



~ From the Deacon's Desk ~

My Dear Friends,

We are fast approaching Fat Tuesday - a day of parties, king cakes, parades, beads and celebration which also means we are fast approaching Ash Wednesday - a day of repentance, extra prayer and ash smudged across our foreheads.

The contrast of Fat Tuesday and Ash Wednesday marks a shift in our time, they call us to attention – something is happening here, pay attention. But what exactly is happening? Are we just celebrating our vices and sins on a Tuesday in order to confess them on a Wednesday? Or is something more happening here?

On Ash Wednesday we mark our connection to the winter season. Among all the busyness and the seemingly never ending pace of life, we recognize with the shift into Lent that life ends. As gray ash is smudged across our foreheads and trickles down our eyelashes and noses, we remind ourselves that we are part of this winter season, this gray landscape, this dying world.

We enter Lent recognizing our physical limits and eventual death but we also recognize our spiritual limits, our weaknesses, and our sins.

We proclaim the words found in Genesis, “Dust you are and to dust you shall return.”

But why? Aren't we a people of hope, a people who proclaim a Spirit of Hope? Should we be thinking about death, pondering our limits, joining the dying winter days?

It is exactly because we are a people of hope that we are called at this moment, in these gray winter days, to journey with all people in the season of dying. We are called as a Resurrection people to offer a proclamation of hope to the world. We walk with the world on this journey of limits, sin and death proclaiming that in Christ our limits will become gifts; our weaknesses will reveal God's glory; our sins will be healed; our death will be transformed into new life.

How might you be called to proclaim a spirit of hope during this Lenten journey?

How will you celebrate the Resurrection in these winter days?

*Faithfully,
Deacon Corein Brown*

Spirit of Hope Catholic Community

To our Eucharistic table – All are invited

Co-located at St. Anne's Episcopal Church
2035 Charlton Road Sunfish Lake, MN 55118 651-328-7723



February 2012

Winter Mass Schedule **Saturday evening** **5:00 p.m.**

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Marty Shanahan
Deacons: Rev. Colleen Woodley
Rev. Corein Brown
Youth Minister: Nancy Hochschild

Our Mission: Inviting and inspiring all to live in faith.

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Saturday, February 4

Presiding: Rev. Marty Shanahan

Lector: Art Stoeberl

Prayers of the Faithful: Glen Olson

Eucharist Ministers: Nancy Davis, Amy Sweeney

Cantor: Gary Davis, Jim Cosgrove

Pianist: Betty Kok

Saturday, February 11

Presiding: Rev. Marty Shanahan

Lector: Gary Davis

Prayers of the Faithful: Amy Sweeney

Eucharist Ministers: Glen Olson, Kristen Fuchs

Cantor: Ingrid Mattsson

Pianist: Betty Kok

Saturday, February 18

Presiding: Rev. Marty Shanahan

Lector: Steve Chavez

Prayers of the Faithful: Gary Davis

Eucharist Ministers: Nancy Davis, Joan Flood

Cantor: Kristen Fuchs

Pianist: Mary Lou Larson Fine

Saturday, February 25

Presiding: Rev. Marty Shanahan

Lector: Laurie Fitzer

Prayers of the Faithful: Amy Sweeney

Eucharist Ministers: Glen Olson, Joyce St John

Cantor: Cynthia Sampers

Pianist: Mary Lou Larson Fine

Neighbors Food Shelf

Please bring non-perishable food items to the church entryway.

Winter Clothing Needed for Joseph's Coat

Each month we support Joseph's Coat, a free-standing store for St. Paul neighborhoods. In January we donated many brown paper bags, rolls of toilet paper and paper towels, boxes of tissues,, 18 pairs of socks, hats, jackets, and several bags of clothing. This month we will be collecting most needed personal care items such as toothpaste and brushes, deodorant, shampoo, razors and shaving cream. Your generosity is appreciated.

Watch Your Thoughts...

Watch your thoughts; they become words.

Watch your words; they become actions.

Watch your actions; they become habits.

Watch your habits; they become character.

Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

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Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, Feb. 04

6:15 pm

Coffee Social Hour and Game Night

Stop by for a cup of coffee and conversation, followed by cards and games. Pizza will be available.

Thursday, Feb. 09

6:30 pm

"Spirited Women of Hope"

Meet at Panera's in Eagan at 6:30 pm to grab a bite to eat and then pack meals for Feed My Starving Children in Eagan from 8:00 to 9:30 pm.

Saturday, Feb. 11

6:15 pm

SOH Pot Luck Dinner & Cookie Baking for the Homeless

Bring a dish to share and cookie dough to bake. Following the meal, we will bake cookies for the homeless.

Thursday, Feb. 16

7:00 pm

Third Thursday Adult Education topic:

Mark's Gospel: Ever Calling New Generations to Faith

Sr. Joan Mitchell, CSJ, will speak about Mark's gospel and early Christian communities, how they gathered around the eyewitness disciples to remember Jesus' teachings and break bread as He asked. How in doing so, they became workshops of the word that travels through time, as story to us today.

Saturday, Feb. 18

6:15 pm

Burning palms for Ash Wednesday

Please bring your last year's palms to mass tonight. We will be burning them after mass in preparation for Ash Wednesday.

Wednesday, Feb. 22

7:00 pm

Ash Wednesday service, co-celebrated with St. Anne's

If you are unable to attend and would like ashes, please contact Fr. Marty (651-328-7723). We will make arrangements to meet your needs.

Thursday, Feb. 23

7:00 pm

Lenten Scripture Study

A discussion of Sabbath from a Jewish perspective; Ben Fink will explain how he practices this tradition and suggest ways Christians can celebrate Sabbath.

Monday, Feb. 27

6:30 pm

Human trafficking discussion – see flyer for details

Looking Ahead...

Thursday, Mar. 01: Spirited Women of Hope meeting & Lenten Scripture Study

Saturday, Mar. 03: Coffee Social Hour and Game Night

Monday, Mar. 05: Core Team Meeting

Thursday, Mar. 08: Lenten Scripture Study

Thursday, Mar. 15: Third Thursday Adult Education