



Church of Saint Agnes

548 Lafond Avenue | St. Paul, MN 55103

March 8, 2009

Second Sunday of Lent

Rev. John L. Ubel Pastor
Rev. John Paul Erickson Parochial Vicar (Part-time)
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Rev. Mr. Nathan Allen

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Sunday Masses

Saturday 5:15 p.m. (anticipated) Benediction at 5:00 p.m.
6:30, 8:30, 10:00 (Latin High Mass), 12:00 Noon
The 10:00 a.m. Mass on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of each month
will be offered in the Extraordinary Form (1962 Missale Romanum)

Holy Days of Obligation

Watch Bulletin for schedule

Weekday Masses

8:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday (Saturday—Sung Latin Mass)
5:15 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday
During the school year, additional Mass at 9:30 a.m. on Thursdays

Confessions

Saturdays: 3:30—5:00 p.m. and 7:30—9:00 p.m.
Tuesdays: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays following Novena
Eves of Holy Days and Thursdays before First Fridays:
4:00—5:00 p.m. and 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Adoration

Fridays in the Chapel following the 8:00 a.m. Mass
until Benediction at 5:00 p.m.

Baptisms

Sundays immediately following the Noon Mass. Active parishioners
seeking baptism for their child are asked to make arrangements
prior to the desired date of baptism.

Marriages

Active registered parishioners are to make arrangements for
marriage preparation at least six months prior to the anticipated
wedding date.

Registration in Parish

Required for Baptism and Matrimony. Please call the rectory
for an appointment.

Devotions

Tuesday: Rosary at 7:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m. Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Sunday: 3:00 p.m. Vespers and Benediction of the Most Blessed
Sacrament
Friday Adoration: Each Friday beginning after the 8:00 a.m. Mass
until 5:00 p.m.

Web site.....www.stagnes.net

*Then a cloud came,
casting a shadow over
them; then from the cloud
came a voice, 'This is my
beloved Son. Listen to
Him.'*

~ Mk 9:7

Lenten Penance: A Primer on Indulgences (Part One)

On *Laetare* Sunday, March 22nd we will hold our annual observance of Forty Hours. This year we are combining this tradition with the recognition of our status as one of fifteen churches designated by Archbishop Nienstedt as pilgrimage sites for the Holy Year of Saint Paul. The closing of Forty Hours will include a homily preached by Fr. Lee Piche, Vicar General of the Archdiocese, as well as a litany in honor of Saint Paul prior to the Eucharistic procession. All parishioners have the possibility of receiving the Plenary Indulgence, marking the 2000th anniversary of Saint Paul's birth.

The theology of indulgences is very rich, but also somewhat confusing to many Catholics. I hope to clarify (and not confuse) the situation in this column. It is a divinely revealed truth that sins bring with them punishments on account of God's justice that must be expiated in some way. Saint Augustine wrote: "Every sin, whether small or great, must be punished, either by man himself doing penance, or by God chastising him." (*Exposition on Psalm 58, 1, 13*)

The truth is that our sins affect not only our souls, but they have effects in the world around us. There is really no such thing as a completely "private" sin. We must repair the damage done through our sins. Purgatory is the name given to the final purification of the elect, those who are counted among the saved, but who undergo a purification after death, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of God. This is a state of cleansing (from the Latin *purgare*, to make clean, to purify) from the temporal punishment due for sins, whose guilt has been forgiven, but in which satisfaction for the effects of those sins is still being offered. Following our earthly lives, there exists a period of purgation by which the effects from our sins are expiated so that when a soul is received into heaven, it is in a state most pleasing to God, that is *sine macula et ruga*, without stain or wrinkle.

An indulgence is a remission (a taking away) of the temporal punishment due to sin, and may be obtained, with the help of the Church, by a member of the faithful who fulfills certain specific conditions. It is **not** a prayer or work that removes guilt itself, but some (or all) of the temporal punishment due to sin, once the guilt has been expiated. The connection with the Church is critical, as the treasury of the merits of Christ and the saints is freely opened to those who desire forgiveness (cf. Matt. 28:18). Each time you go to confession the priest imposes a penance, a prayer or work that helps to "make up" for the effects of sin. "Such penances help configure us to Christ, who alone expiated our sins once for all." (CCC 1460)

The faith of the Church concerning purgatory was articulated by the Council of Trent (1563 A.D.):

"Whereas the Catholic Church, instructed by the Holy Ghost, has from the Sacred Scriptures and the ancient tradition of the Fathers taught ... that there is a purgatory, and that the souls therein are helped by the suffrages of the faithful, but principally by the acceptable Sacrifice of the Altar; the Holy Synod enjoins on the Bishops that they diligently endeavor to have the sound doctrine of the Fathers in Councils regarding purgatory everywhere taught and preached, held and believed by the faithful."

The 2008 Decree from the Apostolic Penitentiary states: "The Christian faithful of the various local Churches, having fulfilled the required conditions (sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion, prayers for the Supreme Pontiff's intentions) and in a spirit of total detachment from any inclination to sin, may benefit from the *Plenary Indulgence* if they take part devoutly in a sacred function or in a pious public exercise in honor of the Apostle to the Gentiles," in other places designated by the local bishop. It is my hope that we will assist many people in obtaining the special privileges attached to the indulgence. (Next week: Can one apply an indulgence to another person, living or dead?)

- In last week's Pastor's Page, while speaking about corporate retreats, I mentioned the cancellation of a Wells Fargo "executive retreat." In fact, the Las Vegas outing was a series of three employee recognition outings, and not a "retreat" for execs only. As a longtime and loyal customer myself, I am happy to correct my error, as I certainly did not intend to cast aspersions on executives in general. Their jobs are difficult enough!
- Archbishop Nienstedt was delighted with the Lenten gift he received from our 8th graders. The students wrote beautiful individual reflections on various saints, complete with colored hand-drawn illustrations, and bound the book, dedicating it to our Archbishop. He mentioned it in his weekly *Catholic Spirit* column.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. John L. Ubel
Pastor

Pope Benedict XVI on the Sacrament of Penance

"Dear Brother and Sisters, Let us invoke the Virgin Mary whom God preserved from every stain of sin so that she may help us to avoid sin and to have frequent recourse to the Sacrament of Confession, the sacrament of forgiveness, whose value and importance for our Christian life must be rediscovered today." (Sunday Angelus, 15 February 2009)

Lenten Series on the Sacraments

*Fridays in Lent in Schuler Hall following
The Stations of the Cross*

Join Father John Paul Erickson for the third installment of a six-week series on the Sacraments of the Church. The talks are offered every Friday night in Schuler Hall during the Season of Lent, following Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. Classes will begin at 7:40 p.m. and end promptly by 8:40 p.m. Together we will explore the importance of the Sacred Liturgy in the life of the Church and in our own spiritual lives, and explain the power and necessity of the Sacramental life for authentic holiness. Each of the seven Sacraments will also be explained in depth. These classes are free and open to the public. Make growing in knowledge and love of the Faith part of your Lenten pilgrimage this year!

Rosary, Vespers and Benediction

As has been our longstanding practice, on the Sundays of Lent, Vespers will be preceded by the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary. Please come and join us at 3:00 p.m. for this beautiful afternoon devotion.

A Lenten Day of Reflection for Women

The Saint Agnes Altar and Rosary Society invites all the ladies to *A Lenten Day of Reflection* on Saturday, March 14, 2009. We will begin with Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by a Continental Breakfast. The day will include a talk by Fr. James McConville, entitled, "Mary at the Foot of the Cross, The Seven Sorrows of Mary." We will finish out the day with Vespers and silent prayer. *Reservations are preferred.* Please call the Parish Office at 651-925-8800. There is no cost. Free will offerings will be accepted.

Lenten Retreat for Men

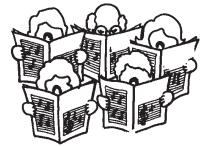
All men of the parish are invited to a Lenten Morning of Reflection on Saturday, March 21st. The retreat begins with Mass at 8:00 a.m. This year's retreat will be led by Fr. John Paul Erickson and is sponsored by the Men's Club. All men (16+ years of age) of the parish are welcome to join us. *Reservations are preferred.* Please call the Parish Office at 651-925-8800. There is no cost.

Fellowship Sunday

On Sunday, March 22, representatives from the Catholic Aid Association will be passing out informational materials and gifts after the 8:30 and 10:00 Masses. Please plan to stop down, enjoy donuts and beverages served by our high school Quiz Bowl Team, visit with Mary Fitzpatrick and Nick Jaeger, representatives from Catholic Aid, register for the drawings and patronize the Religious Articles Sale. Please help our wonderful Saint Agnes School.

Easter Lily Sale

Celebrate the Easter season with a gorgeous Easter lily or tulips in your home! St. Agnes School is selling lilies and tulips to raise money to support the ongoing needs of our band program. Flowers will be sold after all Masses the weekend of March 21-22, or a prepaid order can be made any time before this weekend through Caroline Becker at 651.925.8800 or email at cbecker@saintagnesschool.org. The lilies will be double potted (two plants per pot) and are \$25. The tulips will be assorted colors and are \$15. The plants will be ready for pick-up after the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses of Palm Sunday weekend.



Sacred Concert

The Saint Agnes High School Concert Chorale will present their annual Sacred Heart performing Joseph Haydn's "Seven Last Words of Christ" on Sunday, March 15 at 4:30pm in the Church of Saint Agnes. The concert will be followed by a dinner. The cost will be \$5.00 per individual ticket or \$10.00 per family. Advanced purchase of dinner tickets is required. Please contact Gerrie Lachowitzer in Schuler Hall after Sunday Masses, in Room 109 of the Grade School during the week or by phone at 651-925-8809.

Religious Article Sale

The annual Religious Articles Sale will be held on the two weekends of March 21, 22, 28 and 29 after all Masses. The proceeds of the sale will be matched by the Catholic Aid Association up to \$1,000 and is for the Religion Program in the school. Leaflet Missal will provide all of the merchandise for the sale. Please let Gerrie (651-925-8809) know if there are items you plan to purchase from Leaflet in the coming weeks before the sale and she can have them available at the sale so that the school gets credit for your sales. The fundraiser is sponsored by the St. Anthony-Maria Hilf Catholic Aid Council.

"WE ARE ONE BODY,
ONE BODY IN CHRIST."

We are very grateful to those who have made the decision to contribute to *The Catholic Service Appeal* and have already sent in their response. Please know that you may drop your envelope for the *Catholic Service Appeal* in the weekend collection, as well as having the option of mailing it in. We remind you that fully 25% of the contributions made by our parishioners come right back to our parish. Those who continue to prayerfully consider their gift, we remind you that no gift is too small to support one another in faith and to help those in need.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 8
 Rosary, Vespers and Benediction..... 3:00 pm

Monday, March 9
 Parish Finance Council (School) 5:45 pm
 St. Anthony Maria Hilf Council (Kent) 6:30 pm

Tuesday, March 10
 Knights of Columbus Dinner (Schuler) 6:00 pm
 Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help 7:30 pm
 Confession (*following Novena*)

Wednesday, March 11
 CCD Classes 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 12
 Adult Faith Class (Schuler) 7:30 pm

Friday, March 13
 Stations of the Cross 1:10 pm
 Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm
 Lenten Lecture Series #3 (Schuler)..... 7:40 pm

**Remember in Your Prayers
 Those Who Have Gone Before Us
 Marked with the Sign of Faith**

Rita Nolan

Parish Picture Directory

We have just completed two weeks of picture appointments for our new Parish Directory that is being prepared by Olan Mills in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the laying of the Church's cornerstone. We recognize that with weather and schedule conflicts, not everybody who wanted to be in the directory has had the chance. We have scheduled some additional days for pictures on April 17, 18, 20 and 21. Signup information will be forthcoming. It is our hope that as many parishioners as possible are a part of the new directory. Look for further information.

**We welcome these new members
 to our Parish Community**

Kelly Miller
 Rachel Salak

Important Altar Server Announcement

All altar servers are invited to take part in the Eucharistic procession for the closing of 40 Hours at 4:00 p.m. March 22nd. We also are in need of servers to spend time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Friday afternoon and all day Saturday. Please call the Parish Office to sign up for a time. If you have not yet done so, please turn in your Holy Week availability sheet as soon as possible.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 9 ~ St. Frances of Rome

8:00 am Harrison Barnes
 5:15 pm Elaine Norton † (B)



Tuesday, March 10

8:00 am Nancy Janssen

Wednesday, March 11

8:00 am Special Intention, Carol Barott
 5:15 pm Mary C. Schwartzbauer †

Thursday, March 12

8:00 am Ed Scheuring †
 *9:30 am Julius Nemeth

Friday, March 13 ~ Day of Abstinence

8:00 am Kent Roberts
 5:15 pm Michael Buffie

Saturday, March 14

8:00 am Intentions of Wilhelmenia Seidel
 5:15 pm Andrew Percic (B)

Sunday, March 15 ~ Third Sunday in Lent

6:30 am For the Parish
 8:30 am Mary Le Voir, Sr.
 *10:00 am Therese Peterson †
 12:00 pm Emily Praska (B)

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 14

5:00 pm Benediction / 5:15 pm Mass

Jonathan Kuehn, Nick Burns, Nicholas Kuehn

Sunday, March 15

8:30 am Mass

John Kimlinger, Tony Kimlinger, Peter Vaske

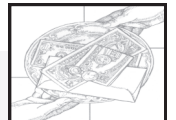
10:00 am Mass

Team E.F.2

12:00 Noon Mass

Jack Boeser, Matt Boeser, David Turner

(1st, 2nd, Paten)



Sunday Offerings

Collections for March 1, 2009

Envelope/Plate	\$14,615.97
Automatic Contributions.....	\$824.25
School Envelope (Red)	\$7,513.00
Heat, Light & Fuel	\$1,035.00
Total.....	\$23,988.22