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The Changing of the Seasons and Our Lives

An Pastoral Exhortation

As a seminarian I once approached one of our faculty members, a Benedictine monk, and asked him, “Father, how many Catholics does it take to change a light bulb?” Immediately he got a very confused look on his face, tilted his head, and said, “Change?!” Well, it took the wind out of my sails, but he made his point. As Catholics we really dislike change, and yet we find ourselves thrown into the midst of it regularly throughout our liturgical year.


The rhythm of the Church’s liturgical year is one which should envelop all of us as we strive to enter more fully into the life of the Church and not remain mere bystanders who just “show up” on Sundays. Because contained in that rhythm is a living, breathing tradition that follows the life of Our Lord and Savior through every major stage of His life, and that should be something that interests and calls all of us to a closer relationship with him. Indeed, for us as Christians, there can be no surer way of achieving a healthy relationship with Christ than to walk with Him and to grow with Him throughout the liturgical year.

Now we prepare ourselves to enter into the Great Fast of Lent, a season marked by austerity, penance, and true conversion of life. For the past several decades we as Catholics have taken a very light stance toward this season which has always been heralded as an excellent spiritual opportunity. It really is no wonder when we consider our society at large. We tend to shy away from penance for fear of being less than completely comfortable, and we eschew fasting and self-denial as being silly traditions from a bygone age.

In truth, however, there is much spiritual benefit that we can glean from acts of penance and self-denial, and if we are ever going to break free of the stranglehold that secularism and modernism have over us, we owe it to ourselves to try. I don’t recommend jumping completely into the deep end of the pool right off the bat, because that is the surest way to fail in our Lenten practices. But we should all give serious consideration in our prayer to what God is calling us to do, how He who created us is trying to lead us, and the steps that we can take to most benefit from the graces that He wants to give us.

We should start by posing the question: *What does God want from me?* This is a question that we should ask ourselves on a daily basis, but most especially it is pertinent when we are looking to enter into a season that calls us to draw closer to God. *What in my life is a barrier in my relationship to God?* It could be wasting time, or inconsistent Mass attendance; maybe we don’t spend enough time in prayer (or any!) or there’s a particular teaching of the Church that we stubbornly refuse to accept or learn more about. These barriers are habits and sins that often creep up on us without notice. They invade our hearts and drive a wedge between us and God. And more often than not, we dismiss them as insignificant with excuses of sinful Pride like “God understands,” or “That’s just a man-made rule.” We fool ourselves into thinking that God overlooks the ways in which we let him out of our lives, when in reality nothing could be farther from the truth. In fact, God not only notices—he *actively cares*. And we know this because he made the effort to create us, to permit us to exist, and to offer us salvation from our sins. A detached, disengaged, or ambivalent God simply would not make that kind of effort.


So where does that leave us? As our Lenten journey is about to commence, each and every one of us, regardless of age or where we are on our spiritual journey, should be praying and



Ash Wednesday Schedule

8:15 Imposition of Ashes
Noon Imposition of Ashes
4:55 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
5:00 Confessions
5:20 Rosary and Miraculous Medal Novena
5:45 Benediction
6:00 Mass (with the Imposition of Ashes)

With the exception of the Imposition of Ashes, this is our regular Wednesday schedule. Please make every effort to make a visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament during this Lenten Season. If you plan to attend the Imposition of Ashes at noon, please do not park in the lot between the school and the pre-school building. All of these spaces are rented during the day!



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Weekend Masses:

Saturday, 6:00 p.m.,
Sunday, 9:30 a.m.,
12:30 p.m. (Latin)

Reconciliation:

Wednesday and Saturday, 5:00pm,
Sunday, 8:45 & 11:45 a.m.

Weekday Masses:

M, T, Th, F, 8:15 a.m. Wed., 6:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday, 5:00 to 5:45p.m.
Friday, 9:00 to 9:30a.m.

**(See Weekly Schedule for any
changes to times or location!)**

Religious Education

CCD and Sacramental Prep
Sunday, 8:30—9:15, school
Introduction to Catholicism/RCIA
Sunday, 8:30—9:15, parish office

Parish Office Hours:

- Sunday, 10:30 - 12:30
- Monday, 9 - 4
- Tuesday, 9 - 4
- Wednesday, 9 - 1
- Thursday, 1 - 8
- Friday, 9 - 1

Prayer Chain:

Micki Snyder, 304 269-3688
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Bulletin Deadline

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4pm on Tuesday. Email submissions to:
secretary@spchurchweston.net.

Parish Prayer List

Of your charity, please offer prayers for...

- ♦ **Those who are sick:** Susan Murray, Steve Alfred, Frances McCauley, John Vallelonga, (Fr. Steve's dad), Grace Turner (Fred Turner's mother), Barbara Ables, Amanda Smith Burcham, James Carni, Steve Colburn, Brad Curtis, Rose Determan, Larry Dodson, Anita Droppleman, Chris Droppleman, Robert Fealy, Seth Fishbaugh (Laura Determan's cousin), Nathan Fisher, Carl Ford (Lynne Shaver's step-dad), Bobby Gill, Ed Hubbs, Jeff Linger, Matt McCauley, Sam McLaughlin (Matt's brother), Donna Moore, Mary Ann Murray, Emma Pascasio, Burke Riley, Mike Riley, Tim Rinehart, Shane Rowan (Sandy Mick's brother) Cathy Snuffer, Kinley Weaver, Jane White
- ♦ **Those who have died:** Mary Groover, May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
- ♦ **Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**
- ♦ **All Military Personnel:** Alan Hamilton, Aaron Hamilton, Bobby Summers

Save the Date

Annual Parish Dinner

Saturday, March 17, 2018

7pm, gymnasium



MASS INTENTIONS

Masses can be said for both the living and the dead. You may request a specific date for the intention, such as a birthday, wedding anniversary or the anniversary of the passing of a loved one. Masses are scheduled on a first come, first serve basis.

Please contact the parish office or use one of the envelopes in the vestibule to schedule your Mass Intentions.



Fish Fry Fridays are Back

For the second year, the Knights of Columbus are hosting a fish fry in the cafeteria every Friday of Lent. They will be serving breaded cod, baked beans, coleslaw, hush puppies, rolls, dessert and drink. They will also have macaroni and cheese (instead of fish) for children 10 and under. Adult meals are \$12, Kid meals are \$6.

Last year was their maiden voyage, so to speak, and was a great learning experience. They will serve from 5 to 7:30. This will allow those who wish to eat before attending Stations of the Cross time to enjoy. Also, they are serving the breaded cod that was a big hit with everyone. They have worked on ways to streamline the operation for the benefit of all attending. We look forward to seeing you there!

Calendar Cash Winners

Feb 5 – Winner: Brenda Arnold Seller: A. Arnold
Feb 6 – Winner: Parker Eddy Seller: J. Cunningham
Feb 7 – Winner: Lindsey Gum Seller: S. Gum
Feb 8 – Winner: Josephine Baxa Seller: H. Davis

Join us Sunday mornings at 8:30 (in the school) for CCD and Adult Religious Education.



Saint Joseph's Table & the 40 Cans for Lent Food Drive

This Lent, the Knights of Columbus Council 1415 will be conducting a canned food drive. The intent of

this Knight of Columbus tradition is to fulfill the Councils obligation to charity by helping the needy during the Easter season. This year, the food drive will be open to the entire parish and will be coordinated with Saint Joseph's Table on the corresponding feast day of March 19. There is a history behind Saint Joseph's table that states in earlier centuries, there was a famine in Italy and the people prayed for the intercession of Saint Joseph to end the drought. After the prayers brought relief to the region, the practice of preparing a feast for the poor was started in memory of the patron saint of workers and protector of families. The goal is for each of us to donate one can of food for each day of Lent to achieve a total of forty cans. We will amass the donations at the altar of Saint Joseph right here in church and all donations will then be distributed to a food bank at the conclusion of Lent. The donated cans can be any size or type of food, but please keep in mind that your contribution does need to be in a nonperishable canned item. Please prayerfully consider participating in this parish endeavor.

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FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

A Lent to Remember

A Lenten Encounter with Mercy

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—Mike M, Port Neches, TX

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This Week's Liturgical Calendar

Saturday— February 10

Saint Scholastica, Virgin

5:00p Confessions

6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for †Geneva Glover by the Theresa Snaith Auxillary

Sunday — February 11

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:45a Confessions

9:30a Mass for People of the Parish

11:45a Confessions

12:30p Mass for †Pauline D'Aurora by Robert D'Aurora

Quinquagesima Sunday

Monday — February 12

Monday of the 6th Week in Ordinary Time

8:15a Mass for †Davita Alfred Kisner by Rose Ann Frye

Tuesday — February 13

Tuesday of the 6th Week in Ordinary Time

8:15a Mass for †Olga Angotti by family

Wednesday — February 14

Ash Wednesday

8:15 Imposition of Ashes

Noon Imposition of Ashes

5:05p Confessions

6:00p Mass for †Clarence Weber by family

Thursday — February 15

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

8:15a Mass for †Geneva Glover by Regina Quesenberry

Friday — February 16

Friday after Ash Wednesday

8:15a Mass for †Charles Garton by Deborah K. Garton

Saturday— February 17

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

5:00p Confessions

6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for †Sarah Rowgh by family

Sunday — February 18

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:45a Confessions

9:30a Mass for People of the Parish

11:45a Confessions

12:30p Mass for †Frank Norris Dickinson by Mary Till man

First Sunday of Lent

Liturgical Calendar for the Traditional Latin Mass During the Week

2/12 Seven Holy Servite Founders, Confessors
2/13 Feria
2/14 Ash Wednesday
2/15 Thursday after Ash Wednesday
2/16 Friday after Ash Wednesday
2/17 Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Knights’ News

The Vocation Chalice Program

Families may inquire about signing up for a week with Jim Gildein: Jim.Gildein@kofc.org

Chalice Schedule

Saturday, Feb. 10—Gary Lake family
Sunday, Feb. 18—Tim Derico family
Saturday, Feb. 24—Jimmy Fealy family

Fish Fry Fridays

Beginning Friday, Feb. 16 and continuing through Lent, the Knights of Columbus will have a Fish Fry on Friday evenings from 5:00 to 7:30 in the cafeteria. Dine In or Take Out order available. (Good Friday is not during Lent, it is part of the Sacred Triduum and is a day of fasting and abstinence.)

Concert CD Available

Saint Patrick Catholic Church Festival Symphony Orchestra and Symphony Chorus 12/29/17 Concert CD

As a result of several inquiries and requests regarding the December 29th Orchestra and Chorus Concert, **orders are being taken for CD recording of the concert through Wednesday, January 31st.** Please fill in the blanks with the proper information requested to obtain your personal copy(s) or special gifts for friends of St. Patrick Church. ***Make checks payable to KOC Council 1415*** and place your application and check in the offering basket. You will be notified by phone or email when CD’s are ready for pickup. Order blanks may also be given to any KOC member after any Mass or given to *Greg Walker, Jim Weber or John Collins.* **Order forms are in the church vestibule.**

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Scripture Readings	
Feb 12 - Feb. 18, 2018	
Monday	Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday	Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday	Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20— 6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Friday	Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday	Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
Sunday	Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Weekly Devotions	
Wednesday	4:55p Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5:20p Rosary and Miraculous Medal Novena 5:45p Benediction
Friday	(When students are present.) 9:00a Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30a Benediction

Need Help? Get Help!

Alcoholics Anonymous
AA - Tues., Thurs., & Sat.,
8pm school basement.
Narcotics Anonymous
NA - Mon., 7pm school basement

Use the door on the side of the school building facing the rectory for AA and NA meetings.

Ministry Schedule for Weekend Masses

Saturday, February 17, 2018
Servers: Kami Franklin, Jayna Jerden, Hayden Barnette
Reader: Jim Mehr
EMHC: John Weber
Cantor: Diane Collins

Sunday, February 18, 2018
Servers: Payton Aman, Macy Franklin, Lily Davis
Reader: Michael Riley
EMHC: Betty Hill
Cantor: Brenda Riley

February Rosary Leaders:
Wednesday: Gary Riley
Saturday: Veronica Brumley
Sunday: Tommy McKee

February Linens: Luanne Bowers

Feb. Funeral Greeters: Gennette Casto, Barb King, and Rose Neal

Weekly Attendance & Collection	
Saturday:	97
Sunday:	130
Latin Mass:	17
General:	\$3473
Loan:	\$301
School:	\$553
Latin Mass:	\$301
Upcoming Special & Second Collections	
• Feb. 14: Church in Central & Eastern Europe	


UPCOMING EVENTS	
February	
14 Wed:	Ash Wednesday 8:15 and noon, Distribution of Ashes 6pm, Mass
15 Thu:	6pm, Pastoral Council meeting, parish meeting room
16 Fri:	5-7:30, K of C, Fish Fry, cafeteria
16 Fri:	6pm, Stations of the Cross
19 Mon:	6pm, Catholic Daughter meeting, parish meeting room
March	
12 Mon:	7pm, Lenten Penance Service

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thinking about how we can use the 40 days of Lent to draw closer to God to become better than we are in our devotion, in our moral lives, and in our relationships with others. The true spirit of Lent is not captured in one’s ability to successfully “give up” a food item or habit that we will simply readopt (and probably to the point of sinful gluttony) on Easter Sunday! The true spirit of Lent is found in the deep, inner conversion of soul that happens as the result of placing ourselves squarely in the hands of our Heavenly Father, asking Him what *He* desires for our lives, and then implementing a comprehensive plan of action that is goal oriented and that leads us on a 40-day journey from death into life, from our old ways to a newness of spirit.

In order to serve as a guide for this journey, I offer some considerations and helpful thoughts.

First, consider the **three penitential practices** that St. Paul and the Fathers of the Church promote throughout their writings: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Each one of these practices addresses a different aspect of the Christian life, and has proven over 2,000 years to be indispensable to anyone who is truly serious about their relationship with God. Prayer is more than just reciting wrote prayers—it is a soulful conversation that, more often than not, requires very little speaking on our part. Rather it is a state of receptivity, where we open our hearts to what God has to say to us. Fasting comes in a variety of forms. It usually involves the restriction of food and drink. In some cultures it even is used to induce moments of hallucination and “spiritual awakening.” But at its most basic it is denying ourselves something in favor of a greater good. For the Christian, fasting is an act of devotion where



Homemade Vanilla for Sale


There are still a few bottles of the homemade vanilla available made by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas last fall. The cost is \$10 per bottle and are available in the parish office.

All Catholic women 18 and older are invited to join this worthy organization. Whose motto is “Unity & Charity.” Formed in 1903, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas® is one of the Oldest and Largest Organizations of Catholic Women in the Americas. The Catholic Daughters meet on the 3rd Monday of the month in the parish meeting room at 6pm. Yearly dues are \$30.

we basically say to God, “I love you more than I love X,” and then we prove that. In truth, our refusal to fast, our shying away from it, or our adopting a mediocre fast is a good litmus test for just how far we may have fallen from our observance of the First Commandment. Almsgiving is the giving of money to the poor—usually the money that is saved as a result of fasting. Where prayer directs us to God, and fasting directs us within ourselves, almsgiving directs us to our neighbor, extending our devotion to God and our desire for conversion out into the world for the benefit of others.

Second, stop with any self-referential justifications, where we say to ourselves, “I already do those things. So I don’t really need to do anything else for Lent.” Being good is something that few of us always achieve and most of us sometimes achieve. Lent is not about being “good.” It is about being BETTER! No Christian alive, when confronted with the reality of his sinful nature, can honestly say that there is no room for improvement in their relationship with God. And the most faithful, Christ-centered Christians on earth will all say the same thing: there’s always more they can do. We have to take to heart the words of Jesus calling to His Apostles: Do not be afraid! We have to be willing no longer to live in fear of what radically living our Faith means for us and our lifestyles, and charge forward into Lent with a firm resolve to be the Catholic men and women that God created us to be—fully alive, fully on fire, and fully committed to live in the world but not be a part of the world.

Third, after we get past our own misgivings and justifications, look at the three penitential practices and ask yourself: What can I do in each of these categories to become a better Catholic? With prayer, it might mean attending daily Mass more often or a promise



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For more info, text @dts-weston to 81010.

Confirmation

Confirmation will be Sunday, May 20 at 12:30. It is necessary for all who are preparing for this sacrament to attend the Confirmation preparation classes and to attend CCD on Sunday mornings. The next evening class is Sun., Feb. 18 in the cafeteria.



Join Us

Please enter the church quietly and reverently. This is a time for prayer and reflection. Pray the rosary with your parish family. Be present in both mind and body.

If you would like to lead the rosary, please contact the parish office at 304-269-3048.

10 Reasons Why Catholics Don’t Evangelize

By Fr. Dwight Longenecker

I recently came across this piece in the National Catholic Register, and it struck me as something that every Catholic should not merely read, but should internalize. It is rather critical of the current state of Catholic religious belief, and while I do not submit this to offer a critique of our own community, it is a worthwhile endeavor to examine how each of us as individuals should be making strides to become living, breathing advertisements for Jesus Christ and His One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church!

At a priests’ conference not long ago, the speaker quoted some statistics. Christians of different traditions were asked percentage wise how important evangelization was to their understanding of the Christian faith.

Mainline Protestants answered 60 percent. Evangelical Christians answered 85 percent. Catholics said 3 percent.

We Catholics skate around this one muttering catchphrases like “The New Evangelization” and we trumpet the few evangelization enterprises that are going on, and we self-righteously quote St. Francis (who never actually said it), “Preach the gospel at all times. Use words if necessary.”

There are some very clear reasons why Catholics don’t evangelize, and they are difficulties that run right to the foundation of our understanding and practice of the faith.

There may be more reason than these, but here are 10 I can think of. (P.S. I’ve saved the biggest and the worst for last.)

1. Cultural Catholicism. A lot of American Catholics regard their religion like Jews do. It’s something you’re born into. They scratch their head at the idea that someone would convert to Catholicism. “What, you mean you chose to be Catholic?” This is because they’re Polish or Irish or Italian or Lebanese or French. They’re Catholic in their bloodstream. It’s something you are, not something you do so much. I remember encountering a French woman in South Carolina who wanted her baby baptized. I asked her what parish she went to. She looked at me with bewilderment. “But I am French! It is different in France!

Nobody goes to church, but we are very Catholic!” Cultural Catholics never imagine that they should evangelize. “So I’m supposed to make you an Italian?” You see what I mean.

2. Over-Sacramentalization. That’s just a long word way of saying that Catholics put so much emphasis on the sacraments that it is difficult for many of them to see that in and through and below the sacramental system is a genuine encounter of the person with Jesus Christ, risen ascended and glorified. Because you have to be a Catholic to receive the sacraments of Holy Communion and confession, and because for so many Catholics that is the only way to practice their faith, the sacraments actually keep them from evangelizing. “I can’t bring my Baptist neighbor to Mass. She wouldn’t know what was going on and besides, she can’t come forward for Communion anyway.” This is a good point. If you invite a neighbor of family member to Mass then tell them they can’t receive the Lord the whole exercise is likely to collapse into them feeling excluded.

3. RCIA. What is that? A company that used to make radios? The whole RCIA system is often cumbersome and user-unfriendly. If you have someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic you have to tell them about RCIA, which starts in the fall — so what do you do when they come in April? — and goes through for months until Easter. Meanwhile Pastor Bob at the local Protestant church says, “Come to church. Sign up. You’re in.” Proper catechesis is necessary, but a more creative and flexible approach would help.

4. Church or Jesus? Too many Catholics confuse evangelization with getting people to join the Catholic Church. The primary task of evangelization is meeting people where they are introducing them to Jesus Christ. It is possible to do this without bringing in the Catholic Church with its whole devotional and sacramental system. It is possible to talk to someone in need and say, “You need to get right with God. You need to say, ‘Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God have mercy on me a sinner!’ That’s the first step.” After they make that decision they can start to attend church and learn about the sacramental system and how to continue their relationship with Christ as a Catholic. The reason so many

Catholics have a problem with this is because they are unsure whether they themselves have ever had that fundamental, rock bottom, first step conversion transaction.

5. Social Gospel. A lot of Catholics think the Church’s primary way of evangelizing people is by helping them. It’s true that an important aspect of evangelization is social welfare. Feeding the hungry, housing the homeless, healing the sick, bringing justice to the oppressed — all of that is good stuff and must not be neglected. It is also a powerful witness to the authenticity of the Catholic message. However, just doing that isn’t enough. We need to give people the Bread of Life as well as a sandwich. Many Catholics would never breathe a word about their faith, but are busy in the soup kitchen. Soup kitchen is good. Actively sharing the faith is also good and necessary.

6. Ignorance. Too many Catholics simply don’t know their faith well enough to share it.

7. Professional Catholics. For so long everything in the Catholic Church was done by the “professionals.” Priests, bishops, sisters and brothers were the ones who ran the parishes, dioceses, schools and colleges. They were the ones who were trained to do all the “church work.” Lay people were there to pray, pay and obey — or not. But this clericalism still dogs the Church. The people in the pew don’t take ownership and don’t feel it is their job to evangelize.

8. Slack Use of Resources. I should specify. There is no lack of resources. In fact, there are more resources than we can handle. The resources are professionally produced, orthodox, relevant, attractive and dynamic. It’s not the lack of resources as much as it is the lack of people who will use the resources. How many good Catholic videos languish on the shelves because people just can’t be bothered to watch them and share them? How many books, pamphlets, booklets and training courses gather dust because no one can be bothered to use them? The same for websites, diocesan seminars, seminary training days and so on. There are plenty of good resources.

9. Indifferentism. This is the widespread feeling (and teaching) that all the Christian denominations are pretty

much the same and it doesn’t really matter which one you go to. It’s consumerism. Choose the one you like best. This indifferentism is widespread in our culture and widespread in the Catholic Church. Furthermore, it extends to non-Christian religions and no religion at all. Huge numbers of Catholics think it is perfectly okay if a person attends not only another Christian church, but follows a different religion. “We’re all climbing the same mountain. We’re just going up different paths!” That is a load of codswallop. Any casual study of the different world religions will show that they are not all equal. Some are superior to others simply from a human perspective. Likewise with the different Christian denominations. This is sentimental claptrap. Do people who say this really believe it? No. Otherwise they would have to

agree that a rattlesnake-handling Pentecostal from Kentucky is equal to St. Francis of Assisi. Would they look at the wild eyed Westboro Baptist crowd or an anti-Semitic, racist Catholic fundamentalist and say benignly, “Well, we’re all pretty much the same. They’ve simply chosen a different path up the mountain.” And yet indifferentism is rife in the Catholic Church in America, and that’s why Catholics don’t evangelize: they don’t think they need to.

10. Universalism. The ugly twin sister of Indifferentism is Universalism — the teaching that God loves everyone so much that he would never send anyone to hell. In other words, in the end, everybody will be saved. Why bother if we’re all going to get into heaven simply because God is such a nice Santa Claus-type figure in the

sky who will make sure everyone succeeds? Like indifferentism, the Catholic Church is riddled with universalism and its cowardly half breed sister semi-universalism. This is the belief that there is a hell and there might just be a few people there, but there won’t be many and maybe even the ones who are there will serve their prison sentence and be allowed into heaven after all. Universalism is cowardly, un-Scriptural and un-Christian. It doesn’t take a St. Thomas Aquinas to figure out that this teaching means not only the death of evangelization, but eventually the death of the Church.



Parish Store

Don't forget to check out our parish store, located in the Parish Office Building! There are many religious articles, books, rosaries, statues, etc. available. Catalogs are available for ordering.

OPEN

(When the parish office is open.)

Sunday: 10:30 - 12:30, Monday: 9 - 4, Tuesday: 9 - 4, Wednesday: 9 - 1, Thursday: 1 - 8, Friday: 9 - 1

How Can I Help?

The following items are collected continually at our church.

- Snack food items for our back-pack food program.
- Box tops for the school.
- Can tabs for Ronald McDonald House.
- Old towels, sheets, and blankets for animal rescues, shelters, and vet offices.
- Used ink cartridges
- (Rinsed) aluminum cans
- NEW socks collected by the Catholic Daughters to be donated to homeless shelters.

We no longer collect Campbell's soup labels or Coke Rewards points. These programs have been discontinued by their company's.

Catholic Radio

Hear vocation stories of priests, deacons, sisters and others, including, our very own, Fr. DeViese on LoL Radio's "Answering the Call." Go to: www.LoLradio.org/OnDemand.html. Other names you may recognize are, Msgr. Jeremiah McSweney, the late Bishop Bernard Schmitt and Fr. Cody Ford.

You can also listen to the St. Patrick Christmas Festival at www.LoLradio.org/4audios.html.



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