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SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 4545 E. 4th St. (Monday & Wednesday)
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NOTE: All announcements for the Bulletin must be submitted to the Rectory Office by Monday at 2:00 pm. The deadline for Pulpit Announcements is Friday evening. **DO NOT** come to the Sacristy before Mass to request an announcement.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today is the First Sunday of Lent. Ash Wednesday initiates the forty days of the Lenten fast, but since Sundays are not tallied in the days of fasting, today is the solemn opening of the forty days of Lent. The Church has work to do today, principally the calling forward of those chosen (the proper word is elected) for the Easter sacraments. Some of those who have been catechumens may now make a transition to a new way of life as the "elect." For them, this Lent will be a time of "purification" and "enlightenment." For us who accompany them, it is a time of helping them discern God's call and prepare for new life.

This year, while the readings from the third year of the Lectionary cycle are usually read, they are set aside on certain Sundays for the benefit of the elect. We turn then to the readings from Year A, and we give those who journey to the font of baptism three extraordinary companions. In the Gospels for those days, we meet the woman of Samaria and the man born blind, and we come to the tomb of Lazarus three days after his death. Many bishops celebrate the Rite of Election on or near today, affirming God's choice for these new faithful, and also offering them the solidarity of many companions. In 2005, over 83,000 adults entered the baptismal waters in the United States, a remarkable testimony to the vigor of our tradition of receiving and nurturing adult faith.

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ALTAR SERVERS

March 3	5:00	Parker
March 4	8:00	Ramos
	9:30	Ficarra/Sweeney
	11:00	Sanchez/Abboud/Hammeras
	12:30	Bebek



FRIDAYS DURING LENT

"Stations of the Cross" at 6:00pm, followed by "Centering Prayer" at 7:00pm.

CATHOLIC UPDATE

Available in the Vestibule of the Church is a monthly pamphlet entitled "Catholic Update". This month's issue offers some wonderful reflections on the Season of Lent. We hope you find this publication enlightening and enriching.

LECTORS—EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

March 3	5:00	Boessow/Killian—Team 2
March 4	8:00	Luque/Terris—Team 2
	9:30	Gorman/Therrell—Team 2
	11:00	Goshert/Villa-McDowell—Team 2
	12:30	Rogers/Armstrong—Team 2

LEGION OF MARY

Meets every Wednesday, 8:45am, in the Jubilee Room. Everyone is welcome.



THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Nathan Laharty, Sarah Fries, Robert Kacsuta, Fabio Marinetti, Kade West, Charles Ward, Calvin Carlson, Harry Fehner, Louise

Millican, Betty Borrigo, John Swanson, Leo Poissant, Paige Everson, Bob Ownby, Charlotte James, Jeffrey Mageheimer, and Nadya Conway.

THE DECEASED OF OUR PARISH

Dorothy Brady

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**First Sunday of Lent
February 25, 2007**

The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart.

- Romans 10:8



Come celebrate Lent with the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults).

During Lent we are all called to a profound conversion of life. We are called to remember all that Jesus has done for us. And, we are called to let God change our hearts and have a greater place in our daily lives. The RCIA's catechumens (the unbaptized) and candidates (the previously baptized) represent a sign of conversion, because they are proclaiming to the faithful their belief that God has called them to enter into full communion with the Church.

Today at the 9:30 Mass, the RCIA will celebrate the **Rite of Sending Catechumens and Candidates for Recognition by the Bishop.** The RCIA's rites and rituals—several are celebrated during Lent—give focus to the season. These rituals are powerful experiences for the initiates, as well as the faithful. Please continue to support our catechumens and candidates with your encouragement and prayers, as they journey through their final steps of conversion, scrutiny and celebration.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

1st Jonathan Crans and Jennifer Deering

FIRST FRIDAY

This Friday, March 2nd; Exposition: 7-8:00am, with Confessions from 7:15-7:45am, followed by the Social Hour in the Hall.

POLISH MASS

This Sunday, February 25th, 3:00pm in the Church.

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

Every Thursday, 7:00pm, in the Jubilee Room. For more information, call: Patricia Goodman (562)434-7434.



LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

St. Bartholomew's Church is sponsoring a Lenten Food Drive to benefit New Life Beginnings, the local shelter for homeless, pregnant women and their children. Grocery bags with wish lists attached will be available starting this 1st Sunday of Lent, February 25th, and will continue through Palm Sunday. For more information, call: Christine Woznicki (562)987-0216.



How does a person become a Catholic?

Are you curious about Catholicism? Or, do you know someone who is interested in the Catholic faith? As a Catholic community, it is our greatest joy as well as our mission, to continually welcome new members. "Inquiry" is the first step in the four-step process of faith formation and education known as the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).**

The RCIA is process for individuals who are not baptized; those who were baptized in other Christian traditions; or baptized Catholics, who haven't received the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Those who choose to begin the RCIA process experience an enriching faith journey that enables them to broaden and deepen their prayer life; to know God through the scriptures; to come to know themselves more fully; and to actively participate in parish and community activities.

An hour-long Inquiry Class will be scheduled in mid-April. We encourage and invite interested individuals to "come and see" what living a life as a committed Catholic Christian can mean for you. For more information, please call Earl Lovett, 562-439-3198.

COFFEE and DONUTS after all Masses this Sunday are hosted by our Men's Club. Please give them your support.

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