

“This is my chosen son; listen to him.”

Luke 9:35b

February 28, 2010

SECOND 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 17-21, 2010

Total collected:	Envs. & Loose:	\$ 6,248.16
	Building Fund:	\$ 51.00
Last Year's 02/22/09 Collection		\$ 6,334.00
	Building Fund:	\$ 20.00

DEBT REDUCTION

Current balance owed	
(old debt to Diocese):	\$152,675.96
Parish Loan (payable to Diocese):	\$ 53,852.24

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact:

Stan Mudd, General Agent
at 618-282-2246

NOVENA TO ST. PEREGRINE

Thursday, March 4, is the monthly Novena to St. Peregrine at Queen of Peace Church, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Parishioners, please make a special effort to attend as St. Augustine of Canterbury Church is the host parish for this Novena .

**If you or a family member
move to a care
or retirement facility,
please contact the
rectory at 233-3813 and
let us know, so we can
send you our bulletin**

PARISH CALENDAR

March 2: Quilting—9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Liturgy Meeting — 7:00 p.m.
Boy Scouts—7:00 p.m.

March 3: Jr. Girl Scouts—1:30 p.m.
There is no First Wednesday
Reconciliation for our First Communion
Candidates — 6:30 p.m.
PTPO Meeting—7:00 p.m.

March 5: First Friday
Adoration at 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.
followed by Benediction at 5:15 p.m.
and Mass at 5:30
Stations of the Cross — 6:00 p.m.

March 7: Hibernians Irish Tea & Card Party—Noon

Mass Intentions For The Week



Tues. 03/02 6:30 p.m.: Mary Laskowski
 Wed. 03/03 6:30 a.m.: Dec. of Born, Mueller,
 & Wylie Families
 8:15 a.m.: For those in need
 Thur. 03/04 6:30 a.m.: Leonard and
 Marie Waichel
 Fri. 03/05 6:30 a.m.: Intention of R. W.
 8:15 a.m.: For the local
 community
 5:30 p.m.: Leonard Schneider
 Sat. 03/06 4:30 p.m.: Charles Thacker
 Sun. 03/07 8:00 a.m.: Daniel Murphy
 10:30 a.m.: All parishioners of
 St. Augustine Parish

SERVER SCHEDULE
March 6-7, 2010

4:30 p.m. — Addie Burris Carley Law
 Shane Frederick
 8:00 a.m. — Lucy Haas Jacob Haas
 Danny Haas
 10:30 a.m. — Reece Eimer Veronica Hohe
 Carolyn Bossung

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

**Lectors and Ministers of
 Holy Communion**
March 6-7, 2010

Mass	Lectors	Ministers
4:30 p.m., Sat.	R. Rakers	G. Goetz C. & J. Neff L. Lambert A. Schurman
8:00 a.m., Sun.	M. Clover	J. & G. Bedwell N. Climaco M. Buescher D. Feder B. Fietsam
10:30 a.m., Sun.	D. Breunig	C. Klemp C. Goyda R. Chaney J. Bassler S. Law A. Davis

*REMEMBER
 ST. AUGUSTINE'S
 IN YOUR
 WILL*

**ST. MARY-ST. AUGUSTINE
 SCHOOL NEWS**

The SMSA Science Fair/Carnival will be held in the school gym this Thursday, March 4, 2010, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. It is a great time to come and see all the hard work created by our students. It is also fun to try out the hands on projects performed by the 7th and 8th grade Science Classes. We hope to see you there.

SMSA Annual Fund: The SMSA Annual Fund for the 2009-2010 school year is under way. You should have already received your brochure in the mail. Your generosity helps our school in so many ways. Please consider making a donation to our Annual Fund Drive this year. Thank you.

SMSA Yard Signs: If you are interested in putting an SMSA sign in your yard to help advertise St. Mary-St. Augustine School, please call the school office at 234-4958.

Pasta for Pennies: SMSA will be participating in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Pasta for Pennies program from February 22, 2010 thru March 12, 2010. Please help your favorite student earn a pasta party for their class by donating spare change to this great program. Any monetary donations can be brought to the school office. Thank you.

St. Luke Church in Belleville welcomes the resume and letter of intent from anyone interested in the part-time ministry of Music Director & Musician. Please forward requested documents to: Music Search Committee, St. Luke Catholic Church, 301 North Church St., Belleville, IL 62220 or email stluke301@aol.com. Responses will be accepted until April 30, 2010.

CATHOLICS AT THE CAPITAL
MARCH 3, 2010

There is still time to join the trip to Springfield, Illinois, for the second annual Catholics at the Capital Wednesday, March 3, 2010. This is an excellent opportunity to participate with others from across the state, to promote our gospel values on a range of relevant issues with state policy makers! For details and transportation information visit:

www/respectlife.catholicweb.com.

For reservations call 235-9601, ext. 146, or email ledwards@diobelle.org with name, phone number and address. The cost of the bus is \$5.00 including the complimentary lunch for all participants.

GIFT BEARERS

Sat. 02/27 4:30 p.m.-Laverne Moll
Sun. 02/28 8:00 a.m.- Robert and
Heather Ledee
10:30 a.m.-Youth Ministry
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

LUKE:18 WAS GREAT

Thanks to Msgr. Bill, Fr. Patrick, the SMSA school principal, secretary, and staff for allowing and encouraging the Luke:18 weekend experience on Feb.19-21. Many people gave their time and talents to make this work. Alex Davis directed the weekend along with a talented group of older teen leaders and presenters. Great food was prepared by the Hettenhausen family, Sharon Egler, and a host of volunteers. Music by 7th Day members enhanced the closing Mass and weekend activities. Jane & Rich Friederich served as the married couple organizers with back up help from Maria McManus and other adults. Luke:18 is a retreat for students in grades 6,7 & 8 that encourages a deeper faith and commitment to family and Parish family.

THERE WILL BE NO
FIRST WEDNESDAY
IN MARCH DUE TO
THE RECONCILIATION SERVICE
BEING HELD MARCH 3, 2010
AT 6:30 P.M.
FOR OUR FIRST HOLY
COMMUNION
CANDIDATES

**The food pantry
is looking for
heavy-duty steel
shelving units.
Please call the
rectory at 233-3813
if you have some
you would like
to donate. Thank you.**

STEWARDSHIP OF TITHING COMMITMENT

Next weekend, March 6 and 7, 2010, will be your commitment to the Stewardship of Tithing Phase. Please take a moment to fill out your commitment form located on your Treasure brochure that you received in the monthly mailing. Another commitment form will be in the bulletin for your use as well. You can drop your commitment forms in the collection basket at all the Masses next weekend. Thanking you in advance for your commitments to tithing.

LADIES' LENTEN RETREAT

Date: March 19-21, 2010

Place: King's House Retreat &
Renewal Center
700 North 66th Street, Belleville, IL

Speakers: Father Joe Pitts, OMI
Sister Janis Yackel, ASC

The annual ladies' silent retreat will start in three weeks time. We need more ladies to represent our parish.

Treat yourself to some well earned peace and quiet while you rekindle your spiritual side.

The asking donation fee is \$155.00. It is based on an anonymous envelope donation. Inability to pay the full donation should not prevent anyone from attending this quiet retreat. Please feel free to attend and donate as you are able. The King's House wants all to feel welcome.

So ladies, make your reservations now. The deadline is March 10, 2010.

Contact: Natie Climaco — 397-4070
Pam Stout — 233-5268