

**March 8, 2015
Third Sunday of Lent**

**Genesis Exodus 20:1-17
1 Corinthians 1:22-25**

**Psalm: 19:8, 9, 10, 11
Gospel: John 2:13-25**

FROM THE DESK OF FR. LUDVIK



WELCOME VISITORS

Our profile as Church at St. Aloysius and Our Lady of Lourdes: We do second chances. We do grace. We do mistakes. We do I'm sorry. We do sing with zest. We do hugs. We do love. We do community. We do church. Our community is "Growing and Sharing in Jesus Christ"--please join us! We serve people from Buckley, Wilkeson, Puyallup, Sumner, Lake Tapps, Enumclaw, South Prairie and even more. Our small but vibrant Catholic parish may be small but

we too are here to build community and be Church together using our gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure in the service of the Lord.
Fr. John J. Ludvik, Pastor

**“Leave your gift at the altar, go and be reconciled first”
Matt 5:23**

THE LAST PENNY A STORY

As I parked my car this morning, I found a penny by the back wheel. It was well worn and corroded with road salt and looked like it had been run over more than once. Remembering my father's word to always pick up a "lucky penny," I brought it with me to my office, washed it off to show the familiar profile of Abe Lincoln and the date, 1997, the year I first came to work here. It seems to have some bearing for me on today's Gospel, which ends with the words of Jesus, "Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny." He is speaking about reconciliation. Settle your differences early, before they take root and nurture estrangement, or become part of the endless self-justification we use to defend ourselves in conflict. Jesus compares this to going to court over a quarrel that could have been resolved on the way, going before a judge and ending up in a prison cell until you pay a fine to the last penny. Even a penny becomes a heavy burden if it represents the corrosive power of resentment. Jesus says that unresolved conflicts should be taken care of before we come to worship. In fact, experience shows how we often cannot pray if we have not forgiven others first. Our relationship with God is inseparable from our relationships with everyone else. A penny comes unexpectedly like a small grace to remind me that the first work of spiritual growth is often the most obvious and the most difficult. Settle your differences, be reconciled, set yourself and others free. Liberty. In God We Trust. Use your pennies and other money to be a support for Vocations.



Pennies from Heaven Campaign

The Knights of Columbus have the Pennies from Heaven for Vocations this month. The Pennies from Heaven Campaign is to enable outreach to youth and young adults to invite them to consider the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood and/or religious life. Thank you for your generosity. Quarters, Nickels, Dimes, Bills also!

HELP JESUS IN DISGUISE

Support the Catholic Relief Services Collection next weekend 14-15 March. Your donation will help Jesus in disguise through providing humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals and families and providing legal and advocacy services for migrants. Please visit www.usccb.org and search "Catholic Relief Services Collection" to learn how you are making a difference. Thank you for your generous support.

Calendar for the Week

Monday - Mar 9

Rosary 3:00 pm
PRE K-7th 4:30-5:30 pm

Tuesday - Mar 10

Mass 8:00am
Legion of Mary 10:45am
OLOL Altar Society 7:00pm
Knights of Columbus 7:00pm

Wednesday - Mar 11

Mass 8:00am
Divine Mercy Cenacle resumes Wed. 18th 7pm

Thursday - Mar 12

Mass +Gus Soler by M. Soler 8:00am
AA Meeting 7:00pm

Friday - Mar 13

Mass 8:00am
Rice Bowl Soup supper 6:00pm
Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

Saturday - Mar 14

4th Degree KofC 9:00am
Confession 3:30pm
Mass 5:00pm

Sunday - Mar 15

4th Sunday of Lent
Mass at OLOL 8:30 am
Mass for parishioners/intentions 10:30 am
St. Patrick's Day KofC Dinner 5:00pm
Catholic Relief Services Collection

WELCOME

Please give a warm greeting to our newest parishioners Lance and Katie VanParys and their son Joshua. If you would like to register in our Parish communities there are registration forms in the church entrance, or you can email or call Patty Rumpza in the office.



SAVE THIS DATE!

Knights of Columbus - St. Patrick's Day Dinner Sunday, March 15th at 5 PM
Cost: Adults \$10, Kids under 5 Free, Family (4+) \$35. We will have a Dessert Auction. Plan on bringing your whole family and gather to support the Knights and also to take advantage of building up the parish and bonding with other parishioners. Invite your friends as well. Menu:
Corn Beef, Cabbage (Carrots & Potatoes)
Gluten Free Dinner

St. Patrick's Prayer

God beneath you.
God in front of you.
God behind you.
God above you.
God within you.





From February 18th - March 29th, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way at Cedar River abortion clinic, 1401-A Martin Luther King Way, Tacoma to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information - and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact 253-536-LIFE (5433) or email: info@tacoma40days.com. Thank you for your support.

Soup & Bread Lenten Suppers are here. Different groups will be hosting our Soup and Bread meals on Friday nights this year at 6pm. Plan on coming for Soup Supper and then attending the **Stations of the Cross** in the church afterwards at



7pm. Since they will be on Fridays this year, this means the menu will be Vegetarian soup, vegetarian chili, clam chowder, potato soup, minestrone; etc. **Thank you to St. Aloysius Altar Society for providing the soup and bread on Friday.** Thank you to all who could attend and give contributions to the CRS Rice Bowl campaign.

Groups are providing the soups but if anyone wants to assist please come and volunteer for any of the Fridays. PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR BOWL AND SPOON!! This will assist with the cleanup process. Thank you.

Marriage Today

Love is not a feeling, but a decision. It is a process that takes time. The more you show love, the better you get at it.

POPE FRANCIS ON CONFESSION DURING LENT

Catholics should go to confession, the Pope said, because everyone needs forgiveness for their sins, for the ways "we think and act contrary to the Gospel." "Whoever says he is without sin is a liar or is blind," he wrote. "How often do bad thoughts, bad intentions, jealousy, envy enter?" he asked. "Who opened the door? How did those things get in?" "Confession is meant to be a sincere moment of conversion, an occasion to demonstrate trust in God's willingness to forgive his children and to help them back on the path of following Jesus" Pope Francis wrote. Plan on coming to Confessions on Saturday afternoons from 3:30-4:30 pm or to our Communal Reconciliation Service to be announced later in the month.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry

This group meets in different homes each month on the first Tuesday at 7:00pm. The group knits and crochets prayer shawls while praying individually and as a group for the recipient of each shawl. These shawls represent a visible symbol of our prayers and presence. Shawls have been given to those facing challenging times, illness or to celebrate a special moment to bring the comfort and warmth of God's love and healing.

ADVOCACY DAY

Seven Million Reasons to Register for Catholic Advocacy Day 2015 - The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that over 7 million people live in Washington State. As Catholics who believe in the life and dignity of each person, we have over 7 million reasons to advocate for life and justice during Catholic Advocacy Day on Thursday, March 26th. Your participation will help ensure that the Gospel message to care for our brothers and sisters is heard in Olympia. For registration questions, contact IPJC at 206.223.1138 / CAD2015@ipjc.org.

CRS Rice Bowl—Third Week of Lent

Hungering for a Season of Hope

The next stop on our CRS Rice Bowl journey is the African nation, Niger, where we're reminded that life's joys and challenges are often seasonal. This week we pray for people who struggle to feed their families during the hungry season— when food is in short supply—and we commit to acting for the common good.

The Words We Speak, Tell The Story We Are!

You are not your age,
Nor the size of clothes you wear,
You're not a weight,
Or the color of your hair.
You are not your name,
Or the dimples in your cheeks,
You are all the books you read, and all the words you speak.
You are your croaky morning voice,
And the smiles you try to hide,
You're the sweetness in your laughter,
And every tear you've cried.
You're the songs you sing so loudly,
When you know you're all alone,
You're the places that you've been to, and the one that you call home.
You're the things that you believe in,
And the people that you love,
You're the photos in your bedroom,
And the future you dream of.
You're made of so much beauty,
But it seems that you forgot,
When you decided that you were defined, by all the things you're NOT. —Ron Herms

Financial Reports - March 1, 2015

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Variance</u>
St. Aloysius			
Weekly Revenue	\$4,150.00	\$2,475.00	\$1,675.00
Fiscal Year to Date Revenue	\$99,563.71	\$86,625.00	\$12,938.00
Our Lady of Lourdes			
Weekly Revenue	\$1907.00	\$741.00	\$1,166.00
Fiscal Year to Date Revenue	\$29,963.30	\$25,935.00	\$4,028.30