

March 7, 2010

Third Sunday  
in Lent



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# Welcome to St. Benedict's Church

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**Lumen Christi School**

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**Sunday Mass**

Saturday at 5:00 pm;  
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am,  
12:15 pm

**Weekday Mass**

Tues-Fri at 9:15 am

**Sacrament of Penance**

Confessions heard  
Sat. 3:45-4:45 pm  
Or by appointment

## Parish Calendar

Sunday 03/07	Monday 03/08	Tuesday 03/09	Wednesday 03/10	Thursday 03/11	Friday 03/12	Saturday 03/13
Spring Break No CCD	7:00 pm Legion of Mary	Communion Service  6:30 pm RCIA	Communion Service  7:00 pm Youth Night  9:00 pm College Stu- dent Program	7:00 pm Choir practice	6:00 pm Soup sup- per  7:00 pm Stations of the Cross	3:45 pm Recon- ciliation  5:00 pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 03/14	Monday 03/15	Tuesday 03/16	Wednesday 03/17	Thursday 03/18	Friday 03/19	Saturday 03/20
Spring Break No CCD  Pancake Break- fast  2:45 YODA  8:00 pm Youth Ministry Team Mtg.	7:00 pm Penance Ser- vice	6:30 pm RCIA	10:30 am Kid Play  7:00 pm Youth Night  9:00 pm College Stu- dent Program	7:00 pm Choir practice	6:00 pm Soup sup- per  7:00 pm Stations of the Cross  7:30 pm Family Night	3:45 pm Reconcilia- tion  5:00 pm Vigil Mass

**Mass Intentions  
March 6-12, 2010**

03/06  
5:00 pm Ed Steger  
by R. Steger Family

03/07  
8:00 am George Gredyk  
by J & A Poelman Family

10:30 am John Wainscott (SI)  
by K. Flores

12:15 pm People of St. Benedict's

03/09 Communion Service

03/10 Communion Service

03/11 Dorothy Bell  
by B. Lopetrone

03/12 Gracie Embley  
by Adkins Family

**Mass Intentions  
March 13-19, 2010**

03/13 James Curro, Jr  
5:00 pm

03/14  
8:00 am

10:30 am Nancy Brucker  
by B. Lopetrone

## Readings:

**Sunday 03/07**

Exodus 17:3-7  
Psalm 95  
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8  
John 4:5-42

**Sunday 03/14**

1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7, 10-13a  
Psalm 23  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41

# From the Pastoral Staff

## Pastor's Corner

We don't know her name or age. But her conversation with Jesus is his longest one-on-one chat recorded in Scripture.

It was high noon on a hot day. Jesus, tired from traveling, chose a sensible rest stop—Jacob's well. When our unnamed woman appeared, Jesus made a simple request: "Will you give me a drink?"

Uh-oh. (1) Jews weren't supposed to speak to Samaritans. (2) Men weren't permitted to address women without their husbands present. And (3) rabbis had no business speaking to shady ladies such as this one. Jesus was willing to toss out the rules, but our woman at the well wasn't. "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman," she reminded him. "How can you ask me for a drink?"

She focused on the law; Jesus focused on grace.

He began, "If you knew the gift of God ... " If. A tantalizing invitation. And gift. A truly irresistible offering.

To quench her spiritual thirst, the Lord first confessed the truth about plain H<sub>2</sub>O: "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again". Then Jesus made a bold promise: "Whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst" In one sentence he shifted from everyday life to everlasting life.

Was our girl ready for that leap of faith? Not quite. She wanted whatever he was offering, but only so she could avoid returning to the well for water. If we're honest, we get this motivation. Eager to satisfy our physical desires, we overlook our spiritual needs.

Jesus told her, "Go, call your husband and come back" Not an odd request, since women couldn't converse alone with a man in a public place. But Jesus' request was more about uncovering truth than about following society's rules.

When she confessed, "I have no husband", Jesus affirmed her answer, then gently exposed her sin: "The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband". Five marriages didn't make her a sinner. Due to warfare, famine, disease, and injury, men in those days dropped like flies. A widow became either a beggar, a prostitute, or another man's wife. Each time, this Samaritan woman had chosen the best option.

But now she was with a sixth man who wasn't her husband?

That was a sin.

Did she fess up? Nope. She changed the subject.

Finally, the woman at the well did her best to shut Jesus down. "When [the Messiah] comes, he will explain everything to us". How stunned she must have been at Jesus' revelation: "I who speak to you am he".

Overjoyed, she left her water jar and went back into town to urge her neighbors, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?"

In any century, our response to the Lord is the same. In seeing Jesus he reveals our true selves to us and in that moment we experience God's grace, his forgiveness and share the good news.

Liz Curtis Higgs ([www.kyria.com](http://www.kyria.com)) and edited for brevity.

**PARISH INCOME:** Last week's regular collection was **\$8,848.00**; building fund income was **\$1,290.00** for a total of **\$10,138.00**. Our year to date average is **\$9,691.37** in offertory and **\$812.38** Building Fund for a combined average of **\$10,563.75**

On average our weekly expense (including operating expenses and debt service) run **\$10,481.19** per week. Your assistance in meeting parish needs is greatly appreciated.

*This weekend, a special collection* will benefit **Peter's Pence, Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Africa** and the **Church in Latin America**. Please give generously to help provide food, shelter, water, sanitation, emergency assistance, education and opportunities for life-long faith formation to our brothers and sisters throughout the world.

## The Knights of Columbus:

**Soup Supper:** Each Friday during Lent, except Good Friday, St Benedict Knights of Columbus council will host a simple "potluck" **meatless soup supper** starting at **6:00 pm**. **Rosary** will be prayed **6:45-7:00 pm**. **Stations of the Cross** at **7:00 pm** followed by a short film 30 minutes or less on some aspect of our Catholic faith, heritage, or traditions.

Friday, **March 19, 2010**, at **7:30 pm**, **Feast of St. Joseph, Guardian of the Redeemer**, Deacon Mick Fornelli will present a look at Church teaching on St Joseph and his role in the life of every Christian.

**The 9th Annual, Knights of Columbus, Bison Hunt or \$2000 Cash Raffle** is in full swing and tickets are being sold until **April 14**. Contact any Knight or Mike Frost @ 242-3484 or [akshltzu@hotmail.com](mailto:akshltzu@hotmail.com), for tickets and information.

**The Priests of the Archdiocese of Anchorage** will be gathering with priests from throughout the State of Alaska **March 8-10** for a state wide convocation. There will be a **communion service** in place of Mass on **March 9 and 10**.

Come join the Leprechauns for **Pancake Breakfast** Sunday, **March 14** from 8:30-12:00 in the Parish Hall.

**Lumen Christi** students will be selling **raffle tickets** during the Pancake Breakfast on **March 14**. Tickets are only \$20 but you have 100 chances to win back your money! **GRAND PRIZE** is \$1000. Other money prizes range from \$30 to \$500.

## Parish Calendar

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| <b>March 7</b>  | Special Collection<br>Service Collection<br>Spring Break, No CCD   |
| <b>March 12</b> | Soup supper, 6:00 pm<br>Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm   |
| <b>March 14</b> | Pancake Breakfast<br>Spring Break, No CCD  |
| <b>March 15</b> | Penance Service, 7:00 pm   |
| <b>March 19</b> | Soup supper, 6:00 pm<br>Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm<br>Presentation by Dcn. Mick Fornelli, 7:30 pm<br>Family Night, 7:30 pm |



# From the Pastoral Staff



**Girl Scout cookies** are coming! Junior troop #11 will be selling cookies after the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, **March 13** and at Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, **March 14**. Help us support **Bean's Café** and **CSS Baby Boutique**. If you preordered, we will have your cookies that weekend. Questions – contact **Beth** at **248-8530**.

The **Lenten Penance Service** will be held on Monday, **March 15** at **7:00 pm**. We will have five (5) confessors available, including two (2) from outside the state. Please plan on taking advantage of this opportunity to celebrate this important sacrament.

**Easter Baskets**- Sharing our Easter joy with others is an important part of our **area Community outreach**. From **March 7-26** we will be collecting **non-perishable canned and boxed foods** in the Parish Hall. Hams and Turkeys can be brought to Tastee Freeze. If you know of anyone that we might bring the joy of Easter to, please call **John Lopetrone** of the Planning Committee at **345-9566**.

**Lenten retreats:** The Archdiocese Holy Spirit Center offers the following retreats during Lent: **Men's Retreat** (Fr. Vincent Beuzer, SJ) **3/19-21**; **Women's Retreat** (Sr. Alexandra Kovats, CSJP) **3/26-28**. The retreats offer a time to slow down and renew your relationship with God. See [www.holyspiritcenterak.org](http://www.holyspiritcenterak.org) or call **346-2343**.

Our next **Theology and Brew** will be **March 18** at **7:00 pm** at the **Snow Goose**. Brother Dominic David, O.P. from the Cathedral will be presenting on **"Freedom from the Law: Virtue in Moral Theology."**

**Archbishop Hurley's 40th Anniversary** as bishop is Sunday, **March 21**. He will be honored at a Mass at **Holy Family Cathedral** at **12:00 pm** followed by a reception.

**Please Pray for:** Virginia Aberle, Harold Adams, Martina Almeida, Ed Apostol, Solita Balones, Deneen B. Bozeman, Opal Butler, Feliciana Camacho, Chasse Family, Kate Daniel, Riza Daniel, Aleks Fleener, Sydne Fleener, Basilia Flores, Sylvia Garcia, Victoria Garcia, Lillian Gibson, Brittany Groenke, Jerry Heier, Mary Heinz, Stacey Koenig, Paul Lacey, Virginia Landry, Connie Leonard, Lotton Family, Keith Lauwers, Dennis Maloney, Audrey (Ginger) Mather, Mark Mather, Natividad Mendoza, Roldan Milallos, Modesta Munoz, Jeanne Rosauer, Samuel, Leopoldo Sargento, Joe Shaw, Lucia Soriano, Peg Stout, Rosalie Tadda, David Thompson, Helen Thompson, Tim Thorsness, Sarah (Sally) Tugman, Patricia Vollendorf, Joni Wentworth, Wika Family

Please contact the parish office at 243-2195 to add names to the prayer list.

**Mark your calendar!** **Vacation Bible School** will be held at **St. Benedict's** from **June 7-11**. For more information call **Marcy** at **273-1554**.

**Communion to the Sick:** If you know anyone who is sick or house bound and who would like communion brought to them please contact the parish office. Frequently those who are in need of such visits are not able to ask on their own and fellow parishioners can do a great kindness by letting the parish staff know of these needs. Thank you.

## MARCH 19-21, 2010

### MEN'S RETREAT

*Jesus said, "I HAVE CHOSEN YOU"*

Led by: **Fr. Vince Beuzer, SJ**

#### RETREAT PROVIDES:

- \*Daily mass
- \*Daily preparation for praying with Scripture
- \*Sacred Silence
- \*Rest & Renewal
- \*Private Bedroom with 3 daily meals
- \*Sacraments of Healing & Forgiveness,
- \*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

YOU CAN SIGN UP ON LINE:

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### Sacramental Information

**Baptism of infants:** Baptisms are scheduled on the **4th Sunday** of the month following the 12:15 Mass. Parents or guardians and godparents are required to attend a Baptismal preparation class prior to the baptism of a child. This class is scheduled the **1st Wednesday** of each month in the school library at 7:00 pm. **April 7** is the next class. Please note that child care is not provided.

**Marriages:** Weddings are scheduled by meeting with the pastor at least six months prior to the wedding date.

**Funerals:** Contact the parish office immediately after the death.

**Anointing of the sick, Communion to the homebound:** contact the parish

# Following in His Footsteps

<b>Archangel Attic:</b>	Open Tue-Thurs 10 am-3:00 pm., Sat 10 am- 4 pm; call Mary at 868-3453
<b>CCD Director:</b>	Marcy Adkins 273-1554 e-mail <a href="mailto:MAdkins@stbenedictsak.com">MAdkins@stbenedictsak.com</a> or <a href="mailto:marlon@alaska.net">marlon@alaska.net</a>
<b>Choir:</b>	See Ken Miller after Mass or email <a href="mailto:stbenmusic@gmail.com">stbenmusic@gmail.com</a>
<b>Clare House:</b>	Food for Clare House: 4th Tues each month, call Linda Fleener 243 -5688
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Coffee and donuts, following <b>8:00 and 10:30 am</b> Masses, except on Pancake Breakfast, from <b>Sunday after Labor Day to Sunday before Memorial Day</b> .
<b>Pancake Breakfast</b>	following <b>8:00 and 10:30 am</b> Masses, <b>second Sunday</b> of the month from <b>October to April</b>
<b>Knights of Columbus</b>	Meets every 1st Wednesday (Business) and 3rd Wednesday (Social)
<b>Legion of Mary:</b>	Meets every Monday at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall
<b>Samoan Mass:</b>	At 12:15 Mass, the first Sunday of the Month
<b>Filipino Mass:</b>	At 12:15 Mass, the third Sunday of the Month
<b>Outreach:</b>	Emergency food for those in need call 273-1596
<b>Prayer Chain:</b>	For information call Ann Curro at 349-3772 or email John Goll <a href="mailto:Goll@alaska.net">Goll@alaska.net</a>
<b>R.C.I.A.</b>	Marcy Adkins 243-8938
<b>Youth Director:</b>	Robert McMorrow, 245-5270, email: <a href="mailto:rmcmorrow2@aol.com">rmcmorrow2@aol.com</a>

## St. Benedict's Youth Activities



Dear Young People,

“the mission of the church is to call all peoples to the salvation accomplished by God through His incarnate son.”

Pope Benedict XVI

### UPCOMING high school EVENTS:

**World Youth Day:** The next payment of \$800 is due.

**Religious Education Classes** have begun. All high school youth will meet from **4:00-5:45** on Sundays. You can still join us, just stop by before class and register

**Confirmation Date-** We have been given a date for our Confirmation. It will be **April 13** at **7:00 pm**.

**Confirmation students** need to be working on their requirements: the letter to Archbishop Schwietz, Baptismal certificates, finding a sponsor, and choosing a name should all be done by **March 14** at class.



Youth serving on the last Dillingham trip. We are planning our next service trip to Dillingham. It will be July 5-9. We are once again asking for donations of air miles to help keep this service trip affordable. Contact Bob for more details.

Pool table	foosball	ping pong
<b>Food</b>	<b>Youth nights</b> We meet every <b>Wednesday</b> evening from <b>7:00 pm to 9:00 pm</b> in the upper room above the gym.	
<b>FUN</b>	<b>This Week:</b> Saints of the New Millennium.	<b>Games</b>
<b>Friends</b>	<b>Next Week:</b> The life of St. Patrick.	<b>B-ball</b>
		<b>Volley Ball</b>

### Regular meetings

**YODA-** Every Sunday at **3:00 pm**; meet in the church for prayer, meeting to follow. Next meeting will be Sunday, **March 14**.

**Youth Ministry Team meeting—March 14 at 8:00 pm**

### And... for the Junior high

**Junior High Night-** Our next junior high night will be **March 26 at 7:30 pm**. (after stations of the Cross)

**Our next Family Night** will be Friday, **March 19** from 7:30-9:00 pm. The gym and upper room will be open for use for people of all ages.