

LIVING DISCIPLESHIP

St. Philip Neri Catholic Church

A Discipleship Parish

LENTEN CALL TO CONVERSION

Lent begins this Wednesday with the placing of ashes and fasting. Lent calls us to conversion. For those of us who are disciples, this call to conversion is a serious one. May God give us the strength to truly have a desire to convert and for the grace for this to come about.

"As is written of me in the scroll, Behold, I come to do your will, O God." Hebrews 10:7

Discipleship Session

Points to pray about and discuss at your next discipleship:

1. What have you heard Jesus call you to do for Lent?
2. What things has our parish been asking that I have not done? Why am I resistant?
3. To what things are we most attached? Do I have enough faith to let go of these things?

Conversion to Sacrifice

Lent is all about sacrifice but we rarely like the idea of it. Lets get something straight. Jesus died on the cross for us so that we would know the way and have companionship along our own journey of self denial and suffering. Ponder on the words Jesus often tells us, "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:27. The cross is foolishness to the world but to us who believe it is the power of God (cf. 1Cor 1:18). We need a conversion to accepting self denial and suffering in our lives. It takes faith to step out and deny ourselves with the knowledge that we will find peace and joy without this or that attachment in our lives. The pathway to freedom is simpler than we want to admit but needs our will's engaged. The saints are often great witnesses to us in self denial and the happiness and peace it brings. Reading the lives of the saints this lent can help open up new perspectives to the need for and value of self denial.

What should I give up for Lent?

We have our typical things but perhaps have struggled in it bearing much fruit. Hebrews 10:5-10 gives great insight to a conversion in how we approach Lent and self denial. God desires first of all obedience and the offering of our bodies to Him. We would make huge strides if we gave up the things we are attached to. The problem is we have often categorized these as being essential and non-negotiable. This is another way of saying they have become gods for us. Let me give you a list and you choose from the least desirable of them. The core pillars our parish renewal make for great Lenten replacements. it will likely do little good to give up things of your choosing when He has already asked for the sacrifices He wants from us.

Sacrifices for self denial

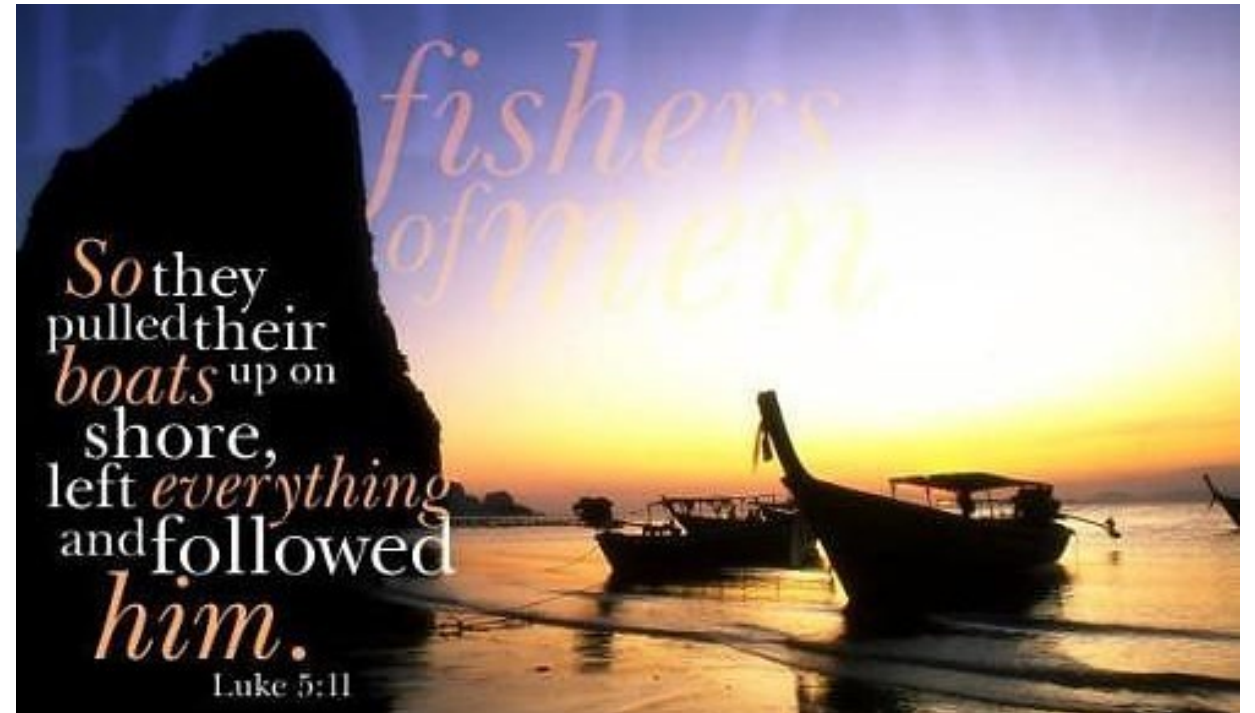
- Not attending some sporting events
- Not signing up for JO volleyball, instead use time to help others in Jubilee Year of Mercy
- Limit Facebook to 10 min. a day
- Stop watching TV (until you've prayed)

Lenten suggestions

- Fill out tithing of treasure & time survey
- (Re)commit to walking with another in discipleship
- Daily 1/2 hr of meditative/contemplative prayer
- Spending 1 hr a week discerning a charism



Jesus being tempted in desert by Satan.



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Pillar focus ➡ Charisms

The category of focus this week are the lifestyle charisms. People with these charisms have distinctive lifestyles and freedom for unusual ministry. Here they are: Celibacy, Voluntary poverty, Missionary, & Faith.

Celibacy– By remaining unmarried and celibate for the sake of Christ, this charism empowers Christians to be most fulfilled and spiritually fruitful.

Voluntary Poverty - Living a life of cheerful, voluntary simplicity or poverty in order to identify with Jesus and the poor. Voluntary poverty is one of the most common signs of devotion throughout Christian history such as St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi.

Missionary - This charism is a channel of God's goodness to others by living effectively and joyfully in a second culture. Christians with this charism are able to enter into the hearts of those from another culture with ease and grace.

Faith - The charism of Faith is an unusual trust in God and a remarkable freedom to act on this trust. It is different from the virtue of faith required to all of us. This charism enables some Christians to live joyful lifestyles of exceptional trust in God's provision and care such as Mother Teresa.



"It's not how much we give but how much LOVE we put into giving."
— Mother Teresa

**February 7, 2016
Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

Mon., Feb 8.....8 AM <i>Eva Schmitt by Delrose Schmitt</i>
Tue., Feb 9.....7 PM <i>Health of Martin Joseph Jr. by his parents Martin & Maggie Leier</i>
Wed., Feb 10.....7:30 PM Ash Wednesday <i>+Alfred Gross by Tony & Rita Wangler</i>
Ash Wednesday Mass @ Care Center.....9:15 AM <i>Priest's Intention</i>
Thurs., Feb 11.....8 AM <i>For Those Alienated & Strayed to find welcome in our church</i>
Fri., Feb 12.....5 PM <i>+Joe & +Clara Leier by The Family</i>
Sat., Feb 13.....5 PM Rosary 4:40 <i>For Our Parishioners</i>
Sun., Feb 14.....10 AM Rosary 9:40 <i>+Baltzer (Bill) Schmitt by Bill Jen Schmitt Family</i>
Sunday Care Center 8:45 AM Helper: Phyllis Johnson



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place from 6 AM Thursday until midnight Friday.

Parish Announcements



Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration will be from February 10 - March 23 (starting at 8am with Mass till 9 pm). Can you commit to adoration Wednesdays during Lent? Adoration of Jesus helps us develop a personal relationship with Jesus, growing in love and holiness. Quiet time with the Lord enables us to listen and recognize His voice as He speaks to our hearts through the thoughts He places in our minds and by reading and meditating on scripture. We can ask for His help, thank Him for blessings, and grow closer to Him. Contact Maria Regner at 754-2474 or sign up on the sheet in the back of the church or adoration chapel.

KCs will be selling tootsie rolls Feb.13 & 14 for free will offering. All proceeds will go to Special Olympics North Dakota .

A Message from St. Ann's Catholic School in Belcourt: Thank you to the members of St. Philip Neri for your recent donation to our school. We serve 41 students who live in poverty, are homeless, and often have one parent. You are now playing an important part in the lives of these children with your material, financial, and prayerful support. As good stewards of God's gifts, we will make sure your donations go to serve our students this year. Please pray for us and God bless you.

Charism Classes—Mini workshops after 10 AM Mass. Contact Lori Gross (332-6786) or Denise Weigel (754-2309).

First Sunday Breakfast— On Feb. 7th. there will be breakfast from 8:15—9:15 a.m. sponsored by the Christian Mothers.

Stations of The Cross during Lent will be every Friday following 5:00pm mass

Drop off old palms in basket provided in the entry way to burn for ashes on Ash Wednesday

Office staff hours may change as needed but Emily is usually in on Tues. Thurs. & Fri. while Tanya is usually in on Tues. & Thurs. both from about 9:00am—5:00pm.

Area Events and News



A Breakfast Party!
Wear your Favorite Hat!
Have breakfast with your mom, daughter, goddaughter, granddaughter, grandmother, sister and friends! Great food, great company, and an inspiring speaker. Kelli Schneider will be speaking about Women's Virtue and the Saints.

Mother-Daughter Celebration

Saturday, February 13 • 9:30-11:30 a.m.
At the Ramkota Hotel, 800 S. 3rd St., Bismarck

Women's Lenten Retreat on Feb. 27 at St. Mary's High School -



Fr. Basil Atwell will speak on "The End of the World." The day starts at 8:30 am and goes until 3:00 pm and includes Mass, breakfast and lunch, two talks, a Q & A period, confession, and Adoration. Registration checks should be made out to Women's Lenten Retreat and sent by mail. Cost is \$25 if sent by Feb. 19 or \$30 after that. Students are \$15. Mail registrations to: 708 1st Ave NW, Mandan, ND, 58554. Questions? Contact Meikel Engelhardt at 391-2805 or Patti Armstrong at 471-9633.

SAVE THE DATE! February 11, 2016 is **Giving Hearts Day**. Catholic Charities North Dakota and St. Gianna's Maternity Home, among many other quality charities, are again participating in this 24 hour online fundraising event in which your donations are matched. Go to impactgiveback.org on Thursday, February 11th to donate.

Ash Wednesday & Lent this Week Remember to fast this Wednesday as it is a mandatory day of fasting and to abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent.

Lenten Worship Take notice a few things different during Lent in the way we worship. During Lent there is no Gloria (except on special feast days) and we do not say or sing Alleluia. Flowers are also not used in Church during Lent except for Laetare Sunday and solemnities and for pastoral reasons during funerals. Also the music is to be more low key meaning there might be less singing in general

Feasts of the Week:
Mon., Feb. 8 - St. Jerome Emiliani;
St. Josephine Bakhita
Thurs., Feb. 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes

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Confessions: 1/2 hr before every Mass, 1 hour before Saturday Mass, OR by appointment any time

Weddings: Contact Fr. Laframboise at least 8 months prior

Baptisms: Contact Fr. Laframboise before Godparents are chosen.

	Wednesday, February 10
<u>Sacristan</u>	Deacon Gary Schumacher
<u>Lectors</u>	Silvano, Tom Gross
<u>Servers</u>	Elite Servers

	Saturday, February 13
<u>Sacristan</u>	Phyllis Johnson
<u>Lectors</u>	Silvano, Phyllis Johnson
<u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u>	S. Holt, B. Silbernagel, V. Becker, L. Schloss
<u>Servers</u>	Tucker Schneider, Payton Haas

	Sunday, February 14
<u>Sacristan</u>	Markus Wangler
<u>Lectors</u>	Silvano, Nick Breidenbach
<u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u>	W. & A. Piatz, Terry Schwartzberger Family
<u>Servers</u>	Kylie Breidenbach, Yikealo Breidenbach