

“Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand.”
(Matthew 4:17)

March 7, 2010

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK:

The Season Of Lent:

We are now in the holy season of Lent. It is principally a period of preparation; preparation for the joy of Easter. The whole activities of Lent culminate in the paschal mystery of Easter.

As a period of preparation, our holy mother the Church recommends some practices and disciplines that would certainly make this preparation more meaningful and more useful. These include prayer, penance and almsgiving.

Prayer: During the season of Lent we are expected to intensify our prayer life. We are urged to be more alert in prayer and adopt practices that increase the time we dedicate to prayer, practices that deepen our capacity for praying.

Penance: During the season of Lent we are called upon to do some penance; penance in the form of fasting and abstinence. In addition to what the Church recommends, we can make some honest effort to deny ourselves of some bodily pleasures and leisures.

Almsgiving: Lent is equally a period of greater commitment to a life of charity. A period when we are encouraged all the more to extend "hands" of friendship, solidarity and love to those who are in need- the sick, the poor, the homeless, the abandoned.

If we religiously observe these practices, they bear wonderful spiritual fruits in our lives: such as fruits of purgation, of illumination, and of the union with Christ.

Fruit of purgation: through prayer, penance and works of charity, we are purged of selfishness and self-centeredness so that the love of Christ might be increased in our lives. Thus we advance in the imitation of Jesus Christ who died for the salvation of the world.

Fruit of illumination: these practices are not just ordinary disciplinary practices. They are meant to strengthen the inner self to be more aware of the things of the kingdom. As such they are capable not only of arousing the desire for conversion, but actually lead to it.

Fruit of union with Christ: Every practice of Christian life should ultimately lead to union with Christ. Thus these Lenten observances culminate in intimate union with Christ in whom, as the Scripture says, we live and move and have our being.

Wishing you the best of Lenten season.

Fr. Patrick Okwumuo

PARISH COLLECTIONS

February 27-28, 2010

Total collected:	Envs. & Loose:	\$ 6,433.50
	Building Fund:	\$ 40.00
Last Year's 03/1/09 Collection		\$ 9,677.35
	Building Fund:	\$ 1,312.75

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA CD'S

There is a new CD in the back of church called "The Passion of Christ in Light of the Holy Shroud of Turin". Hear new and detailed scientific evidence about the shroud as it relates to our Lord's Passion. This could help inspire you or a loved one this Lent. "Father answered ALL the questions I had about the Shroud. After listening to this presentation, I came away with a much deeper love for Christ's love for us on the cross." Aaron—Elburn, IL

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY TO THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

The Boy Scouts of America annually celebrates its founding on February 8, 1910. Scout Sunday is always the Sunday preceding February 8th.

The Scout Sunday tradition was started to make people in houses of worship aware of Scouting and to allow Scouts to live out their "Duty to God" pledged each week. The Scout Law says that a "Scout is Reverent", and the Scouts of all ages promise to do their "Duty to God". These values strengthen youth character in their family, community, and faith.

Troop and Pack 24 sponsored by St. Augustine of Canterbury Parish annually recognizes all Scouts who have earned a religious award. The Diocese of Belleville recognized the Scouts on Sunday, February 28, at the Cathedral of St. Peter; and the following Scouts earned Religious Awards and were presented their medals by Rev. Eugene A. Kreher, Chaplain of the Diocesan Committee on Scouting.

Pack 24: Dominic Bouc Thomas Berg
John Delvecchio James Delvecchio
Nathan Mackin

Pack 9: Daniel Schaefer Michael Schaefer

Troop 24: Adam Gauch Danny Hass

**A very special congratulations to
Scoutmaster George Komora,
who was award the Diocesan Adult award,
the Bronze Pelican.**

George has been very active in working with the Scouts who earned their religious awards. Ninety percent of the Scouts in Troop 24 have at least one award, if not more. George and the Scouts have helped with Cub Scout Day of Recollection for many years.

Thanks to all of you for Catholic Scouting !

Mass Intentions For The Week



Tues. 03/09 6:30 p.m.: John and Stephen Miller
 Wed. 03/10 6:30 a.m.: Betty Fries
 8:15 a.m.: Staff and Students at SMSA
 Thur. 03/11 6:30 a.m.: Mary Beth Eichenseer
 Fri. 03/12 6:30 a.m.: Leonard and Marie
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 8:15 a.m.: Staff and Students at SMSA
 Sat. 03/13 8:00 a.m.: Healing Mass
 4:30 p.m.: Linda Spieker
 Sun. 03/14 8:00 a.m.: Arthur Dengler
 10:30 a.m.: All parishioners of
 St. Augustine Parish

SERVER SCHEDULE
March 13-14, 2010

4:30 p.m. — Emily Breunig Madi Breunig
 Katie Kettler
 8:00 a.m. — Noah Ledee
 10:30 a.m. — Ben Tyler Brittany Tyler
 Karlee Albrecht

All Servers—Please stop by before Mass and see if Fr. Patrick needs help. Thank you.

Lectors and Ministers of Holy Communion
March 13-14, 2010

Mass	Lectors	Ministers
4:30 p.m., Sat.	W. Knepper	G. Goetz C. & J. Neff L. Lambert A. Schurman
8:00 a.m., Sun.	P. Stout	J. Haider J. Friederich D. Sullivan D. & R. Dengler D. Kreeb
10:30 a.m., Sun.	Joe C. DiGiovanni	C. Bossung P. Bossung D. Burnham J. Law A. Davis S. Cange

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
 The Building and Grounds Committee is having a fish fry on Good Friday. Look for more details in future bulletins.

*A Memo from the Principal
 of St. Mary-St. Augustine School
 March 5, 2010*

Prayer: Holy and ever-living God, we offer You our lives and souls as our prayers rise to You like incense. May our offering always be pleasing to You.

Congratulations to the many students who received 1st Place and 2nd Place in the band and music contest last Saturday at St. Clare School! Thanks to Mrs. Freuler for all her hard work.

Our Science Fair/Carnival was on Thursday. The projects have been displayed in the hallways of our school. The students made very impressive exhibits. Families were invited to join in on the fun in the evening. What a great time we had, while admiring the creative and exemplary work of our students! Thanks to Mrs. McGinnis!

Next week, we have vision and hearing screenings on Monday. The School Board Meeting is Tuesday, March 9, at 7:15 p.m. in the school library. The Spring Carnival is on Thursday from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. Please join us if you are able.

The SMSA Dinner Auction, "Morocco by Moonlight" will be April 24, 2010. Mark your calendars! Doors open at 5:00 p.m., tickets are \$30.00 per person. Silent and live auction. Accepting tax deductible donations for this event. For tickets or to make a donation, call Danica Eimer at 363-8225 or Heather Ledee 334-5461. Thanks for your support.

I hope you have a great week! We sure will.

Linda Putz, Principal

40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life began on February 17 and will continue through March 28. It is a community based national campaign of prayer, fasting and education with the goal of the end of abortion. Visit www.40daysforlife.com for more information.

BLOOD DRIVE

March 22, 2010 — 3:30 to 8:00 p.m.
at Kuhl Hall

Please give the Gift of Life. If you have given blood on or before January 25, 2010, you are eligible to give again on March 22. Please call Susy at 405-4323 for an appointment. Please refrain from drinking tea two weeks before giving blood as it depletes your iron.

GIFT BEARERS

Sat. 03/06 4:30 p.m.-Lee and Ruth Berkel
Sun. 03/07 8:00 a.m.-Ruth Schneider
Charlene Bush
10:30 a.m.-Ray, Alice, and
Connie Goyda
Sat. 03/13 4:30 p.m.-Ralph and Arlene Musec
Sun. 03/14 8:00 a.m.-Ronald and Rosemary
Tedesco
10:30 a.m.-Carolyn Klemp and
John Klemp

**THANK YOU!
THE BUILDING & GROUNDS
COMMITTEE WISHES TO THANK
EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED THEIR
ASH WEDESDAY FISH FRY**

LADIES' LENTEN RETREAT

Ladies of our parish, come and have some quiet time and rest to rekindle your relationship with God.

When: March 19-21, 2010

Where: King's House Retreat and
Renewal Center
700 North 66th Street
Belleville, Illinois

Topic: "Believing is Seeing:
Take a Closer Look"

Speakers: Father Joe Pitts, DMI
Sister Janis Yaekel, ASC

The weekend will include reflective talks, celebration of the Eucharist and reconciliation. Since it is the season of Lent, it will be appropriate to do something for yourself and God.

For reservations, contact:
Natie Climaco — 397-4070
Pam Stout — 233-5268

Market Day: March order forms are at the Church doors and are coming home in the SMSA white envelopes. Don't forget to buy your Easter ham from Market Day! This month, the Market Day Spiral Sliced Ham is only \$2.99 a pound. Compare that to the specialty ham stores @ \$6.29 a pound-same fabulous taste and no waiting in long lines. Just place your order online @ www.marketday.com by 11:00 p.m. on March 22. Remember, for every ham or any Market Day product sold, our school makes a nice profit. See the order form for other great offers and new products. Product pickup date is March 27, 8:30-9:30 am. Call Kori with questions, 235-9588.

**ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY
BOY SCOUT TROOP 24
ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST
MARCH 21, 2010 FROM 8:00 A.M. TILL 12:30 P.M.
LOOK FOR MORE INFO
IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN.**

Stewardship
Commitment Card

As a response in thanksgiving for God's generosity, I/we plan to make a challenging gift, a portion of my/our household income, in the amount of \$_____ weekly to help build God's Kingdom here on earth. (I/we understand and appreciate that my commitment will remain confidential between myself and Father Patrick Okwumuo.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City : _____ Zip _____

____ I/we took the challenge this year toward my/our giving percentage goal.

____ I/we stayed the same this year in my/our giving percentage goal.

____ I/we cannot make a pledge this year; however, I/we will continue to keep my/our church family of St. Augustine of Canterbury in our prayers.

Other: _____

Please tear off this section and return it to the parish. As part of our understanding of Stewardship, all are asked to renew our commitments regardless of the level of giving that is planned.

____ Send me information on how I can remember our parish in my will.