

Second Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2019

Welcome to St. Richard Parish

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Mass of Anticipation 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday 9:00 & 11:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule

Wednesday and Friday 8:00 a.m.

Sacraments

RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:00 p.m. • or by appointment

BAPTISM

Baptismal preparation for parents is held monthly.
 Pre-registration for the class is required. Please
 contact the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE

Parish membership is required. Arrangements need
 to be made a minimum of six months prior to the
 wedding date. Please contact Fr. Allen.

Racine Catholic Cemetery Assoc.....639-1071

Pastoral Team

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Pastoral Council

- Mark Panthofer.....995-4173
- Tom Camilli, Vice Chair.....705-2221
- Nick Helt.....748-5694
- Terri Cain.....583-1322
- Ed Morelli, Trustee -Treasurer.....994-6296
- Kathy Garski, Trustee - Secretary.....554-6428
- Monica Oess.....681-0162
- Mark Podratz, Chairperson.....639-7408
- Jaime Vargas, Recorder374-7472
- Sheila Wroblewski.....886-2826
- Don Morin.....632-0059



Team Talk

By

Greg Petro



IN GRATITUDE

I am retiring after serving for a little over three years as the Director of Administrative Services here at St. Richard Parish. I want to say "Thank You" to this parish that has warmly welcomed me and made me feel at home during my time here. Fr. Ron and Fr. Allen who I both served under have been great. The staff, volunteers, and parishioners have given me all the support an administrator could ask for and then some. I owe special thanks to Peter Habetler who sacrificed much to see that I received the training I needed and was always there to answer any question I had. I have made good friends here whom I hope to see in the future.

The universal Catholic Church that we love so much is going through tough times. We have a long history and have experienced worse over the centuries. I believe we will get through this challenging time such that we will be a better, more loving and faithful Church. The parishioners at St. Richard are a great model in this regard for the wider Church. My understanding of the history of St. Richard Parish is there were many difficult times here as well but due to determined and thoughtful leadership and dedicated parishioners the parish made it through. St. Richard Parish continues to gather people together to worship, to celebrate the sacraments, to educate its people in the Catholic faith, to reach out and help those who are less fortunate, and to support its parishioners through the difficult times in life. Yes, if the faith community of St. Richard is any indication, the Catholic Church is going to be fine.

Thank you again for all of your friendship and support. May God continue to bless St. Richard Parish!

A Message From Fr. Allen

Here is some important news I want to share with you. A new pastor has been named for our three parish cluster-the Catholic Community of Central Racine. Archbishop Jerome ListECKI has appointed Father Antony Primal Thomas to be the Shared Pastor of St. Richard and St. Edward Parishes while continuing as Pastor of St. Patrick Parish. This assignment begins upon my retirement in late June of this year. Father Antony has already started meeting with the leadership of our parishes to assure there will be a smooth transition in the pastoral and administrative ministries of the three parishes. Let us keep our staff and parish members in our prayers as we move forward in serving our faith communities.

I will be out of the office from March 20 through March 25 to attend the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress. Continuing Education is a vital aspect of any profession and I look forward to hearing the speakers at the workshops I am registered for and worshipping with thousands of clergy, religious, and catechists at the liturgies.

Since everybody is Irish today, I want to wish you a Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Fr. Allen

This Week in Our Parish

Tues.	Lectio Divina Prayer Group - 1:30 p.m. - PC Meal at HALO - 3:30-6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council - 6:30 p.m. - VH
Wed.	Communion Service - 8:00 a.m. Stations & Soup Supper - 5:30 p.m. Adult Choir - 6:30 p.m.
Thurs.	Harmony Club - 9:30 a.m. - VH
Friday	Communion Service - 8:00 a.m.

Stewardship Report

If not us, Who? If not here, Where? If not now, When? If not for the Kingdom, Why? These questions give us hope in the amazing grace of God. Thank you for responding to Jesus' command to love God by loving others through our financial stewardship.

Financial Stewardship for the week of 09-10 March

\$4,273 Envelopes (35 entries)
\$292 Anonymous gifts to God
\$200 Building Fund
\$150 Siena School Fund

Jesus knocks, will you open the door?

During each week of the Lenten season you might want to stop by the reflection area, just right of the altar, to pick up a new meditation related to the Sunday gospel. Thoughts on various ways to open the door to the Lord will be shared.

Notice there is no doorknob so Jesus can only enter if you open the door.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be said each Wednesday of Lent at 5:30 p.m. This Wednesday, 20 March, will be Were you There led by the Stewardship Committee. The soup supper will be provided by the Prayer and Worship Committee and the choir members.

Family Choir/Easter Choir

This year we will have three rehearsals for the 10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass. We hope you will consider joining us on Easter Sunday. Anyone is welcome to join. We accept children, adults, seniors, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and everyone! Because there are only three practices this is a great opportunity to join the choir if you are unable to make a regular commitment.

Rehearsal schedule

Sunday, 31 March - 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, 13 April - 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, 20 April - 8:30 a.m. (final rehearsal)

I hope you will consider joining us for Easter Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Wehnert at awehnert@gotasec.com

Lenten Penance Services

Tuesday, 26 March, 1:00 p.m.—St. Lucy
Tuesday, 2 April, 6:00 p.m.—St. John Nepomuck
Wednesday, 10 April, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., "Pray, Reconcile, Rejoice" 175th Anniversary of Archdiocese—Sacred Heart

Lent and Luke at St. Lucy

Fr. Ron Gramza will present a Lenten Bible Study at St. Lucy on several of the Thursdays in Lent focusing on the Gospel of Luke. Bible Study will begin at 9:00 a.m. and take place in Vajda Hall on Thursday, 21, and 28 March and 4 and 11 April. Sessions will last about an hour or so. Feel free to attend any or all of the sessions.

St. Vincent de Paul Meal

St. Richard will sponsor the St. Vincent de Paul Community Meal on Tuesday, 26 March. Sign-up sheets and pans are available on the table in the back of church. Please contact Ann Wirtz at 930-0511 if you have any questions.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions

Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 17 St. Patrick's Day

9:00 a.m. Living & deceased members of St. Richard and St. Edward parishes

11:30 a.m. † Fred Wensing Jr.

Monday, March 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Tuesday, March 19 St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward

Wednesday, March 20

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, March 21

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward

Friday, March 22

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, March 23 St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

4:00 p.m. † Lucille Majewski

Sunday, March 24 Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Living & deceased members of St. Richard and St. Edward parishes

11:30 a.m. † Tomas Gonzalez

2019 Calendar Raffle

03-10-19 \$50 - Maureen Kirt - Rochester

03-11-19 \$25 - Asher Noe - Arvada, CO

03-12-19 \$25 - Joe Diener - Racine

03-13-19 \$25 - Adam Chalekian - Racine

03-14-19 \$25 - Marilyn Fralich - Racine

03-15-19 \$25 - Jim Cremer - Racine

03-16-19 \$25 - John Halberstadt - Racine

Readings for the week of March 17, 2019

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14[1a]/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

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Day of Reflection

The Knights of Columbus Council 697 is hosting a Day of Reflection on Saturday, 30 March at St. Richard from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Fr. Bill Stout, popular campus minister at St. Catherine High School will lead the reflection based on the parable of the prodigal son. Refreshments will be offered during breaks. Reconciliation will take place at 3:00 p.m. with Mass at 4:00 p.m. A \$5 donation is requested.

Spaghetti Dinner

The Knights of Columbus Council 697 invite you to join them for a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, 30 March in Vogel Hall from 3:30 to 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and carry-outs, \$7 for seniors, \$5 for children 4 to 10 yrs. old and children under four are free. There will be a cash bar serving beer, wine, and soda. Advance tickets will be available at the parish center.

2019 Parish Cluster Lenten Mission

Ignited by God's Love—St. Patrick Parish invites you to attend a one-day retreat designed to help participants know God's love more personally and more deeply. Key themes will invite participants to know God's love for us, connect with God through prayer, and follow Jesus in loving service. Retreat themes will be presented in English and Spanish concurrently. Retreat is on Saturday, 23 March from 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. There is no cost for the retreat; however registration is requested by Sunday, 10 March. Lunch will be available for purchase or you may bring a brown bag lunch. Registration forms are available in the south entrance. If you have questions, please contact Don Mueller at 456-4345 or Carol Rawlinko at 939-7987.

Receiving God's Mercy—How God's Love, Mercy, and Grace transform and heal us through life's hurts, addictions, and losses. Marianne Skrobiak will present on the theme of Receiving God's Mercy and other topics. Marianne is the liaison for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Join us here at St. Richard on Sunday, 31 March from 2:00—3:30 p.m. and on Monday, 1 April from 6:30—8:00 p.m. as Marianne shares her insight, leads discussion, and guides us in spiritual healing. There is no cost or registration required to attend either/both sessions. If you have any questions, please contact Rita Burgess at 636-8040 ext. 1006.

Save the Dates

Please mark your calendars with these very important dates; A.C.T.S. Fun Festival - Saturday, 20 July & Sunday, 21 July Cluster Parish Picnic at Johnson Park - Sunday, 28 July

Catholic Community of Central Racine (CCCR)

Blood Drive

Monday, 8 April 2019

2:30 p.m. —6:30 p.m.

St. Richard's Vogel Hall

1503 Grand Ave.

Please call Sheila Wroblewski at 886-2826 with questions or to schedule an appointment. You can also call the Blood Center at 877-232-4376.

A Lenten Opportunity

Each Sunday of Lent, St. Rita Parish, 4339 Douglas Ave. will offer Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from noon until 4:00 p.m. Benediction will begin at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Prayer Shawl and Blessing of the Sick

Our next Prayer Shawl Blessing and Blessing of the Sick will be on the weekend of 18 & 19 May. Anyone wishing to donate prayer shawls before that weekend may drop them off at the parish center or place them on the back counter in the sacristy.

A.C.T.S. 8th Annual Easter Vigil Lock-In

All teens in grade 6-12 are invited to participate in this unique experience. Students will meet between 9:30—10:30 p.m. on Saturday, 20 April at St. Richard Vogel Hall for a night of supervised activities including fellowship, games, and various prayer experiences. Pizza and beverages will be served but each teen should bring a snack to share with others. The vigil will end with Easter sunrise Mass at 6:01 a.m. at the lakefront (across from the DeKoven Center). The cost is \$15. Permission slips are in the south entrance of church. Please contact Eloy Contreras at 898-5666 if you have any questions. Everyone is invited to attend the Mass.

