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THE GOOD NEWS OF OUR LADY OF GRACE

WHAT IS CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS?

You may have heard a reference to our parishes "Christian Social Concerns Committee". However, do you really know what this ministry is all about?

Joe and Maria Langley are the chairpersons for OLG's Christian Social Concerns ministry (CSC) which is comprised of a group of parishioner's working together for the better of our Church and community.

CSC is responsible for organizing events such as the Baby Shower during the month of February which is a Baby Shower just like most you have attended. However, this is an opportunity for us to bring baby items that will be used to shower families with basic items they need for their babies that they can not afford. The CSC also organizes and distributes Food Baskets for the needy in our parish and community for Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. We assist Loaves & Fishes with a Brown Bag Food Collection in May; a June Diaper Drive for the Baby Pantry, October Crop Walk; Blanket Drive in November; Blood Drive in December and along with the Christmas Food Baskets, we organize a Giving Tree for needy families at Christmas.

Any parish member can be a part of this satisfying committee. We meet the first Monday of each Month at 7:00 p.m. here at OLG. If you would like to join us, or simply learn more about us, please join us for our first meeting of 2011 on April 4th at 7:00 p.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday Mass will be held at:

12:00 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle
6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace



LENTEN

REGULATIONS

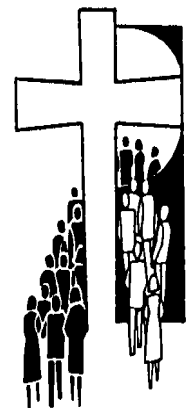
Abstinence from meats is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent.

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

The special Paschal fast and abstinence are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

By the threefold discipline of fasting, almsgiving and prayer the Church keeps Lent from Ash Wednesday until the evening of Holy Thursday. All of the faithful and the catechumens should undertake serious practice of these three traditions. Failure to observe any penitential days at all or a substantial number of such days must be considered serious.

On weekdays of Lent, participation in daily Mass and Lenten activities and a self imposed observed of fasting is recommended.



Lent



Sincere birthday wishes to all of these parish members who are celebrating a birthday in March.

March 1
Laura Chvala
Doris Goranson

March 2
Denny Duff
Donald Kersting
Roger Kolkema

March 3
Kayleigh Jardine

March 4
Lawrence Kolker
Joseph Pulsifer

March 5
Hazel Ahrens

March 6
Timothy Berndt
Daniel Bolles

Brianne Frucci
Aaron Gustin
Stacey Pertner
Chase Tetzlaff-Simpson
David Viquez

March 7
Gwendolyn Luke
Hannah Miller

March 9
Maurice Chiambretti
Leticia Mata

March 10
Joseph Gingras

March 11
Jack Farrell
Gregory Paquin

March 12
Lydia Musgrave

March 13
Abraham Aguilar

March 14
Stephen Horan
Ronnie Wortham

March 15
Isaac Fitzgerald

March 16
Adam Line

March 17
Laura Farrell
Kathleen Liupakka

March 18
Nancy Jenkins
Lenore Norris

March 19
Kevin Brege
Cathy Lieg
Patricia McKinley
Scott Morse
George Robb

March 20
Alex Arnouts
Madisyn Coone

March 21
Gloria Gould
Jackie Moinet

March 22
Clarice Cantu
Gregory Huss
Jeffrey Ramseyer

March 23
Mariesela Aguilar
Mary Coyne
Irene Solis
Gwen Young

March 24
Timothy Fuller
Nathanael Olson

March 25
Stephanie Geoghan
Gregg Kolenic
Corinne Purchase

March 26
Kristan Coyne

March 27
Jeanette Bastian
Janice Bialik
Bruce Crane
Douglas Ream

March 28
Paula Dunmire
Earl Geiger
Alicia Seifert

March 29
Kaylie Fetterhoff
Andrea Lindback
Shoane Lindback
Norma Moinet
Peter Ream

March 30
Nancy Cereska
Doris Cwiakala
David Fox
Robert Houseman
Arlene Smith

March 31
Pamela Geiger
Robert Lindback
Donald Liupakka
Sharon Possanza
Ethan Rice
Shawn Stephenson



LET US PRAY

Please pray for God's healing for those among us who are sick:

Tim Flahive
Paula Gorajec
Artell Mathews
Chuck Secord
Thomas Sampson

Vernon Rich
Richard Wilhelm
Patricia Langlois

The prayers and sympathy of the Our Lady of Grace parish family are extended to the family of Matthew Panozzo

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and may your perpetual light shine upon them.

NEW MEMBERS

The parish family at Our Lady of Grace continues to grow. A warm welcome is extended to our latest members:

Terry and Brandy Carlson (Krysta & Kayla)
Leonard and Margaret Vargas
Megan Kelly (Josie Ingalls)

Our Lady of Grace is a loving, caring community, and we're proud these individuals decided to make OLG their spiritual home. Let's make them feel at home with a hearty handshake a sincere "Welcome."

“MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK”

John Heywood

Hello, my name is Charlene Matteson. I have been a member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic church for 65 years. I was baptized, made my first communion, confirmation and was married at OLG. The parish has been an integral part of my life.

I am now the President of the Women's Guild of Our Lady of Grace Parish. I would like to extend an invitation to ALL women of the parish to be part of this vital and exciting ministry. This enables women of the parish to connect and support one another spiritually and on many other levels.

The Woman's Guild was organized in September 1976 for the purpose of supporting the clergy and parish family of Our Lady of Grace. Some of the worthwhile services we provide are:

Prayerful support to the sick and shut ins through correspondence and visits

Support to parish families in their time of loss by catering funeral luncheons

Sponsoring activities such as the Tuscan Market and Bakery ,banquets for Mothers Day, Advent activities. Follow the Light to Christmas

Assist with many aspects of the Annual Spaghetti Diner

Financially support legitimate organizations that support the mission of the Church

This is only a portion of our endeavors. You might say we do and go where we are needed to serve the needs of the parish community.

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED!

Please join us at 10:00 A.M. the second Sunday of each month in Room 3.



OLG Food Truck is coming! There will be a food truck at OLG for the needy of our area on Tuesday, March 22 at 6:00 PM. We need volunteers to help with this activity. The cost for the truck was part of the “Concert with a Cause” when we had Switchback play back in January. Please call Denny or Marilyn Chandonnet at 755-0357 or Greg or Penny Russick 755-0180 to sign up and more details.

Our Guild Officers are:

Charlene Matteson: President

Charlene Belmonte: Vice President

Kathy Jarvis: Secretary

Cindy DeVires: Treasurer

We hope to see you at our next meeting:

SUNDAY MARCH 13, 2011

Refreshments will be served AND you will be able to attend the 11:00 A.M. Mass.

Charlene Matteson, President



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Don't forget to *Spring Ahead* and turn your clocks ahead one hour at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday March 13, 2011. A tip would be to change the clock at your bedside when you get up Saturday morning in the event that you forget to change the others at bedtime. Come on in Spring...we are ready!

"Forgiving means to pardon the unpardonable, faith means believing the unbelievable and hoping means to hope when things are hopeless." ~ G. K. Chesterton

Many times I hear Catholic Christians remark "I don't need to go to a priest for "confession"; my sins are between God and myself, I don't need an intermediary." When I hear this I think back to something my uncle, who was a priest said: "After Vatican II we let go of the importance of the practice of confession, this has had a negative impact on our interior spiritual life". When you say "I can go directly to God", do you take the necessary time out from your busy schedule and REALLY contemplate the brokenness of your relationship with God? There is something real about saying something *out loud* to another person that is healing and cleansing to the soul. This also gives you a chance to contemplate and examine your interior self and have the process of reconciliation enter deep into your soul. This sacrament should be looked at as a blessing that has been given to you to move forward in your journey with God.

This Lent you will be given an opportunity to seek and experience God's forgiveness. Please pray about something/ someone/ a situation that needs forgiveness in your life. Go before God and ask what is in your life that needs healing. Listen. The calling you receive from God might surprise you. I have done this and something from many years ago was brought to mind. I allowed God's healing presence into the situation and was truly blessed by His healing power.

Beginning the first week in Lent there will be slips of paper available to write down the area which you feel should be given over to God. Place this paper in the space provided by the baptismal fountain. The papers will be collected and burned each week. Expect God to intervene with His forgiveness and open up your life and the lives of others to His healing grace.

Along with this act of soul searching and stepping forward to cleanse your soul of hurts, anger, and brokenness consider taking part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of your Lenten Journey.

The Arts and Environment Committee

LENTEN MOVIES



Please join us at
Our Lady of Grace,
at 10:00 a.m. Each Friday of
Lent for the following Lenten
Series of Films.

- March 11: Entertaining Angels - the story of Dorothy Day
- March 18: John XXIII (part 1)
- March 25: John XXIII (part 2)
- April 1: The Passion of Bernadette
- April 8: Gandhi (part 1)
- April 15: Gandhi (part 2)

All are welcome to take part in this Lenten opportunity of preparation. Stations of the Cross will follow at 12:10 p.m.

DID YOU KNOW?

Fr. Britto is here each Tuesday & Thursday in the office of

Our Lady of Grace!
He is at St. Thomas on
Wednesday & Friday
and Mondays he is
available by
appointment.

If you would like to
reach him you may do so
by calling him at either parish.

OLG: 722-2803 &
St. Thomas: 773-3160

