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Mass Times

Tuesday and Wednesday.....5:00 pm

Thursday..... 8:45 am

Friday at Lakeshore.....4:00 pm

Saturday.....5:00 pm

Sunday.....8:00 am, 10:30 am

.....& 5:00 pm

Sacraments

Baptisms and Weddings please call
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Reconciliation: Wednesday's directly after
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lene 525-1348, or you can email:
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It's astonishing to some people that we Catholics will spend time talking to a priest about our deepest faults. Confession of sins and being assured of God's forgiveness is not something that everyone readily understands. But when we take the time to really acknowledge our sinfulness, to admit to ourselves, to God, and to another person (the priest) what we have done wrong, we can experience the healing that comes from the confession of our sins.

The Gospel today explicitly reminds us that the forgiveness of sins is connected to healing. When we confess our sins, make an act of contrition, and receive absolution we are healed in that sacrament. The paralyzed man who was dropped through the roof in front of Jesus by his friends had his sins forgiven. Much to the astonishment of the crowd, the paralytic got up, rolled up his mat, and walked out the door. It was that easy.

There is a lot of misconception about the sacrament of penance. Once a person gets over the hurdle of fear or shame though, it really is as easy as the actions of the paralyzed man. There was a lot of work on the part of others to get him in front of Jesus. They had to carry him there, open the roof, and lower him down. And before we go to confession, there is some work we have to do. We have to examine our conscience, and be willing to be honest with ourselves and with God. But after that it's easy. We sit down, tell the priest our sins, receive a penance, pray a prayer of contrition, receive absolution, and then go on our way.

It is the work of reconciliation that takes much longer, sometimes even a lifetime. Because sin fractures relationships, confession really is the easy part. It is what we do afterwards to heal the wounds that is the most demanding. It is a good thing Lent begins on Wednesday! ©2011 Liturgical Publications Inc



“Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, pick up your mat and walk?’ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth”—he said to the paralytic, “I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home.” - Mk 2:9-11

With Deepest Sympathy

We extend our prayers and sympathy to our parishioners, Frank & Rosemary Leis on the death of their son, John Leis. For parishioners Tom & Peggy Spehar on the death of Tom's mother, Suintina Spehar. Also on the death of Suzanne Ball-Olsen, whose funeral was celebrated at St. Michael's on Friday, Feb. 17th. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

**FRIDAY STATIONS**

Come join us during Lent on Fridays at 5:45 pm in the church social hall. Different committees will host a meatless supper and we will have stations following at 6:30 pm. All are invited!

JAMMERS would like to remind everyone to please save those jars. Just wash them up and bring them to the table outside the church hall kitchen.

Ladies' Nite Out- At Noon!

All women of the parish are invited to a Shrove Monday Luncheon.

St. Michael's Parish Hall

Monday, February 20th

Social hour- 11:30 am Lunch- 12:30 pm

Please bring a dish to share- Appetizer, Salad, Casserole or Dessert. A prize (wrapped) for the Gift Game.

If you want to help with anything, please call Carol Barnstorf, 525-5956, Mickey Jaap, 525-3541 or Diane Tureson, 525-6464.

Votive Candle \$

Please place the monetary donation in the collection basket instead of leaving the money in the bowl with the matches. We dislike money going up in smoke! Thank you!

Next Wednesday, February 22nd, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Season of Lent.

Please remember that the Church asks us to enter into this holy season with a new awareness of the words of Jesus at the beginning of his public ministry, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand!" (Matt. 4.17) Catholics have long accepted communal acts of penance as ways of identifying themselves with one another preparing for the kingdom. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are both scriptural and doctrinal ways of exercising our faith.

During the season of Lent, the Church asks us to fast and abstain:

- We abstain from all meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.

We also fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. We fast to curb our appetites and our consumption of food both as personal penance and a sign of our solidarity with the poor and hungry. To fast means that we eat one regular meal a day, with two smaller meals, and no food between meals.

May your Lenten observance and that of all our St. Michael's community be blessing for all our parish as we seek to more fully conform to the message and the person of Jesus Christ, died, risen, and coming again in glory.

Fr. Tom

Sign Language at the Sunday evening Mass: Mr. Mychal Hadrich will be 'signing' the Mass for the deaf and the hard of hearing. Mychal is a sign language interpreter who is currently a senior at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, SD. He has volunteered to sign the Mass here at St. Michael's. If you know of anyone in the Duluth area who would benefit from this service please let them know.

LENTEN LONGINGS

It's still not too late to sign up for a Lenten Longings small group! Treat yourself to a 6 week retreat! Beth ordered extra books! Only the Sunday morning group is filled to capacity - there is still room in the Sunday 6:00p.m. group**, the Tuesday 11:00 group and the Tuesday 7:00p.m. group.

**The Sunday 6:00p.m. group will begin right after the 5:00p.m. Mass and will be finished at the same time as the faith formation classes. So, if you have a son or daughter in religious ed those nights, this group is for you! Call or email Beth Kaiser for more details.

Save the date Save the date Save the date Save the date Save the date

St. Michael's Parish Lenten Retreat
Saturday March 10th 9:00 a.m. - Noon

(registration at 8:45)

Retreat will conclude with a light soup and bread lunch

"St. Paul's Spirituality and Our call to Conversion"

This retreat will look at Paul's life and spirituality as well as more deeply at what "Living in Christ" means and how that leads us to "The Cross" and our own call to ongoing conversion in our lives.

Facilitators: Sr. Pauline Micke O.S.B. and Sr. Ann Marie Wainright, O.S.B. of St. Scholastica Monastery. Registration information to come!

Gagnon/Perrault Scholarship Applications Now Available

Applications for 2012 Gagnon and Perrault Scholarships are now available. These scholarship programs are open to any St. Michael's parishioner planning to attend a post-secondary educational institution this fall. Nontraditional students are encouraged to apply. Seven scholarships will be awarded: 1 Gagnon scholarship in the amount of \$1,200. and 3 Perrault scholarships in the amounts of: 1 for 1,000. and two for \$750. Get your common application packet at the St. Michael's church office during business hours or by e-mail from Denise Connolly at denisec@stmichaelsduluth.org. We also hope to have it on the website soon. The application deadline is Friday, April 13th at 4:00 p.m. Late or incomplete submissions will not be accepted, so please get your materials together early. For more information, contact the church office at 525-1902. Please direct questions about the application and review process to Lynn Peterson 525-1098.

Religious Education & Youth News

Deep Discipleship Leaders will meet at Megan's House on Wednesday, February 22nd after the 7:00p Ash Wednesday Service. Please contact Meg with your RSVP, meganc@stmichaelsduluth.org. If you are interested in becoming a Discipleship Leader come check out what it is about!



Youth are encouraged to participate in Ash Wednesday Services. See service times in Bulletin.

Pray for our Juniors in High School attending their Confirmation Retreat this Friday and Saturday at the Cathedral!



There is **No Deep and Edge** (Grades 6th-11th) **today** due to winter break! Middle School and High School Youth are invited to the Youth House for a game night after 5pm Mass. A great way to kick off break! Classes will resume next Sunday, February 26th at 6:00pm.

There will be **No Sunday School** (2nd -5th grades) or **Liturgy of the Word today** and Sunday, February 26th due to winter break.

St. Michael's Lakeside School

OPPORTUNITY to SERVE

Get More Involved with St. Michael's School.

We are blessed to have our wonderful school and you may wish to get more involved as a school board member. We currently have several vacancies on our board and you might be the right person to serve. Some of the skills we can use are in grant writing, finance, marketing, computer or fund raising. The most important characteristics are an interest in faith based education and an abiding love of kids and the school. Board members may or may not have children now in school. For more information contact Ann at the school at 525-1931. A school board member will follow up and answer your questions.



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Brought to you by *Catholic United Financial*. Buy raffle tickets now through 2/24. Tickets are \$5 each. Grand prize is 2012 Ford Escape OR \$25,000 CASH. Every cent of your \$5 donation goes directly to our school! Catholic United Financial provides all materials at no cost to the school. Help us reach our goal of \$8,500. Tickets are available at the scrip table after Mass, and in the School office during the week. All SMLS families are also selling them.

Save the Date!

St. Michael's Lakeside **School Silent Auction Gala** is coming up! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 28, 2012**, 6:30-10:00pm at the Northland Country Club.

You are cordially invited to a night of excitement, surprises and fun.

Contact Mina Bradley at 391-7800 or Jane Van Loh at 525-1495 for more information.



SCRIP NEWS

It would really help SMLS in reaching their budget goal if you could help sell SCRIP at the Mass you go to on a regular basis. We are looking for a person or a family to help sell after the 8 AM, 10:30 AM, and 5:00 PM Sunday Masses. It's a simple process and we will tell exactly what needs to be done. You don't need to be a parent of SMLS. We welcome help from parishioners as well! If you are willing and able to help, please contact the school office (525-1931)

Word to Go 4A

God Makes Everything New

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

James Joyce concludes his epic *Ulysses* with Molly Bloom's unique soliloquy that begins and ends and many times repeats the word *yes*. Joyce says the word suggests acquiescence and a lack of resistance.

Paul tells us it is the supremely Christian word because it summarizes Jesus' life and ministry. Jesus was the "yes" of the Father who brings the "yes" of

God's promises into our lives. Today's readings proclaim the "yes" of God and call us to perceive and proclaim it in our lives. Isaiah bubbles with the "yes" energy of God. Creation is being made new, he announces. Don't you sense it? Yes. The signs are all around you. Don't you see them?

Crowds gather around Jesus because they sense the newness that rushes in wherever he goes. They feel, hear, and even touch the "yes" of his ministry. So when the stretcher-bearers come and find the way blocked, they open up the roof and make a way to the "yes" that was in Jesus, and Jesus gladly gives it.

His "yes" shocks the "no" in the hearts of the scribes. Jesus asks the scribes which "yes" is harder to speak: "Yes, you are forgiven," or "Yes, you are healed." Then he tells the man that he is both healed and forgiven. Yes. Go forth. Yes. Carry your mat. Yes. Go to your home. Yes. Take my "yes" with you. Glorify God with it. And when they say, "We have never seen anything like this," say yes!

"For however many are the promises of God, their Yes is in him" (2 Corinthians 1:20).

SHARING FAITH

- ◆ Isaiah's prophecy suggests there may be signs of God performing wonders all around us that we fail to see. Can you sense the stirring of grace in your life?
- ◆ How important do you think the miracles of Jesus were in legitimizing his ministry? Would you have been persuaded, or skeptical in the face of his healing?
- ◆ Friends brought the paralyzed man to Jesus. Who has prayed for you and helped you find God's healing in your life?

4B Calendar

Monday, February 20 *No Mass*
Tuesday, February 21
5:00 PM Mass Parishioners
Wednesday, February 22 *Ash Wednesday*
7 AM Mass with distribution of ashes.
12:15 PM Service of the Word with distribution of ashes.
7 PM Service of the Word with distribution of ashes.
Thursday, February 23 **NO 8:45 AM Mass**
Friday, February 24
4:00 PM Mass at Lakeshore Health & Welfare of John Gruber
5:45 PM Soup Supper
6:30 PM Stations of the Cross
Saturday, February 25
5:00 PM Mass Trudy Peplinski *AM
Sunday, February 26
8:00 AM Mass Parishioners
10:30 AM Mass Parishioners
5:00 PM Mass Willmer Burnett



Readings for the Week of February 19

Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37
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
Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
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Weekly Financial Update

Envelope & Plate Weekly Goal.....\$7,160.
Collection on Feb. 12.....\$6,376.
Actual YTD receipts thru Feb. 12.....\$238,149.
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Envelope & Plate Yearly Goal.....\$372,300.
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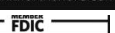
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