

First Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2019

Welcome to St. Richard Parish

1509 Grand Ave., Racine, WI 53403
 Parish Office Phone: 637-8374
 Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday
 E-mail address: info@strichard-parish.org

Web: www.strichard-parish.org

Facebook: "St. Richard Parish - Racine"

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Mass of Anticipation 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday 9:00 & 11:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule

Wednesday and Friday 8:00 a.m.

Sacraments

RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:00 p.m. • or by appointment

BAPTISM

Baptismal preparation for parents is held monthly.
 Pre-registration for the class is required. Please
 contact the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE

Parish membership is required. Arrangements need
 to be made a minimum of six months prior to the
 wedding date. Please contact Fr. Allen.

Racine Catholic Cemetery Assoc.....639-1071

Pastoral Team

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Team Talk

by

John Clarke



This Sunday's readings connect the ritual of the tithes, the giving of the first fruits of the harvest, and the exodus of the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land. The gospel reading from Luke connects to the first reading by covering Jesus' desert fast and temptation by the devil. We know the Israelites of the exodus wandered the desert for forty years and endured many trials and learned to trust the Lord for their survival. Those that were unfaithful died in the desert. Jesus is assailed by three main temptations. The first one is basic human hunger. The devil tempts him to use his power to change stones into bread. Jesus insists, "Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word of God." His sustenance is spiritual as well as physical. The second temptation involves Satan taking Jesus up a high mountain and showing him the kingdoms of the world and all their wealth. All Jesus has to do is worship the devil and he will get all the kingdoms of the world. This temptation is all about greed and worship of material things and power. Jesus refuses to worship the devil and tells him that God alone is the one we should worship. The third temptation by the devil is more difficult to understand. The devil takes him to the highest part of the Temple, the parapet, and tells him if he is the Son of God to jump off, for "He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you, and: With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone." Is Satan trying to get to Jesus' ego? If he is God's son, he must prove it by seeing if God will save him. We would not dream of jumping off a tall building just to test God. Jesus, who knows who he is, has more love for the Father versus the need for an ego trip. He refuses to tempt the Lord and tells Satan another law, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." Jesus has been purified and shaped by his desert experience. He has put his priorities in order. We must worship God alone, are fed by his word, and will not conduct a frivolous test of God. We too, must face our desert experiences from time to time and must be guided by Jesus' example so that our bodies do not lie in the desert with the unfaithful.

As always, let me know of anyone who is seeking baptism, first Communion or confirmation. You can call me at the rectory at 637-8374, extension 111.

Peace be with you,
John

Update on Fr. Jack

Fr. Jack has been in home hospice care for about a month now. He's doing pretty well. He is happy to hear from people and would love to get notes or cards from those who know him. He's still eating quite well and enjoys conversations. He also reads a lot. His greatest difficulty is not from the cancer. He has a deteriorating hip, which means he has to use a walker to get around the house. You can send him messages at the following address:

Fr. Jack Kern
3340 N 57th St.
Milwaukee, WI 53216

This Week in Our Parish

Tues.	Lectio Divina Prayer Group - 1:30 p.m. - PC Human Concerns - 6:30 p.m. - VH
Wed.	Mass - 8:00 a.m. Stations & Soup Supper - 5:30 p.m. - St. Edwards Adult Choir - 6:30 p.m.
Thurs.	Harmony Club - 9:30 a.m. - VH
Friday	Mass - 8:00 a.m.

Stewardship Report

We often refer to "Stewardship" as our financial support of ministry. Without it, we would not be able to keep the buildings and most services viable. Also, reconsider how you may be of service beyond prayer for the many activities sponsored in the parishes. If you are interested in something that fits well in your skill sets, let us know. Many hands make light work.

Financial Stewardship for the week of 02-03 March

- \$6,575 Envelopes (65 entries)
- \$251 Anonymous gifts to God
- \$110 Building Fund
- \$10 Siena School Fund
- \$1,275 WeShare™ E-giving (12 entries)

Thank You!!!

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Mardi Gras party! Special thanks to the Good News Krewe, our talented chefs, and the many wonderful volunteers who helped make this celebration a success.

Jesus knocks, will you open the door?

During each week of the Lenten season you might want to stop by the reflection area, just right of the altar, to pick up a new meditation related to the Sunday gospel. Thoughts on various ways to open the door to the Lord will be shared.

Notice there is no doorknob so Jesus can only enter if you open the door.

Fourth Annual Ecofest Racine 2019

When: Saturday, 16 March —9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Where: Racine Campus - Lake Building, 1001 Main Street

- Free admission, free gifts, drawing for Door Prizes
- Healthy refreshments for purchase
- 55+ Interactive Eco-display tables with tips, information, and encouragement
- Children's eco-learning activities
- Presentations on Salad Dressing prep, Composting 101, Green Building and Remodeling, Zero Waste for your Home, Green Home Supplies
- Eco-Art exhibit from the Vital Art Project: the environment in nature and society
- Electronics recycling: computers, phones, and more

Thank You

Thank you St. Richard parishioners for your very needed support of \$525.71 to St. Vincent de Paul. By your gifts, YOU form part of our effort to bring hope to our neighbors who struggle to pay their rent or utility bills. Please pray that more compassionate people may join us in this mission of love and we may be faithful disciples.

Have a blessed Lent!

With heartfelt gratitude,

Cheryl J. Mueller

St. Vincent de Paul Society: *Bringing help and hope*—Check out our new website: svdpracine.org.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions

First Sunday of Lent Sunday, March 10

9:00 a.m. † Mary Ann Lojeski

11:30 a.m. † Fred Wensing Jr.

Tuesday, March 12

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward

Wednesday, March 13

8:00 a.m. † Jerry McKinney

Thursday, March 14

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward

Friday, March 15

8:00 a.m. † Ethel Kasvin

Saturday, March 16

4:00 p.m. † Frank and Nancy Jarosz

Sunday, March 17 Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Living & deceased members of St. Richard and St. Edward parishes

11:30 a.m. † Fred Wensing Jr.

2019 Calendar Raffle

03-03-19 \$50 - Doug & Sheila Wroblewski - Mt. Pleasant

03-04-19 \$25 - Sydney Mutchler - Park Ridge, IL

03-05-19 \$25 - Joan Potenziani - Racine

03-06-19 \$25 - Frank & Alyssa Morelli - Racine

03-07-19 \$25 - LeeAnn Magwitz - Salem

03-08-19 \$25 - John & Pam Wroblewski - Madison

03-09-19 \$25 - Andrew Langendorf - Racine

Readings for the week of March 10, 2019

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [Jn 6:63b]/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14[1a]/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

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Day of Reflection

The Knights of Columbus Council 697 is hosting a Day of Reflection on Saturday, 30 March at St. Richard from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Fr. Bill Stout, popular campus minister at St. Catherine High School will lead the reflection based on the parable of the prodigal son. Refreshments will be offered during breaks. Reconciliation will take place at 3:00 p.m. with Mass at 4:00 p.m. A \$5 donation is requested.

Spaghetti Dinner

The Knights of Columbus Council 697 invite you to join them for a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, 30 March in Vogel Hall from 3:30 to 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and carry-outs, \$7 for seniors, \$5 for children 4 to 10 yrs. old and children under four are free. There will be a cash bar serving beer, wine, and soda. Advance tickets will be available at the parish center.

A discount package price of \$12 is offered for attending the day of reflection and the spaghetti dinner.

Gluten Free Hosts

St. Richard is reaching out to see if any parishioners are in need of gluten free hosts. Anyone who has this need please call the parish office.

2019 Parish Cluster Lenten Mission

Ignited by God's Love—St. Patrick Parish invites you to attend a one-day retreat designed to help participants know God's love more personally and more deeply. Key themes will invite participants to know God's love for us, connect with God through prayer, and follow Jesus in loving service. Retreat themes will be presented in English and Spanish concurrently. Retreat is on Saturday, 23 March from 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. There is no cost for the retreat; however registration is requested by Sunday, 10 March. Lunch will be available for purchase or you may bring a brown bag lunch. Registration forms are available in the south entrance. If you have questions, please contact Don Mueller at 456-4345 or Carol Rawlanko at 939-7987.

Receiving God's Mercy—How God's Love, Mercy, and Grace transform and heal us through life's hurts, addictions, and losses. Marianne Skrobiak will present on the theme of Receiving God's Mercy and other topics. Marianne is the liaison for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Join us here at St. Richard on Sunday, 31 March from 2:00—3:30 p.m. and on Monday, 1 April from 6:30—8:00 p.m. as Marianne shares her insight, leads discussion, and guides us in spiritual healing. There is no cost or registration required to attend either/both sessions. If you have any questions, please contact Rita Burgess at 636-8040 ext. 1006.

A.C.T.S. Youth Group News

BROKEN—The 2019 Wisconsin Catholic Youth Rally

Attention middle and high school youth! Join A.C.T.S. for the 2019 Wisconsin Youth Rally taking place on Saturday, 16 March for high school youth and on Sunday, 17 March for middle school youth at Carroll University. A bus has been chartered for the event.

This is a great opportunity to reflect and discern spiritual growth with other teens from across the state. Dynamic speakers, reflections, prayerful worship, reconciliations, and relevant breakout sessions are all part of this retreat. Permission slips are available in the south entrance or online at www.actseyouthministry.org. For more information contact Eloy at 898-5666.

Save the Dates

Please mark your calendars with these very important dates; A.C.T.S. Fun Festival - Saturday, 20 July & Sunday, 21 July Cluster Parish Picnic at Johnson Park - Sunday, 28 July

Lent and Luke at St. Lucy

Fr. Ron Gramza will present a Lenten Bible Study at St. Lucy on five of the Thursdays in Lent focusing on the Gospel of Luke. Bible Study will begin at 9:00 a.m. and take place in Vajda Hall on Thursday, 14, 21, and 28 March and 4 and 11 April. Sessions will last about an hour or so. Feel free to attend any or all of the sessions.

Lifelong Learning

Our next Lifelong Learning is Sunday, 17 March following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Catholic Community of Central Racine (CCCR)

Blood Drive

Monday, 8 April 2019

2:30 p.m. —6:30 p.m.

St. Richard's Vogel Hall

1503 Grand Ave.

Please call Sheila Wroblewski at 886-2826 with questions or to schedule an appointment. You can also call the Blood Center at 877-232-4376.