

*Repent and believe
in the Gospel.
—Mark 1:15*

Lent 2012

Ash Wednesday

The Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22. Ashes will be distributed at the celebration of the Eucharist at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Tuesdays of Lent

At 10:00 a.m. the Rosary will be prayed in the Chapel, followed by Mary's Way of the Cross in Church.

You are invited to join the school children in church at 2:35 p.m. to pray the Stations of the Cross each Tuesday of Lent.

Catholicism series continues at 6:30 p.m.

Fridays of Lent

The Friday evenings of Lent we will gather in the church at 7:00 p.m. and celebrate communal prayer centered on the Way of the Cross. Each week will feature a different set of stations. We will pray the Stations of the Cross for Children on March 23.

48 Hours of Adoration

The 48 hours of Adoration will begin Monday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m. We will conclude with Benediction on Wednesday, March 28 at 7:00p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Lenten spiritual renewal is not complete without the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Since many opportunities are offered in advance of the Triduum, all are encouraged to plan an appropriate time when the sacrament can be received before Easter. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Please note the Sacrament of Reconciliation will **not** be celebrated on Saturday, April 7.

Sunday, March 25 at 3:00 p.m. we will gather for communal prayer in the Church. An opportunity for individual celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered at the conclusion of the prayer service. Fr. Tony has arranged for several priests to assist with the Sacrament that day.

Ash Wednesday

This Week in our Parish

SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 18
9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Basketball Tournament
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation
♦ 5:00 p.m.	MASS - † Bill Waltman † John McCormick
6:30 p.m.	Date Night
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 19 - 7TH SUNDAY IN O.T.
9 & 11 a.m.	Nursery/ECFF/CLOW
♦ 9:00 a.m.	MASS - for the Parish
♦ 11:00 a.m.	MASS - † Mae Peterson † Katy Rood
12:30 p.m.	Baptisms
6:00 p.m.	MSFF / HSFF
8:00 p.m.	Men's Open Gym
MONDAY	FEBRUARY 20
♦ 7:00 a.m.	MASS - † Daniel Cooney
6:00 p.m.	Natural Family Planning Class - GR
6:30 p.m.	Long Range Planning - L
6:45 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m.	Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary / TRIFECTA
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 21
10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
4:00 p.m.	Basketball Tournament
6:30 p.m.	Catholicism
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 22 - ASH WEDNESDAY
♦ 9:00 a.m.	MASS - for our country
12:00 p.m.	Eat, Pray, Give - EAS
1:30 p.m.	ENDOW
♦ 7:00 p.m.	MASS - for world peace
THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 23
♦ 9:00 a.m.	MASS - for an increase in vocations
3:30 p.m.	Market Day Pick-Up
6:00 p.m.	God's Kitchen North
6:30 p.m.	LYS Journey / ENDOW
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 24 - NO SCHOOL
♦ 9:00 a.m.	MASS - for all who are homeless
9:45 a.m.	Scripture Study - EAS
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
9:45 a.m. Friday until 11:00 a.m. Saturday.

SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 25
9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Basketball Tournament
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation
♦ 5:00 p.m.	MASS - for the Parish
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 26 - 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT
9 & 11 a.m.	Nursery/ECFF/CLOW
♦ 9:00 a.m.	MASS - † Wallace Gibson † Guy Dionne
♦ 11:00 a.m.	MASS - † John Paul Napieralski NO MSFF / HSFF
8:00 p.m.	Men's Open Gym

Readings for 1st Sunday in Lent
Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

For daily Mass readings, visit www.olcparishrockford.com

Prayer Chain

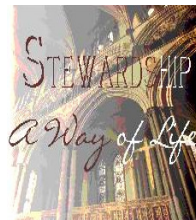
This week we pray for those listed on the website and those included in The Book of Intentions, located near the fireplace. Contact Teresa or Kate Border at 866-1327 or tlbmgr@yahoo.com.



Please pray for our military:

Aaron Bunyea, David Bronkema, Justin Budzynski, Clayton Cruickshank, Stephen Cruickshank, Erica Edmongaton, Nick Emery, Ryan Harrison, Bradley Kammers, Nicholas Kisielewski, Ryan McBride, Kyle Pletzke, Ryan Powers, Tommy St. John, Michael VanGorp

Stewardship Lifestyle Quote



"Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are all parts of His one body, and each of us has different work to do. And since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other, And each of us needs all the others." *Romans 12:4-5*

3rd Annual Diocesan Women's Conference Bearers of the Good News:

Women in Scripture Inspiring Women Today

All women 18 and up are invited to attend this day of vibrant prayer and an inspiring speaker. Saturday, March 17. Registration at 9:00, conference runs 9:30 - 4:00. Located at Wege Conference Center at Cathedral Square, 360 Division Avenue S, Grand Rapids. Conference fee is \$25 before March 12, or \$30 after (incl. lunch). Register online at www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org. Questions? Call Jean at 246-0588 or Sr. Barbara at 551-4742.

Coming Soon: Building a Legacy 2012

Catholic Men's Conference at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Grand Rapids. Featuring an all-priest lineup, with dynamic speakers from near and far. Saturday, March 10th, 2012. For more information go to www.buildingalegacy.org or call Dave at 791-7394.

All women of the parish are invited to Our Lady of Consolation's **Mother-Daughter Banquet** following 5:00 Mass on Saturday, March 17 in the Holy Family Center. Potluck dinner and Irish dancers! Please bring a side dish or dessert to pass. Seating is limited. RSVP by March 12 to julielynnvm@hotmail.com.

IN REMEMBRANCE - WE PRAY FOR

John Macqueen, father of Troy (Robin) Macqueen, that he may now enjoy the great blessings of eternal life.

We also pray for his family and friends, that they may find peace in the promises of Christ.

Russo's Reflections...

The Season of Lent

It is hard to believe that the Lenten Season is upon us. We begin our journey in the desert on *Wednesday, February 22nd* by receiving ashes on our forehead and are reminded that, "We are dust, and to dust we shall return". Lent is a time of spiritual preparation for the Paschal Mystery, the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. It is a time of prayer, fasting, reconciliation, penance, sacrifice, self-denial, and almsgiving. Lent is a period of 40 days, excluding Sundays, beginning on Ash Wednesday through Holy Thursday. We are reminded of Jesus' unbroken fast for forty days in the desert.

As we observe the special nature of this liturgical season, the *Alleluia* is not sung or said from the beginning of Lent until the Easter Vigil, flowers and plants are removed from the altar, and generally no baptisms or weddings are performed during this time.

In keeping with the nature of the Lenten Season at the conclusion of every Mass we will omit the closing hymn and leave in silence.

For your information, the diocese has issued the following directives for Lent. *Lenten regulations* for this year are as follows:

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Tony

Good Friday Drama meeting will be held on Sunday, February 19 immediately following the 11AM Mass in the Guadalupe Room. We rehearse Sundays of Lent after the 11AM Mass. We need many new people. *Everyone* (men, women, children, young and old alike) *is welcome to join us - no experience necessary!* You know the story; now is your chance to be a part of it! Questions? Call Don Cadwell @ 874-6336 or Chuck Burch @ 866-1423.

Christian Service News...

For info on current service opportunities check the parish website www.olcparishrockford.com. To donate, volunteer or for questions on the opportunities below please contact Julie Buehler @ 874-6841 or jbuehler@olcparish.net.

SUPPER HOUSE - Tuesday, Feb 28, 4:30—7:00
Volunteers are needed to serve dinner to those in need in the St. Alphonsus area. This is a great opportunity for families to serve families in need. Children are welcome with a parent. Limited numbers so call ASAP.

BLOOD DRIVE is scheduled for Tuesday, March 6th from 12:00 to 7:30 at the Kateri Lodge. If you haven't donated blood since Jan. 10th you would be eligible to donate. Please send email to jbuehler@olcparish.net with you most preferred time. Cookies, brownies, bars, etc are also needed. Volunteers are needed for the 11:45 - 4:00 shift.

NORTH KENT COMMUNITY SERVICES is beginning to prepare for the 500 Easter baskets they will distribute to the children of their clients. They are in need of: candy, fruit snacks, gum, beanie babies, small cars & trucks, crayons, markers, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, jump ropes, balls, books, color books, hair ties, kid's cards, Easter baskets and grass.

CAREER SUPPORT MINISTRY - thank you for your response to help all those who are seeking employment. The job seekers below need your assistance. If you know of a position available please call 874-6841.

#129 Successful sales person with the ability to develop and nurture long-term relationships. Previous customers will say I am efficient, organized, and have superior follow-through. I am excellent at building rapport and fostering mutually beneficial relationships. Currently looking for a new opportunity.

#126 "A career minded individual looking for a FT position in customer service or bookkeeping. Highly proficient in Microsoft Office, QuickBooks, and various other office programs as well as health insurance and other aspects of HR.

#131 Experience in multiple healthcare settings as an Occupational Therapy Assistant – providing rehab services to patients who need to regain their ability to perform daily living activities.

Currently we have several parishioners who have experience in sales, home repair/building, cleaning and administrative assistants who are seeking employment. If you know of any one hiring please call 874-6841

HELP PREGNANCY CRISIS CENTER is in need of size 4 diapers. New sippy cups, baby bottles and pacifiers are also in high demand. I will be happy to deliver them if you drop your donations off in the food baskets which can be found at any of the four entrance doors of the church. Thanks for all you do to make life a little easier for others.

OLC School News...

Contact 866-2427

Registration for Preschool and Developmental Kindergarten continues. Call the school office at 866-2427 for more information or to set up an appointment to visit the school.

Save the Date: OLC School Father/Son Bowling event is set for Sunday, February 19th from 2-4 at Rockford Lanes. Hope to see you there.

There will be **NO School** on Friday, February 24.

Watching Catholic Jeopardy during Catholic Schools Week.



Congratulations to the following OLC alums and parishioners for making the Honor Roll at West Catholic High School for the 2nd quarter: Eric Ball, Carly Beyers, Megan Harkema, Leo James, Renee Ringler, Kasey Setlock, Ellen Wallace, Andy Woodruff, Kaitlin Kraus and Anthony Urbik.

Congratulations to the following OLC alums and parishioners for making the Honor Roll at Catholic Central High School for the 2nd quarter: Cash Compton, Taylor Gervais, Kelli Moyle, Kathryn Pilczuk, Caroline Poole.

OLC FAMILY CAMPOUT - This year we will be holding our annual OLC Family Campout at White River Campground in Muskegon. We will be camping the weekend of July 27-29. We currently have the Lumber Jack area reserved which holds 20 sites and there are plenty more sites available. They also have cabins available. Spots in our area will only be reserved until March 1st. We will have a family cook-out that Saturday and we have the daily trip down the river in tubes or kayaks. Please come and join in the fun. If you are interested, visit the website www.whiterivercampground.com. If you have questions, please call Robert Wilson at 318-8998. Hope to see you there!

Faith Formation News...

Contact 866-2577

No classes or Bible Study on Tuesday, February 21 & Wednesday, February 22. Please join us for Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 22 at 9:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.

Relay for Life Euchre Tournament

Sat., February 25 from 7:00 - 11:00PM

Rockford Ambulance Community Room

Games start @ 7:30 ~ Last Hand @ 10:30

\$20 entry fee per person

Hors d'oeuvres and snacks provided

B.Y.O.C. (bring your own cooler)

Help support OLC's

Roamin' Catholic Team

Reserve your spot by contacting Dennis or Kim Moline at molinesrock@charter.net or 866-1125.

First prize \$100

Second prize \$60

Third prize \$40

All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society. Please make checks payable to *American Cancer Society*

TRIFECTA Young Adult Ministry is for 18 - 35 year olds. We meet on Monday nights from 7:00 - 9:00PM in Kateri Lodge. Pick up info in the rack next to the Parish Office, or contact Teresa Border at tlbmgr@yahoo.com.

First Communion Trunk Sale - We are now accepting new or gently used items for the First Communion Trunk Sale to be held during the workshop on Sunday, March 4 from 1:30-4:30. All proceeds go directly to OLCEF and will benefit many families. Prices are very reasonable with dresses and suits starting at \$15. Items may be dropped off at the School or Faith Formation office, or you may contact Wendy Dunneback at (616) 696-2523 for pick up and any other questions. Thanks to all the families who donated items last year, the event was a great success! Items needed are as follows: **Girls:** Dresses, veils, shoes, slippers, purses, gloves and jewelry. **Boys:** Suits, pants, sport coats, shirts, ties and shoes.

Check out shopwithscrip.com to see all the retailers available through the SCRIP program. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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Courageous Movie - Honor Begins at Home

Four men, one calling: To serve and protect. As law enforcement officers, Adam Mitchell, Nathan Hayes, David Thomson, and Shane Fuller are confident and focused. Yet at the end of the day, they face a challenge that none of them are truly prepared to tackle: fatherhood. Protecting the streets is second nature to these men. Raising their children in a God-honoring way? That's courageous.

When: Saturday February 26th at 6:30 PM

Where: OLC Family Center

Why: Families Matter!

Everyone is welcome. Feel free to invite your neighbors and friends. The movie is rated PG-13. Children are welcome at the parent's discretion. www.courageousthemovie.com/

5 Week Financial Freedom Workshop

Discover God's 7 Steps to Becoming Financially Free

This 5 week workshop is not just for people that are struggling financially. This workshop is also for:

- ♦ Those who feel that their money is slipping through their hands
- ♦ Anyone who wants to create an emergency fund
- ♦ People who want to save for college, retirement, etc.
- ♦ People that want to learn more financial discipline during this season of Lent

When: Mondays, February 27 to March 26
6:30 to 8:00 PM

Where: Elizabeth Ann Seton Room

Please inquire if you need childcare during this workshop. To register contact: Greg Beasley at 893.5833 or GregoryDBeasley@eaton.com

Nominate "Stewards of the Month"

In whom do you see Christ? Allow the generosity of these great stewards to be a witness to us all!

Stop by the Welcome Table, fill out a nomination form and recognize those you know give generously of their time, talent and/or treasure!

WE ARE LISTENING TO YOU!

What:

OLC Parish Engagement Gallup ME²⁵ Survey

When: March 2nd – March 31st

**How: On-line; Paper Survey; After Mass
OLC website (February); Anytime!**

Every voice is needed. Please participate!

**Look for more information in the bulletins
and activity boards.**



DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

Office of the Bishop

February 2012

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we approach the holy season of Lent, I write to invite you and your family to once again consider participating in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl. This Lenten program provides us with an enriching Lenten experience and the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters who struggle with hunger and poverty.

By responding to the simple, yet powerful Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving through Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, the faithful in our diocese are making a positive difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters who are most in need. This truly is a faithful response to Jesus' teaching that "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

Annually, Operation Rice Bowl raises close to \$6 million for Catholic Relief Services development projects and an estimated \$2 million that is retained by dioceses in the United States for local hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Last year, our Grand Rapids Diocese sent over \$62,000 to the national office and used 25% of the total funds collected for local relief efforts. Operation Rice Bowl local grants, managed by Catholic Charities West Michigan, were given to Degage Ministries in Grand Rapids and the Sacred Heart Food Pantry program in Muskegon. Overseas, Catholic Relief Services helps fund development projects that help increase and maintain communities' access to food

On behalf of the poor, both overseas and here in the U.S., who benefit from Operation Rice Bowl, I thank you for your prayers and support which continue to make this program a success each year.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Walter A. Hurley

Most Reverend Walter A Hurley
Bishop of Grand Rapids

On February 29th, Fr John Geaney, Director of the Catholic information Center and Rector of the Cathedral of St. Andrew, will be offering a very special class for those 'seekers' who wonder what is it that Catholics believe or for those who may need a bit of a 'dusting up' of their Catholic faith. It is called ***Lost Faith? An Introduction to Catholicism.***

Saint Patrick Parish is planning a fantastic gala entitled **The St. Patrick Heritage Gala: Celebrating our Strong Roots and Future Growth.** It will be held on Friday, March 16th at the Grand Volute in Lowell from 6:30-midnight. Enjoy a strolling dinner, cash bar, prizes, live auction, dancing to the live Big Band/Variety music of Paul Sherwood & The Rhythm Section Jazz Band and much more! Reservations are \$50/person. Secure your seats by going to www.saintpatrickgala.com. We would love to see you there!

Register now for the
2012 Stewardship Conference

Where: St. Jude Parish, 1120 Four Mile NE, G.R.
When: Saturday, March 3
Registration & hospitality begin at 8:30
Conference begins at 9:00; concludes by 1:30
Cost: Free admission

Featuring Fr. Frank DeSiano, C.S.P., President of Paulist Evangelization Ministries in Washington D.C., a nation-wide speaker and noted writer in the area of evangelization, discipleship and spirituality. For more information please contact Jennie Holmes at 459-4508 or jholmes@dioceseofgrandrapids.org.

Your Catholic radio station, Holy Family Radio, is planning its Spring Sharathon, a crucial on-air pledge drive to support our mission of evangelization. This May 9-11 event will involve parishes, schools and organizations throughout the Diocese. We need volunteers and donors from OLC to help make Sharathon a success. Can you work on a planning committee? Can you donate food or beverages during Sharathon? Can you work the phone bank? Call us at 956-1140, visit our website at HolyFamilyRadio.net and sign up as a volunteer, or drop by our studios at 2504 Ardmore St SE in Grand Rapids. We need you!

FISH FRY – Get hooked on West Catholic Fish Fry Fridays. Every Friday during Lent, including Good Friday, from 4:30 – 7:30 PM, in the West Catholic HS Cafeteria, 1801 Bristol NW. Dine on Lake Perch, potato, home-made coleslaw, bread, dessert, and beverage. Cheese pizza also available. Adults - \$9; Seniors & Students - \$7; Children - \$5; Age 5 & under - Free.

Our Sacrificial Giving

Forgiveness, too, is a gift from God. Freed from the paralysis of sin, the man in today's Gospel was able to stand and give witness to the power of God. How do I let sin cripple me? Am I a good steward of the gift of God's forgiveness?

		This Year	Last Year
Sunday	2/12/12	\$ 17,323.50	\$ 17,017.00
Building	2/12/12	\$ 1,978.00	\$ 2,204.00
OLCEF	2/12/12	\$ 4,923.00	\$ 4,575.00

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WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday - 5:00 PM, Sunday - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays - 3:30 - 4:30 PM or by appointment

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