

*In Father Larry's absence, we offer this meditation during the Year of the Priest from "The Little Catechism of the Cure of Ars (St. John Vianney)":*

*All good works together are not of equal value with the sacrifice of the Mass, because they are the works of men, and the holy Mass is the work of God. Martyrdom is nothing in comparison; it is the sacrifice that man makes of life to God; the Mass is the sacrifice that God makes to man of His Body and of His Blood. Oh, how great is a priest! If he understood himself he would die....God obeys him; he speaks two words, and Our Lord comes down from Heaven at his voice, and shuts Himself up in a little Host. God looks upon the altar. "That is My well-beloved Son," He says, "in whom I am well pleased." He can refuse nothing to the merits of the offering of this victim. If we had faith we should see God hidden in the priest like a light behind a glass, like wine mingled with water.*

*...After the Consecration, the good God is there as He is in Heaven. If man well understood this mystery, he would die of love. God spares us because of our weakness. A priest once, after the Consecration, had some little doubt whether his few words could have made Our Lord descend upon the Altar; at the same moment he saw the Host all red, and corporal tinged with blood.*

*...We ought always to devote at least a quarter of an hour to preparing ourselves to hear Mass well; we ought to annihilate ourselves before God, after the example of His profound annihilation in the Sacrament of the Eucharist; and we should make our examination of conscience, for we must be in a state of grace to be able to assist properly at Mass. If we knew the value of the holy Sacrifice of the Mass, or rather if we had faith, we should be much more zealous to assist at it.*

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Stations of the Cross will be held on all of the Fridays of Lent, beginning at 7:00 PM in the church. Please come and be a part of this wonderful Lenten devotion. Benediction will follow the Stations. We still need a few altar servers to help with the carrying of the Cross and candles. Please call Nancy in the parish office to volunteer.

**LENTEN MESSAGE:** Pope Benedict XVI has written a holy message for the 2010 Season of Lent. If you would like to read it, there are several copies on the table in the back of the church, or you can go to the diocesan website, [www.erieccd.org](http://www.erieccd.org), for a copy.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:** Any parishioner interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister for our parish, please contact Nancy in the parish office. To be an EM, you must have a weekly committed hour in the Adoration Chapel and be approved by Father Larry, who will in turn send your name to the Bishop for his approval. Please call with any questions.

**OUR HOMEBOUND AND SICK PARISHIONERS:** If you are ill or homebound and would like to have an Extraordinary Minister bring you Communion once a week, please call Nancy in the parish office. Also, if you know of any parishioner who is in the hospital, please call the office and let us know, so that we can make a visit. Many times we are not aware of our parishioners in the hospital unless you call us and tell us.

**LENTEN REGULATIONS:** Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday are days of **abstinence** from meat for those 14 years of age and older. In observance of the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19<sup>th</sup>, Catholics are NOT obliged to abstain from meat on that day. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are also days of **fasting** for those ages 18 to 58 inclusive. On these days, those bound by the law of fasting may take one full meal. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength according to one's needs, are also permitted. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

**THE FOLLOWING HOURS ARE OPEN IN THE ADORATION CHAPEL:** Sunday 3 AM, 11 AM, 4 PM and 5 PM; Monday 6 P; Tuesday 1 AM; Thursday 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 8 AM, 7 PM, 8 PM and 11 PM; Friday 2 AM, 7 AM, 12 Noon, 2 PM, 6 PM; Saturday 3 AM, 4 AM, 5 AM, 10 AM; 5 PM, 6 PM, 8 PM and 11 PM. We are also still in need of a Division Coordinator for the hours from 6 PM to 11 PM; and Hour Coordinators for 1 AM & 2 PM. Call Sherry at 864-0283 or Ruthann at 868-0308.

**LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS:** Neither St. John's Lutheran Church nor Simpson Methodist Church is going to hold Lenten Soup Suppers this year. However, we would like to continue the "tradition" for our parish! The dates for our Lenten Soup Suppers are Tuesdays, March 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Gathering time is 5:00 PM; soup and bread will be served at 5:30 PM. Come for some great food and even better Fellowship!!! We need several soups—about 10 to 12 pots – for each day, as well as bread or dinner rolls and butter. We also need people who can help with set-up, clean-up, and serving. Teens are most welcome to help out for service hours! If you can donate a pot of soup or some bread and butter, or are willing to help otherwise, call Bridgette Wagner at 882-4510 as soon as possible. Let her know what kind of soup or bread you will bring, on which day(s), and if you can be there to help.

**MALL CHAPEL LENTEN SCHEDULE:** Please spread the word that confessions will be heard once again during Lent at the Millcreek Mall. The schedule will remain the same throughout Lent. The sacrament of reconciliation will take place on Wednesdays from 2 PM to 4 PM and on Saturdays (including Holy Saturday) from 11 AM to 1 PM. On Good Friday, confessions will be heard from 7 PM to 8PM.

**25 DAYS FOR 25 YEARS:** Bishop Trautman will celebrate 25 years as a bishop and 20 years as our bishop in 2010. To mark both events, he plans to offer a Mass of Thanksgiving at the cathedral with hundreds of faithful from around the diocese on Tuesday, April 13. As a gift from the people of the Erie Diocese, anyone who would like to participate is invited to offer 25 days of prayer and sacrifice for intentions that are near and dear to Bishop Trautman's heart. Parishes, schools, religious education programs, agencies, boards and other groups in the diocese are encouraged to join in this effort. If you are interested, there is a flyer with more information on the table in the back of the church.

**THIRTY-ONE CLUB:** The following parishioners will be offering Mass for vocations during this week: February 28<sup>th</sup> – Dolores Jagodzinski; March 1<sup>st</sup> – T. A. Walkiewicz; March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Pat Murphy; March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Beth Ann Servidio; March 4<sup>th</sup> – Nancy Murray; March 5<sup>th</sup> – Ron Snippet; March 6<sup>th</sup> – Trish Johnson.

**LENTEN DAILY MASSES:** Both daily Masses – 7:00 AM and 11:30 AM – will be held **in the church** for the duration of the Lenten Season.

**ST. JOSEPH NOVENA & HOLY HOUR:** The St. Joseph Novena & Holy Hour continues on Wednesdays, beginning at 7:00 PM in the church. Come to pray and worship!

**Masses For the Week**

- Saturday (2/27)** *Anticipated Mass for Sunday*  
5:15 PM + Edward Fischer (Scavella Family)
- Sunday (2/28)** *Second Sunday in Lent*  
8:30 AM + The Living & Deceased of the Parish  
11:00 AM + Tom Karle, Jr. (Bill & Pat Ring)
- Monday (3/1)** *Lenten Weekday*  
7:00 AM + Hank Compennolle (Casey & Chris Brzozowski)  
11:30 AM The Confirmation Class of St. Joe's Bread of Life (Statia Brown)
- Tuesday (3/2)** *Lenten Weekday*  
7:00 AM + Gerald Sherrer (Mary Curtis)  
11:30 AM + Rose DelSandro (Audrey Reese)
- Wednesday (3/3)** *St. Katharine Drexel, virgin*  
7:00 AM + Aaron Knoll (Mary & Bob)  
11:30 AM + All Souls in Purgatory (Chuck & Mary Drumm)
- Thursday (3/4)** *St. Casimir*  
7:00 AM + Alice Knoll (Margaret McMahon)  
11:30 AM In Thanksgiving for Ann Marie McGovern (The McGovern Family)
- Friday (3/5)** *Lenten Weekday*  
7:00 AM + Ida Mary Knoll (Family)  
11:30 AM + The Souls in Purgatory
- Saturday (3/6)** *Anticipated Mass for Sunday*  
5:15 PM + Ray Schroeck (Ed & Nancy Rogers)
- Sunday (3/7)** *Third Sunday in Lent*  
8:30 AM + Carol LaRue (Laura Silvaggi)  
11:00 AM + The Living & Deceased of the Parish

**Week**

<b>Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 4925.69</b>
<b>Stewardship</b>	<b>\$ 667.00</b>
<b>On-line Giving</b>	<b>\$ 1032.00</b>
<b>Weekly Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 8542.00</b>

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**Weekend**

<b>Saturday, March 6th</b>	<b>5:15 PM</b>	<b>Fr. Dennis Martin</b>
<b>Sunday, March 7th</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Fr. Wright</b>
	<b>11:00AM</b>	<b>Fr. Larry</b>

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*If you have a special prayer intention for the month of March, please call Madeline Schodt at 454-3094 or Chris Smith at 459-2236.*