



**Sat., Apr. 05, 4pm Vincent Ferrer, Priest**  
 George Phinney by Thressa Phinney  
**Sun., Apr. 06, 10:00am, 3rd Sunday of Easter**  
 John Fleming by Frank Fleming Family  
**Mon., Apr. 07, No Mass**  
**Tues., Apr. 08, 6:30pm, We Remember Mass**  
 Our Beloved Deceased  
**Wed., Apr. 09, 8am,**  
 Sick in our Parish  
**Thur., Apr. 10, 8am,**  
 Special Intention by Joseph Tran  
**Fri., Apr. 11, 8am. Stanislaus, bishop, martyr**  
 Mike and Therese Myszka by Mike Myszka  
**Sat., Apr. 12, 4pm,**  
 Fred Adams by Lou Ross  
**Sun., Apr. 13, 10:00am, 4th Sunday of Easter**  
 John Fleming by Frank Fleming Family

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Peter proclaimed to the crowds: God has raised the crucified Jesus, who now pours forth the Holy Spirit upon us (Acts 2:14, 22-33).  
**Second Reading** — Our faith and hope are not in the passing allure of silver or gold, but in God who raised Jesus from the dead (1 Peter 1:17-21).  
**Gospel** — On the evening of the first day of the week, through his words and in the breaking of the bread, the risen Christ made himself known to two disciples on their way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35).

**Right to Life-** Last year, 49 Oregonians obtained lethal drugs to end their lives, more than in any year since the state approved physician-assisted suicide. The number shows a trend of slow, steady annual growth. Since, 1998, 341 Oregonians have used the law to commit suicide. Under the law, if a physician believes a patient's judgment is impaired by a psychiatric or psychological disorder, the patient must be referred for a psychological examination. But only 36 patients have been referred for such exams in the past decade.



St. Vincent de Paul is available to help those in need. Requests are confidential. All calls are referred to 2-11 with the exception of food requests. Call the St. Vincent DePaul help line at 969-5858. For furnishings or household items, please call St. Joseph SVDP @962-2267 or St. Philip @ 969-5606.

**Registration**  
 We welcome new parishioners.  
 Please contact the office in person.

**Bulletin—**  
 Deadline Please, Monday, 10:00 am  
 Call the office, 968-2218 or gigi4740@aol.com

**WE REMEMBER**

**Monthly Memorial Mass**

The first Tuesday of every month is known as **We Remember Tuesday**. For a donation of \$60 a year (\$5 a Mass) each person on the list will be memorialized on that Tuesday. You can see the list on the back page. If you would care to memorialize someone in this special way, call the office, 968-2218. The Young family will be added.

**Our Prayer Request List**

Al Adams, Charles Anderson, Tom Ashley, Benjamin B., Mary Jo Bracy, Jill Bradford, Evelyn Burken, Jane Charmeda, Ruth Creager, Jerry Deren, Irene Dimaria, Louise Dwyer, Mark Dykens, Christine Fischer, Mary Gibbs, Doris Glomstad, Dorothy Gordier, Michael Guerra, Kelly Hackett, Larry Hammelman, Jack Hefelfinger, Betty Johnson, Brody Johnson, Nickie Johnson, Adriana Jones, Mary Jo Keagle, Scott Keagle, Eileen Kelly, Pat Kirkpatrick, Helen Kowalczyk, Lucy Kunzman, Carson Leonard, Mary Maddix, Betty Mals, Chester Mals, Becky McDonald, Kenneth McDonald, Bill McElwee, Leona Miller, Gary Moore, Vonda Morley, Joyce Nickett, Barbara Paterter, Andy Peck, Merle Pierce Donald Pullin, Joan Rammel, Joe & Eva Schieffer, Fred Smith Josie Smith, Michael Smith, Dawn Snyder, Susan Stamm, Nicholas Weems, Emily Wollworth, Mary and Mel Wood, and Santo Zanetti

Lord Jesus Christ, by your patience in suffering you hallowed earthly pain and gave us the example of obedience to your Father's will: Be near me in my time of weakness and pain; sustain me by your grace, that my strength and courage may not fail; heal me according to your will; and help me always to believe that what happens to me here is of little account if you hold me in eternal life, my Lord and my God. Amen.

**REMEMBER OUR MILITARY PEOPLE**

**M/SSgt Denise James, Maj. Gloria Stone, USAF TSgt Chris LaJoie, Spec. Jeff Breen, SSgt Shannon LaJoie, Corporal Curtis Wolf, Jason Seidel, Anthony Flannigan, Army Staff Sergeant E6, Kelly Illif.**



Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in you will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord.



**Your Offering to St. Jerome  
March 29th and March 30th, 2008**

Weekly Budget:	\$ 3,520.00
Collection:	\$ 3,176.00
Loose Money	\$ 42.00
6 Children	\$ 6.00
Total Collection:	\$ 3,224.00
Envelopes Used	109
Under	\$ 296.00

**Roof Information**

Cost of roof - \$57,395.00

Money donated to date (through roof envelopes, Craft Fair, Women's League donations) \$22,874.00  
Special Donation from benefactor \$25,000

The Diocese gave us \$16,000 interest free loan to cover what we needed to complete the job  
We are paying them back \$500 a month.

**A Prayer of Sympathy and Faith**



Dearest Lord, You know and understand all things. You know that someone very special has just lost a loved one, and needs Your strength and comfort now. Sympathies go out to the family and friends of Alice "Molly" Shea, a long time member of St. Jerome. She passed

away March 27th.

**Young at Heart**

**There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule of church for those who plan on attending Young At Heart on Tuesday, April 8th, 11:30 am. We hope to see a lot of our seniors enjoying a great luncheon**

**That hollow feeling**

If you've spent more than a few years on this earth, you've likely lost someone you love, whether parent, spouse, child or friend. You've faced the sorrow of that last goodbye, felt the hollow feeling where your heart used to be, sure that joy had left your life for good. You look at the future and all you see is a grave.

Look again. Each of those graves, so bleak and painful, is an Easter miracle. One day those graves will be as empty as Jesus' was. Our God, who endured first the separation, then the death of His beloved Son, has provided a way past the sorrow of death for all of us. Jesus' resurrection was the first, not the last. Through His sacrifice on the Cross, we each have the chance to be together eternally, with our God and our loved ones. The choice is up to us. Will we endure the grief or accept the gift of solace and salvation that Easter provides?

*Our Sponsor of the Week*

This week we highlight The Women's League of St. Jerome. We thank them for their continued support of our parish. Thanks to them and others who advertise in our bulletin, our bulletin is mostly printed free of charge.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

The church slowly developed customs of reserving some portion of the eucharistic sacrifice for the sake of the dying. Today's custom of placing this portion in a tabernacle for prayer and adoration by the faithful cannot be traced back much beyond the year 1,000, much to almost everyone's surprise. There is simply no historical evidence of the Blessed Sacrament being present in a church for the purpose of having the faithful visit it or pray before it earlier in the church's history. People did visit, of course, but the center of their attention was the altar, symbol of Christ's sacrifice and the touchpoint between heaven and earth. Shrines and devotional altars abounded in medieval churches, but anything we might describe as a Blessed Sacrament chapel would be hard to find.

Amazingly, the Eucharist was first kept in private houses for the purpose of Holy Communion at home. As for church, the custom gradually developed of suspending a vessel shaped like a dove somewhere in the church, often over the altar. In the hovering bird, a few hosts, enough to satisfy the pastoral needs of the dying, would be secreted. The priest would lower the dove on a pulley as needed, but it wasn't a focus of devotion by visitors to the church. It was simply a way of reassuring bishops who were nervous about safeguarding the Eucharist. The dove solution caught on in England and France after Crusaders came in contact with the custom in their travels in the Orthodox East.

Three tourists climbed the tower with London's Big Ben and decided to throw their watches off the top, run down the stairs and try to catch them before they hit the ground. The first tourist threw his watch but heard it crash before he had taken three steps. The second threw his watch and made only two steps before hearing his watch shatter. The third tourist threw his watch off the tower, went down the stairs, bought a snack at a shop up the street and walked slowly back to Big Ben in time to catch the watch." How did you do that?" asked one of his friends. "My watch is 20 minutes slow."

**Calendar of Events**

**Mon., April 7th, NO Women's League Meeting**  
**Wed., April 9th, Rosary, 6:00 pm**  
**Thurs., Apr. 10th, 6:30 pm, St. Vincent DePaul**  
**Thurs., Apr. 10th, 7:00 pm, Parish Council**  
**Sun., April 6th, CCD, Teacher's Meeting**

### Athletic Director Sought

The Battle Creek Area Catholic Schools and St. Philip Catholic Central High School seeks qualified candidates for the position of Athletic Director. Responsibilities include organizing and directing middle school and high school athletic programs and coaches, collaborating with administrative and academic staff, managing athletic budget, athletic event management. Bachelor's Degree required. Send cover letter and resume to Kathy Grosso, St. Philip High School Principal by April 21, 2008.

### Evening of Reflection on St. Paul

Msgr. Michael Hazard will lead an evening of reflection for Ordinary time of the liturgical year based on the writings of St. Paul on Friday evening, April 18, 2008, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. in the Chapel of St. Joseph Church, 936 Lake Street, Kalamazoo. There is no fee for the evening however donations will be accepted.

### What are you speaking of?

If Jesus greeted you on your road today, could you answer without blushing the question, "What do you speak of?" Daily we travel our own road to Emmaus, traveling further and further from the day we learned about Jesus' resurrection. Are we taking the story with us? Are we reminding ourselves and those around us that a miracle has taken place? Let's pray today that the Easter story becomes fresh and new to us every morning. That on the Lord's return He will find us on the road, ready to answer, "Yes, Lord, we are speaking of You!"

### A Thank You

I wish to thank everyone for the prayers for my sister-in-law, Rose Marie Pappas. She's doing well. Also, thank you for the prayers for Douglas Doud. Unfortunately, he passed away. A big thank you again and God bless....Florence James



### Lord, when did we see you?

We don't always recognize Jesus in our daily lives. We sometimes forget His instructions, forget we are His followers. Yet in our wandering, weekly we come together to be fed on the Word and the Presence of God, and are filled anew. Refreshed, re-created, and empowered, we celebrate the Presence of the Lord in our midst. We see Him lifted up and go forth to reflect His presence to those around us by witnessing the Risen Lord through our faith and our generosity.

**Family Perspective**-In today's gospel the disciples were returning home so "downcast" they did not recognize Jesus walking with them. In our homes we can also be so overwhelmed we don't see God with us. Today's gospel tells us to stop each day and open our eyes to the blessings we are to one another in our families.

### News from BCACS



Tiger Paws to:

Sister Cyrilla Jegla and Pat Peck for their ongoing support and help for the Battle Creek Area Catholic Schools especially their help in setting up the cafeteria for the annual State of the Schools Meeting. We could not have done it without them!!!!

The Mom's Club is sponsoring a **Scrapbook and Craft Social** on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm. There will be door prizes and hourly drawings. Snacks and drinks will be provided. A Creative Memories consultant will be on hand. Dinner will be served by Fazoli's at 5:30 pm. Cost for this event is \$20.00. Proceeds benefit Mom's Club Teacher grants. Please contact Mary Ellen (660.0014) or Doris (968.6976) to register or for further information.

The **SCRIP Vendors of the Month** can help with spring clean up! Certificates purchased in the month of April from both **Remington Car Wash** and **Heritage Cleaners** will earn the full tuition rebate credit. Call the SCRIP office at 963.3034 with questions, or use the SCRIP order form located on the BCACS website-www.bcacs.org.

### NOW is the time to consider Catholic education!

*"Teachers in Catholic schools have implicit faith in the child and the child's ability to learn, which encourages children to have faith in their own abilities. Teachers in Catholic school provide the kind of feedback that encourages positive attitudes about learning."* (Bempechat, Graham, and Jinenez, 1996) If you are interested in hearing, call Cathy Erskine at the BCACS office, 963-1131.



### A Very Big Thank You

Thanks to all who kept me in their prayers during my surgery. I lost my one kidney during surgery, but I'm sure it was all the prayers and good thoughts from all of you that made it work again. Healing will take time, but wanted you to know how grateful I am. The cards I got upon returning home helped my disposition! Thanks, again

I heard a story about a mother who was sick in bed with the flu. Her darling daughter wanted so much to be a good nurse. She fluffed the pillows and brought a magazine for her mother to read. And then she even showed up with a surprise cup of tea.

"Why, you're such a sweetheart," the mother said as she drank the tea. "I didn't know you even knew how to make tea."

"Oh, yes," the little girl replied. "I learned by watching you. I put the tea leaves in the pan and then I put in the water, and I boiled it, and then I strained it into a cup. But I couldn't find a strainer, so I used the flyswatter instead."

"You what?" the mother screamed.

And the little girl said, "Oh, don't worry, Mom, I didn't use the new fly swatter. I used the old one."