

From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

During this weekend of the Fourth Sunday of Lent I will be away and my good friend and grade school classmate, Father Gary Laurostein will be taking my place again. Father Gary has been here before and, a few years ago, also did a Mission for us at St. Vincent. Father Gary also says the Spanish Mass each week at Holy Rosary Parish in Warrenton. He has served in recent years as a vocation director for the Redemptorist Community. In a few months he will leave St. Louis and take a new position as Director of Novices. He will relocate to the Chicago area.

Father Gary belongs to a religious community which is somewhat different from the Archdiocesan priests that most of you know. A Religious community generally patterns its life after the founder of the community and the rule that the founder established. The founder of the Redemptorists was St. Alphonsus Liguori.

Many of you may be familiar with this great Saint because of his devotion to our Mother of Perpetual Help. The devotional prayers we say each week are derived from the prayers first given to us by St. Alphonsus. The original icon of the Mother of Perpetual Help is in a church named after him in Rome. We also use the adult stations of the cross during Lent that were written by him as well.

The Redemptorists are among many religious communities that not only have their particular rule of life but also take the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Diocesan priests, on the other hand, take the vow of chastity and make a promise (not a vow) of obedience to the local Ordinary (the Archbishop). There is also no vow or promise of poverty — but to practice this virtue is, of course, highly desirable.

Redemptorist priest, like several other religious orders, have done work in the foreign missions as well as in the poorer areas in our own country. Father Gary studied Spanish in Madrid and, for a short period of time, taught Spanish in the Redemptorist Seminary in Wisconsin. Afterwards he spent a great majority of his priesthood in poor Hispanic parishes in Chicago, Detroit, Greeley, and Denver.

I visited him once in Denver and concelebrated a Saturday evening Mass with him. At that Mass he read an “emergency” letter from a group of nuns in Mexico, desperate to raise funds for their ministry. He took up a second collection for them which netted \$11.00. I was shocked; he was pleased. He understood that this money was most generously donated because the people really have little or nothing to share.

Sometimes we don’t know about all of the good that is being done by so many of our dedicated religious men and women. We often times see them teaching in schools or ministering in hospitals. Even today, we see them more and more in pastoral work. The real crux of who they are and what their charism is all about, is in the work we don’t see, with the poorest of the poor. Unfortunately, like in many other situations, the numbers of vocations are dwindling.

In gratitude to Father Gary, and many others over the years, who give their valuable time to assist us when one of us needs to be away, let us pray for an increase in vocations to his community. May God send generous young men and women willing to serve where God’s message and compassion are most needed.

Thank you, Father Gary, for coming to St. Vincent’s so many times the past four years and sharing your priesthood with us. May God bless you in your new assignment and may you have much work to do in preparing and forming the Redemptorist Priest of the future.

God bless, Fr. John

Tuesday, March 8,	8:00 a.m.	Frank & Goldie Pohl
Wednesday, March 9,	8:00 a.m.	Irene Willenbrink
Thursday, March 10,	8:00 a.m.	Sr. Louise Schmid
	7:00 p.m.	Michaeline Brown
Friday, March 11,	8:00 a.m.	Jack Schmitt
Saturday, March 12,	5:00 p.m.	Dorothy & Fred Ruether
Sunday, March 13,	7:30 a.m.	Parishioners
	10:00 a.m.	Gregory Glosemeyer

This Coming Week

Sun.: First Breakfast serving in our dining room from 8 to Noon. Menu: Ham, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits & Gravy, Pancakes, Sticky Buns.

MONDAY NO MASS SCHEDULED

Wed.: Eucharistic Adoration from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Ladies of St. Vincent quilting from after Mass until 3 p.m.

Adult Scripture Study at 7 p.m. in Room 1

Sat.: Trivia Night here at St. Vincents doors open at 6:15 p.m. Sponsored by St. Vincent School Society.

Reminder

Workers for the First Sunday Breakfast, March 6th.

Chairpersons: John & Mary Kopp

Rick & Carol Balducci

Jim & Karen Dierking

Tim Helfrich

Bernie & Sally Jasper

Mike & Nancy Schweissguth

Don & Connie Schwoeppe

Joe & Cathie Gildehaus

Jeff & Tina Benedict

Kurt & Lana Gildehaus

Debbie Hindersmann

Darrel & Ruth Nadler

Robert & Cindy Good

Doug & Pam Stapel

Lenten Schedule

Tues.: Mass at 8 am

Wed.: Mass at 8 am

Eucharistic Adoration 9 am to 7 pm

Scripture Study 7 pm in Meeting Room 1

Thurs: Masses at 8 am & 7 pm, Stations of the Cross following the Masses

Fri: Mass at 8 am

Sat.: Confessions 4 to 4:45 pm

Mass at 5 pm

Sun.: Masses at 7:30 and 10:00 am

Parish Notes

Cemetery rules & regulations—Flowers and all grave decorations must be picked up from March 1st to March 14th to allow for Spring clean up, anything left on graves after March 15th to March 21st, will be cleaned off and disposed of. Graves can be redecorated beginning March 22nd.

Trivia Night here at St. Vincents is being planned for **March 12, 2005** from 7 to 11:30 pm. Doors open at 6:15 pm. \$100 per table 8 and 10 person per tables are available. Reservation are first come first serve and tables book up fast so call early for reservations. Contact Karen Gratza at 636-433-2442. Sponsored by School Society.

Liturgical Ministers

Week of March 7th to 11th

Nic Balducci and Ethan Schmierbach

Saturday, March 12, 5:00 p.m.

Servers: Emily Guenther, Paul Guenther, Amber Hagedorn

Ushers/Greeters: Mel & Carol Borgman

Lector: Kathy Miller

Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Engemann

Eucharistic Ministers: Kurt Gildehaus, JoAnne Ruether, Gary Holtmeyer, Mike Molitor, Jane Huddleston

Sunday, March 13, 7:30 a.m.

Servers: Luke Gratza, Nicole Patke, Nathan Monzyk

Ushers/Greeters: Arlie & Nancy Berg

Lector: Fred Rosener

Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Mark Feldmann

Eucharistic Ministers: Steve Sahn, Paul Ballmann, Michelle Mueller, Marvin Schwoeppe, Fred Roesner

Sunday, March 13, 10:00 a.m.

Servers: Jeffrey Mayer, Sarah Schwentker, Julia Burns

Ushers/Greeters: Bernie & Sally Jasper

Lector: Pam Rodriguez

Gift Bearers: Doug & Lisa Gildehaus Family

Eucharistic Ministers: Bill Marquart, Gerald Kluesner, Bernie & Sally Jasper, Paul Wessel

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

March 6 through March 13, 2005

Sunday:	1 Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a Ps 23:1-6 Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38
Monday:	Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2,4-6,11-12a,13b Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9,12 Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9 Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9,13c-14,17-18 Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-23 Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a,12-22 Ps 34:17-21,23 Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3,9b-12 Jn 7:40-53
Sunday:	Ez 37:12-14 Ps 130:1-8 Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7,17,20-27,33b-45



March 6, 2005
Fourth Sunday of Lent

*"We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day."
(JOHN 9:4)*

God has sent each one of us into this world, armed with unique blessings and talents. Those who accept the challenge to do the work that God has asked of them are always amazed at the wonderful joy and rewards they experience. Evaluate your own talents and determine what work God needs you to do. Then get involved and do it! It will bring you great joy.

Your Gift to God and Parish
Sunday, February 27, 2005

Adult Contributions	\$3565.00
Loose	\$171.00

FESTIVAL

St. Vincent's Palm Sunday Festival & Chicken Dinner is planned for March 20th. Please remember to sell those raffle tickets. We also need craft items for the Country Store and smaller items for the Cherry Booth. There is a box in the school foyer where you can place your donations. The Dollar Tree Store in Washington is a great place to shop for Cherry Booth items. We will also take those nice stuffed animals off your hands that are stuck in the back corner of your closet somewhere! Remember to sign the sheet in the back of church indicating if you are donating desserts or cash. If you have picnic tables or highchairs we can use the day of the festival, please sign the sheet in the back of church.

BULLETIN

Sunday, March 6 –Spring Sausage Dinner– Immaculate Heart of Mary, New Melle. Dinners served from 11 am to 6 pm.

Parish Mission – at St. Francis Borgia Parish, March 6th to 10th, services begin at 7 pm each evening, everyone is invited to come.

Friday, March 11—Fish Fry at Ebenezer United Church of Christ in Augusta, serving from 5 to 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 13 –Shooting Match at St. Joseph's Church, Neier, 12 Noon to ?

Sunday, March 13 –Chicken Dinner at St. John's Gildehaus Parish Center, serving from 10:30 am to 6 pm.

Sunday, March 13—Sausage Dinner at Femme Osage United Church of Christ, serving from Noon to 6 pm