 25 th | Alice Chamberlain |
| 21 st | Beatrice Jacques | 26 th | Roger & Mary Wozny |
| 22 nd | Patty Dyrda | 27 th | Tom Hahn |
| 22 nd | Mary Dudzik | 27 th | Mary Drozda |
| 23 rd | Carol Windler | 28 th | Bill Carter |
| 23 rd | Barb Becker | 28 th | Ken Sorensen |
| 24 th | Lisa Daub | | |
| 24 th | Patrick Brennan | Traveling Vocations Crucifix | |
| 25 th | Debra LeMay | Family: Rich and Kathy Kalal | |




Stewardship: \$48,718.79
Fiscal YTD*: \$1,897,190.83
Yearly Goal: \$2,700,000
***Fiscal Year: 07-01-2009-6-30-2010**

☩ Today's first reading describes the offering of first fruits the people of Israel were to present to the Lord in thanksgiving for their deliverance from Egypt and the gift of the Promised Land. Is your offering at today's Mass an appropriate response to the many blessings the Lord has given me?

☩ The true identity of the Son of God is revealed not by using his power selfishly but by preparing himself for his mission of bringing salvation to others. Our Christian life is about making choices in accord with our baptismal identity.


PERPETUAL ADORATION




Listed are the times when an adorer is needed. If these hours do not fit your schedule, we invite you to take any of the 168 weekly hours. Call the captain of the day & time you desire or call Julie Miller at 491-4183 if you have other adoration questions.

- MON. 2 am, 3 am, 8 am, Call Michelle 778-1183
- TUES. 1 am, 2 am, 8am, Call Dorothy 330-8064
- WED. 1 am, 2 am, 3 am, Call Julie 491-4183
- THUR. 1 am, 6 pm, Call Julie 491-4183
- FRI. 2 am, 4 am, 6 pm, 9 pm, Call Julie 491-4183
- SAT. 4 pm, Call Dorothy 330-8064
- SUN. Call Julie 334-9430

If you would like to be a captain for Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, please call Julie Miller at 491-4183. The captains are responsible for taking calls for their assigned days.




We are in desperate need of a parent volunteer for Boys Track Coach. If interested please contact Kirsten Wooten at wootenk@stwenc.creighton.edu



In Loving Memory
Mary Herout
 Sister-in-Law of Del Herout
Gerald Trull
 Father of Doug Trull
 Grandfather of Hannah Trull

Readings for the Week of February 21, 2010

- Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
- Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
- Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
- Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
- Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17---4:1 or 3:20---4:1/Lk 9:28b-36



Join the Knights of Columbus! This is a Catholic men's fraternal organization. Programs and projects include church, family, community and youth. Meetings are the 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in Social Hall B. For more information call Mike Miller at 491-4183 or Jim Nelson at 333-5621, or visit our website at KofC10909.

Lay Ministers for February 27th & 28th

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

PRIEST CELEBRANT:Fr. Mel
SACRISTAN:.....S. McNamara
EMHC'S: Deacon J. Kulus, S. Nelson, D. Tomajko, C. Dunn, G. & K. Van Dyke, L. Kolasinski, J. Feuerbach, C. Stevens, J. & C. Bredemeyer

C. Kulus..... **LECTORS** C. O'Bryan
 L. Van Dyke..... **SERVERS** G. Greenwood
MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY
 J. & K. Hjelmstad, M. Lofgren, J. Moran, S. Smith, J. Ulrich

SATURDAY 6:30 PM

PRIEST CELEBRANT:Fr. Mike
SACRISTAN:.....J. Morss
EMHC'S: V. Herrero, L. O'Banion, R. Vosik
 L. Capoun **LECTORS** M. Capoun
 K. O'Connell..... **SERVERS** C. Egan

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY
 A. & L. & R. Meister, J. & P. Nelson

SUNDAY 7:30 AM

PRIEST CELEBRANT:Fr. Mike
SACRISTAN:.....K. Stevens
EMHC'S: S. Hahn, L. & T. Murante
 M. Dudzik **LECTORS** R. Wozny
 C. Lux **SERVERS** M. Wynegar

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY
 J. & P. Christopherson, D. Mooter, J. & M. Reininger

SUNDAY 9:00 AM

PRIEST CELEBRANT: Fr. Mike
SACRISTAN:.....B. Carter
EMHC'S: B. & M. Carter, C. Poulin, K. Pearson, M. & M. Weaver, D. Peters
PYX: P. Hall, J. Hines, L. Scherer

M. Krajewski **LECTORS** M. Poulin
 W. Olson **SERVERS** M. Tolley
MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY
 J. & M. Crowe, D. & M. Jacobsen, N. Thelen

SUNDAY 10:30 AM

PRIEST CELEBRANT:Fr. Mel
SACRISTAN:.....J. DeSelm
EMHC'S: Deacon M. DeSelm, J. Mack, J. & M. Andreasen, K. Weinert, M. Monnig, M. Latta, H. Plagge, R. Bartlett, A. Stanek, E. Keller

L. Maiefski..... **LECTORS** K. Landolt
 L. Landolt **SERVERS** D. Schweser
MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY
 D. Eastlack, B. Heim, J. Rago, A. Ruff, K. Schweser, K. & J. & C. Wooten

SUNDAY 12:00 NOON

PRIEST CELEBRANT:Fr. Mel
SACRISTAN:.....D. Morrow
EMHC'S: G. Lokey, S. Kreifels, D. McKernan, D. Winner, J. Weeder, C. Dulek, B. Cagle

J. Buresh **LECTORS** M. Buresh
 C. Altilio **SERVERS** S. Altilio
MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY
 B. & F. Downey, L. & S. Grunberg



Welcome to the newest members born to new life through Baptism.

Ava Elizabeth Keegan
Daughter of Erin Keegan

Alexis Elizabeth Murray
Daughter of Stephen & Amy Murray

Connor James Christensen
Son of Matthew & Angela Christensen

BE A MINISTER OF HOSPITALITY

- **Who are Ministers of Hospitality?** Ministers of Hospitality are men and women, Junior/Senior high school students, and families, called forth from the assembly, to render a special ministry of welcome, greeting and receiving offerings, but also engaged with the assemble in worship, singing, listening, praying, reflecting, giving and receiving all with the community!
- **What is expected of Ministers of Hospitality?** The time commitment here is approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes every 4th week. You would choose from Saturday 5:00 p.m. (one opening), Sunday, 9:00 a.m. (5 openings) or Noon (5 openings), and will always be scheduled for that Mass time. If you are unable to be at the Mass for which you are scheduled, you need to find a substitute (a list of substitutes is provided)
- **How do I become a Minister of Hospitality?** We offer training sessions for all who wish to serve our parish family. You may choose to attend a personal training session here at the parish or to receive the pertinent information by mail and be placed on an existing team.
- **Please consider serving your parish community** by assisting at Mass once every 4th week at the Mass time of your choice.
- If you would like additional information, please call the Liturgy Office at 330-1518, or email kgreen@stwenc.creighton.edu.

CHRISTIANS ENCOUNTER CHRIST: A Journey in Faith

Do you wish to strengthen your spiritual life, understand that being a Christian involves responsibility, and are willing to evangelize through your everyday Christian actions? Then maybe a CEC weekend is just what you are looking for?

Come for a lively, joyous weekend to be strengthened spiritually as you live and study with priests and laity in discussion, prayer and song. Both weekends will be held at the Archdiocese Retreat and Conference Center located at 3330 N. 60th Street. The all-inclusive cost is \$65.

MEN'S Weekend: April 23rd-25th

Priest Spiritual Director: Fr. Frank Baumert

WOMEN'S Weekend: April 30th - May 2nd

Priest Spiritual Director: Fr. Frank Dvorak

For more information, call St. Wenceslaus parishioners Dave or Barb Eastlack @ 402-932-5112

Email bulletin inserts to:
bulletin@stwenceslaus.omhcoxmail.com
BULLETIN DEADLINE

Sunday, February 28th
Deadline is Monday, February 22nd at NOON

Adult Faith Enrichment

- March 3:** Year for Priests: My Journey Archbishop Lucas Presentation
- March 14:** The Hour
- March 21-23:** Lenten Mission
- March 26-28:** Women's Retreat in Schuyler
- April 11:** The Hour
- April 25:** Holy Hour for our Priest and for Vocations
- May 2:** The Hour

For more information or to register please call Mary at 697-7514 or e-mail at stierenm@stwenc.creighton.edu.

Join the Catholic Daughters: Founded in 1903 by the Knights of Columbus. We are Catholic women 18 and older who love and support the church. Programs and projects include church, family, community and youth. Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Social Hall B. Call Susan Steenson 330-6649, SusanS1531@cox.net or Shirley at sah6@cox.net.



Congratulations to the following couples who have celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Marne Corkle and Robert Hamilton

PRO-LIFE UPDATES: There are 3 bills in the legislature that need your support. LB 778: Umbilical Cord Blood Info Act, LB 594: Women' Health Protection Act and LB 1103: Abortion Pain Prevention Act. Call your Senator today and ask him to support these bills. Your call helps the unborn who can not call themselves. Rich Pahls, District 31 at 471-2327, Beau McCoy, District 39 at 471-2885. If you have live in a different district of have any questions call Angie at 330-7153.

PRIMETIMERS

We had another successful dinner and a movie night despite our first choice, "Extraordinary Measures," being pulled from the theater. Instead we had a choice of seeing "The Blind Side" or "Valentine's Day."

March 16th: ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER. Our traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner will be a catered affair. This is always a big hit - no blarney! We will top it off with some lively entertainment. Cost will be \$10 for members, \$12 for guests. Any leprechauns in our midst?

April 20th: CASINO NIGHT. This is a super event with a tasty meal of Sloppy Joe sandwiches, baked beans, potato salad, etc. We have lots of games, including Bingo this year, and loads of prizes. We need donations for the auction - items must be new and valued at \$10 or more. Please contact Doris Faltin @ 496-3128 before April 1st. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated. Cost is \$8 for members and \$10 for guests. We will gather at 6:00 p.m.; eat at 6:20 p.m.; then let the games begin! Please use your envelopes and send check, no later than April 13th, to Aaron Faltin 1623 N. 150th Plaza, Omaha, NE 68154.

On Tap: Possibilities include Cinco de Mayo celebration, Senior Ministry including groups from other Catholic churches, indoor picnic/appreciation dinner, music in the park, etc. Stay tuned. **Any questions** about Primetimers call Larry or Sharon Wilwerding @ 330-3518 or Mike or Cathy Bilgere @ 333-7511.