

Saint James Catholic Church



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Yamhill County "Right to Life" Fund Raiser

A wide variety of OVER 80 ITEMS to choose from!!!!
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President of the Local Chapter, Theresa Cheslock and Vice President Leslie Clemmer from "Right To Life" are planning a fantastic evening for you on Saturday February 25th, 6:30 until 9:00 P.M. (Saint James Gym.) Leslie is the Chairperson for this event, and both are on the State Board for R. to L. A scrumptious spaghetti dinner, both plain and with meat, salad, rolls, dessert, and various beverages will be served. Cost \$15 a person, \$25 a couple, \$40 a family with limit of six. Children to age 3 are FREE. Dina Muniz who is affiliated with "Silent No More" will give her personal testimony.

This is just a sampling of what you can bid on: German Dinner; Five-course dinner; Gift Cert. to EZ Carpet Cleaning; \$500 Legal Gift Certificate; Country setting brunch; Garden Party; Flying M Ranch Bear Camp Dinner for four; Gallery Theater tickets for "On Golden Pond"; Two Photography sessions; Homemade and Handcrafted items; Theme baskets of Garden, Beer, Baby, and Candles, and much more!!! Wine donations are still needed. All profits go toward the Knight of Columbus Ultrasound Project, Stand Up Girl.com, Pregnancy Council and Information Center, and Father Taaffe's three homes in Salem for unwed mothers and their babies.

Send money to Yamhill County Right To Life, P.O. Box 41, McMinnville, OR 97128. Tickets may also be purchased at the door. For any information regarding this event please phone Leslie Clemmer at 503 560-0852. Special thanks go to Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters and Saint James Youth Group.



Parish Activities This Week (Dedicated Masses)

Sunday, February 19 K of C Breakfast
Flowers provided in Honor of Evelyn Neiderberger's 100th Birthday
9:00 A.M.— Mass
11:00 A.M.— Misa
5:00 P.M.— Confirmation Class
7:00 P.M.— High School Youth Group

Monday, February 20
President's Day
Office Closed/No Mass

Tuesday, February 21
12:15 P.M.— Mass (+Bill Lietz)
6:15 P.M.— Religious Ed
6:30 P.M.- RCIA

Wednesday, February 22 **Ash Wednesday**
1:00 P.M.— Mass
5:00 P.M.—K of C Fish Dinner
6:30 P.M.— Mass
8:00 P.M.— Misa

Thursday, February 23
1:30 P.M.— Mass (+Otto Pfahler & Hildegard Hermens)
7:00 P.M.— Spanish Music Worship

Friday, February 24
12:15 P.M.— Mass
5:30 P.M.— Stations of the Cross
6:00 P.M.— Soup Dinner
7:00 P.M.—Via de Cruces

Saturday, February 25
3:30 P.M.— Confession
5:30 P.M.—Mass
7:00 P.M.— Misa

Sunday, February 26
9:00 A.M.— Mass
11:00 A.M.— Misa
5:00 P.M.— Confirmation Class
7:00 P.M.— High School Youth Group

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Your Sins are Forgiven

That must have sounded strange to the people, hearing Jesus say: "Your sins are forgiven." Since sin was an offense against God, only God could forgive them. That's what the scribes were thinking. And saying that to a paralytic implies that he is a sinner. Is Jesus saying the man was paralyzed as punishment for his sins? No, Jesus says it to help the man, who probably was told he was a sinner too many times. Possibly, the man may have thought he was unworthy to come to Jesus for healing. So Jesus reassures the man, while scandalizing the scribes, by proclaiming him forgiven. Why does Jesus say that forgiving is easier than healing? Because when there is no visible proof that the man is forgiven; you can say that and who could prove you wrong? But tell someone they can walk again and anyone can verify that it happened or not.

Jesus' point is that if he can cure the paralytic, he can also forgive sins. He fulfills the promise of the first reading: God is doing something new—forgiving sins, taking people in the desert of sin and giving them refreshing waters of forgiveness. Jesus went even further, when he told his disciples to forgive sins, too. (Jn 20:23) The main way we experience forgiveness is through the sacrament of Penance. The words of absolution are our guarantee that God has forgiven our sins. While there is nothing wrong with asking God's forgiveness in private prayer, we sometimes need to hear someone tell us we have been forgiven, especially when our sins are more serious.

Now you don't have to be a priest to forgive someone who hurts you. Jesus commands this when he tells us "if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift." (Mt 5:23-24) If that person is truly sorry, God will forgive him too. And if you're the one who needs forgiveness, you've shown you are sorry by making up with your brother.


*** Prayer Petitions ***
Donna Sepull 503-472-3700 or
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BREAKFAST

PANCAKES & FESTWURST

Sunday February 19

SCRAMBLED EGGS
APPLESAUCE
BEVERAGES



10am - 1pm
Fireside Room
13 yrs and up \$8.00
5-12 yrs \$3.00
4 yrs and under free

	Week Ending 2/12/12 (week 33)	For Fiscal Year to Date 7/1/11 to 6/30/12
<u>St. James Offertory Report</u>		
St. James Actual	\$ 8,580.74	\$ 293,960.16
Budget Goal	9,112.33	300,706.79
Difference from budget	\$ (531.59)	\$ (6,746.63)
Same time last year	7,540.22	303,497.81
Difference from last year	\$ 1,040.52	\$ (9,537.65)



19th Annual McMinnville Wine and Food Classic ~ March 9-11, 2012

St. James School's most important fund raising event is just around the corner...and we need YOUR help!

Volunteers are needed in all areas: Doors, Drivers, Crab/Shrimp/Oysters, Rovers, Parking, Will Call, Admissions, Vendor and Volunteer Check-In.

There are lots of things to do and we know we cannot do it without YOU.

Ways to sign up:

Contact the School Office at 503-472-2661

Contact Patti Stritzke at 503-472-0786

Download and submit the Volunteer form found at <http://www.sipclassic.org> under the Contact section.

Send an email to Patti at volunteers@sipclassic.org.

Thank you for your help at this important event and for your continued support throughout the year!

Fasting and Abstinence Regulations

All Catholics 14 years and older must abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

All Catholics between ages 18 and 59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

To fast means to eat one full meal; the other two meals that day should be less than the normal amount unless they are already at a minimum for good health. Eating between meals is not permitted; however, liquids including coffee, milk and fruit juices are allowed.

Wednesday, March 21 is an Archdiocesan Ember Day. Traditionally, Ember Days are days of prayer and fasting. The intention of this Ember Day is for effective faith formation of children and adults.

To fast means to eat one full meal; the other two meals that day should be less than the normal amount unless they are already at a minimum for good health. Eating between meals is not permitted; however, liquids including coffee, milk and fruit juices are allowed. Observance of the Ember Day is encouraged but not obligatory.



Our Advertiser of the Week is:

Grocery Outlet

Thank you, Grocery Outlet

for advertising in our bulletin. It is through the generosity of our business neighbors that our bulletins are published at no cost to St. James.

Dear Parish Family,

I hope you had a wonderful week this past week with Valentine's Day on Tuesday. Our students celebrated in the classrooms with Valentines for all of the students and the Room Parents brought in cookies and punch.

The students continue to work on their projects. If you have a chance, come into our school during the day. We have science projects on the hallway walls and the fifth graders are doing a stock market project, where they monitor the price of their stock each day and fill in a bar graph. They also track it on the computer. This project will go on for six weeks. It is interesting and fun to see who their stocks perform.

Please keep the weekend of March 9th, 10, and 11th open for our Wine and Food Classic. We need volunteers to help with this event. If you are unable to come into the school to sign up for volunteering, please call us and we will help you find a time that works with your schedule. We would love to have you help us with this very important fundraiser.

Please plan on coming to Mass next week at one o'clock on Wednesday, our school Mass for Ash Wednesday. We prepare our students for Lent by asking them to make Lenten Promises, things they will do during Lent to help bring them closer to Jesus Christ.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please contact me at school at 503 - 472 - 2661, or by email, principal@stjamesmac.com. I am always interested in what our parishioners have to say.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Jeananne Bloudek
Principal

Mark Your Calendars for Catholic Charities 15th Annual Celebration!

Please join Catholic Charities for a lively evening of celebration, blessings and renewed friendships at the 15th Annual Celebration, at 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 17, 2012 at the Oregon Convention Center. This year, the Celebration will happen on St. Patrick's Day and will include a festive party complete with an Irish cocktail bar, dinner, presentations, and the Celtic music of St. James' Gate.

Please help Catholic Charities increase the number of parishes represented at the Celebration by joining with your friends, family and fellow parishioners to fill a table. You'll enjoy a fun and lively evening, see the many ways Catholic Charities is changing lives in our community, and learn how you can get involved.

Individual tickets are \$150; tables of ten are available for \$1,500. Please contact Catholic Charities at 503-688-2628 or kgoetz@CatholicCharitiesOregon.org for reservations and sponsorship opportunities.

Foster Parents needed for the Yamhill County Forever Home located in the former St. James Rectory. Please contact Mark Beach at 503-368-2225.



Vive la Eucaristía

Entrenamiento para Facilitadores Miércoles 15 de Febrero 7:00 PM

Vive la Eucaristía



Domingo VII del Tiempo Ordinario... Reflexion

Van cundiendo en nuestra sociedad pluralista los intentos de sacudirse todo compromiso con el pretexto de que la gente, los demás, siempre los otros, resultan insoportables. No aguantamos a nadie. Pero lo cierto es que no nos aguantamos a nosotros mismos. La compañía se convierte frecuentemente en pura soledad de inaguantables e intolerantes.

Todos estamos muy bien dispuestos a disimular nuestras propias fragilidades. Y todos estamos muy predispuestos a denunciar y fustigar las de los otros. Tal parece como si, al echar la culpa a los demás, nos disculpásemos. En virtud de este mecanismo psicológico de autodefensa, preferimos ser jueces frente a los demás, creyendo que así nos liberamos de nuestro propio reato. No queremos reconocer nuestro propio pecado. Eso es todo. Pero el que no quiere reconocer su pecado, tampoco puede aceptar el perdón, y así nunca estará bien dispuesto a perdonar a los demás. Sólo el que se reconoce culpable es comprensivo con las flaquezas de los demás. Y nada hay que mueva más al hombre a perdonar a sus semejantes como el saberse culpable y perdonado.

ACEPTACION y TOLERANCIA: Nada hay que favorezca tanto la tolerancia y la aceptación de los otros como la aceptación de uno mismo. Y es que para aceptar al otro, tal como es, es menester comenzar por aceptarnos a nosotros mismos, tal y como somos. No podemos pretender que el otro deje de ser el otro, ni es saludable soñar con que tampoco nosotros somos como somos. Reconocer los propios defectos es aceptarnos tal como somos aceptados por Dios: pecadores, perdonados. Por eso, la aceptación de sí mismo es la condición de posibilidad para aceptar a los demás y ser comprensivo con sus deficiencias. Pues sucede a menudo que no soportamos al compañero, simplemente porque condenamos en él lo que odiamos en nosotros: nuestro pecado.

Pero aceptarse a sí mismo no es resignarse, como aceptar al amigo no es entrar en complicidad con él. Aceptarse a sí mismo es reconocer el pecado y es también aceptar el perdón; es asumir con paz y paciencia, con esperanza, la propia responsabilidad, a pesar de todo.

PRIMERA LECTURA

La memoria del pasado puede retirar la atención de lo que está siendo y de lo que va a ser. El profeta recuerda a los desterrados su poco glorioso pretérito. Sólo vale la pena recordar al Dios que perdonó. Pero Dios no se reveló allí enteramente, ni retiró ya su presencia, ni concluyó su obra. Reanuda ahora la maravilla de salvar y de saciar la sed de los que van con activa esperanza hacia lo nuevo en su revelación.

SEGUNDA LECTURA

La fe cristiana no es una ilusión que se desvanece; no es un momento de entusiasmo juvenil que más tarde se convierte en desengaño senil. La fe cristiana es un «amén», un «sí» de las promesas divinas. Eso sí, nuestra seguridad no es de origen humano, sino divino: el sello del Espíritu Santo.

EVANGELIO

En este texto Jesús pone al mismo nivel el perdón de los pecados y la curación de la enfermedad. Todo intento de separar la acción apostólica y de reducirla únicamente al ámbito mal llamado «espiritual» es una traición a esta plenitud de la salvación mesiánica, tal como la practica Jesús constantemente.

1:00 PM Ingles **Miércoles de Ceniza** **8:00 PM Español**
6:30 PM Ingles

Vía Crucis
Viernes a las 7:00 PM

Misa en Español en Domingo a las 11:00am

Lectores ~ Febrero

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| 5 | Gustavo Maciel | 12 | Xochitl Honorato | 19 | Angel Albarran | 26 | Daniela Montiel |
| | Efren Plancarte | | Ana Victoria | | Yanet Villa | | Jesus Montiel |

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Pass along a peace of advice

Peace activists aren't born; they are inspired by others. Longtime Catholic peace worker Kathy Kelly was introduced to the writings of Daniel Berrigan, S.J. and the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. while a student at a Catholic school during the turbulent 1960s. "The St. Paul faculty," she says, "gently but consistently showed us hero-figures who had tried to confront injustice and cruelty and who believed in love of enemies." Children are exposed to more than comic-book action superheroes writ large on theater screens. Let's introduce them to the real heroes, those who have worked tirelessly for peace and justice.

TODAY'S READINGS: James 3:13-18; Mark 9:14-29 (341)

"The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace."

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

FEAST OF PETER DAMIAN, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH; MARDI GRAS

Get ready to get ready

Preparation is crucial for a meaningful celebration. Advent prepares us for Christmas, Lent prepares us for Easter, and Mardi Gras prepares us for Lent. These alternating seasons of quiet and celebration help us notice and appreciate the fact that God is found not only in austerity and prayer but also in music and celebration. As a result, we experience the sustaining presence of God in every aspect of our lives. A good Mardi Gras will help us have a good Lent. A good Lent, in turn, ensures a spiritually rich Easter, which is the ultimate goal. So go ahead and celebrate Mardi Gras today! Decorate your home, gather with friends, enjoy some good food. Tomorrow you enter the desert.

TODAY'S READINGS: James 4:1-10; Mark 9:30-37 (343)

"Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you."

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

ASH WEDNESDAY; DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Be creative this Lent

Is it Lent already? Yes, which means another season of opportunity to grow in faith. Consider how you might wisely spend the next 40 days by focusing on one thing in your life that needs to change. Try a new spin on the traditional practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Prayer can be engaged in many ways: with words, silence, contemplation of icons—or walking a labyrinth or the Stations of the Cross for the spiritually fidgety. You can "fast" from more than food: Give up media distractions or idle gossip. Alms can be paid out in other than dollar bills: Offer your time to the lonely, your love to a child.

TODAY'S READINGS: Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 (219)

"Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart."

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23 FEAST OF POLYCARP, BISHOP, MARTYR

Bring it on

You have to admire the early Christian martyrs, not only for their courage but also for the defiance, even confidence, with which they faced dying for their faith. The bishop Saint Polycarp had been a Christian his whole life, but for some reason the Romans waited until he was 86—an unheard-of age in the ancient world—to hunt him down. He refused to flee, and when hauled before a Roman official engaged him in lively debate. When threatened with burning at the stake, his eventual fate, he retorted that while the fires of martyrdom last only for a while, the fires of judgment never go out. Polycarp and other martyrs offer the example of those who reckoned their eternal fate more important than their earthly one.

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25 (220)

"If . . . you turn away your hearts and will not listen . . . I tell you now that you will certainly perish."

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

Not so fast?

One out of six people in the present generation lives in extreme poverty. Not simply below the poverty line established by government organizations: Extreme poverty means living in danger of death because there is no food. By virtue of living in a country where food is made affordable by subsidies and meal programs are available to make up the shortfall, it's easy to forget and hard to imagine the kind of suffering starvation entails. If one in six neighbors were hungry, wouldn't the other five feed that person? Fasting, even abstaining from meat, reminds us that our neighbor is hungry—and of our responsibility to help.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15 (221)

"This . . . is the fasting that I wish: . . . Sharing your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the y as well as love of neighbor." Let's make sure sheltering the oppressed and the homeless."

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Sunday, February 26, 2012 @ 6:00 p.m.

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1145 NE First St., McMinnville, OR 97128

Admission: \$8 - Adults, \$5 - 17 & Under

Tickets & Information: St. James Parish Office

503-472-5232 or www.stjamesmac.com

On the Mountain Top

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. Mark 9:2

Based on Mark 9:2-9



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DAYS	JOHN	APPEARED	CLOTHES	BLEACH
HIGH	RABBI	MOSES	GOOD	VOICE
PETER	WHITE	LOVE	SIX	ALONE
ELIJAH	WORLD	DAZZLING	MOUNTAIN	JAMES