

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Third Sunday of Lent - March 27, 2011

## HOPE IN CHRIST



[John 4:1-15](#) tells the story of Jesus and the woman at the well. Jesus told her, "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life" (vv. 13-14).

## Our Mission

*St. John the Baptist  
Catholic Community,  
inspired by  
the Spirit of Christ,  
reaches out, educates,  
helps and nurtures all  
people, as we worship  
and serve  
Our Heavenly Father.*

## All are Welcome Parishioners, New Members, Visitors and Guests:

Thank you for joining our worshipping community. Please stop by our parish office to register and let us know if we can be of assistance.

### **Sunday Mass**

English:

7:30am, 10:00am,

6:30pm

Spanish: 12:00 noon

### **Saturday Vigil Mass**

5:30pm

### **Daily Mass**

Mon., Tues., Wed, Fri,

7:00am Mass

Thursday & Saturday

8:30am

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

4:00-5:00 Sat. or by  
appointment

### **Adoration Chapel**

Open 24 hours for  
prayer. Call the office  
for the code.

### **Parish Office**

Tues. - Friday

9am - 5pm

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March 27, 2011

3rd Sunday of Lent

## “HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT US”

Dear brothers and sisters,

Greetings to you in this joyful season of Lent and Spring.

On this, the Third Sunday of Lent, the scripture readings call us to think about our thirst and our hope for eternal life, and how it can be quenched only by the life-giving water of the Holy Spirit that comes to us through Jesus in Baptism. We, like the Israelites in the first reading are called to recognize God in our lives and to trust in His care for us. Like the Israelites, whom God loved despite their unfaithfulness on the journey to the promised land, He will satisfy our longing for him.

St. Paul reminds us that in spite of our sinfulness, and in the midst of our woundedness, God has justified us in Christ and poured forth His love into our hearts in the gift of the Holy Spirit. He instructs us on the three theological virtues, Faith, Hope and Love, that are essential to a right Christian life: And hope does not disappoint us, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Jesus, through his conversation with the woman of Samaria in the gospel today, reminds us of the richness of this gift of baptism which offers us eternal life: “Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

As we celebrate the third Sunday of Lent let us continue our journey reflecting on our individual baptism and the gift of living grace God has given each of us. The rock may be a symbol of my state of life as I journey and reflect closely on my life in the spirit. Let nothing disturb us today but teach us to know that God is loving, kind and merciful. He continues to pour into our heart His love and grace. Let us keep our faith alive, our hope firm and our love sincere. Remember our responsorial psalm: “If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Come let us worship the Lord.”

I would like to remind you of the many opportunities St. John's offers us to examine our baptismal life in the Lord and renew our commitment to God in this Lenten season. It is an expected time for a change that will break into habit of a virtuous life in the days, months, years and many new seasons to come. During the Lenten season the Church will remain open so families can come at anytime between 7:00am to 5:00pm and pray in silence. We have the adoration chapel where you can come anytime during the day or night as it is accessible twenty-four hours a day. Please call the parish office to get the code for security reasons. We have the devotion on Fridays of Lent. It starts with soup supper at 6:00pm followed by stations of the cross. Please see the details inside this bulletin. On April 2nd we will have the community reconciliation service at 10:00am, and we will have priests from the Archdiocese who will be available as confessors to offer us God's love and mercy. To help us move deeper in this journey, our parish liturgy commission will introduce the Labyrinth which will be a great tool for meditation to stay focused on our Lenten journey as we hope in Christ. We have over thirty RCIA participants preparing to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church, and you have the opportunity to pray for these catechumens and candidates. Today as you enter or are sent forth from the Church, please find a prayer card in a basket next to the picture board of the RCIA candidates. Our parish also offers an opportunity to reach out to the poor people in the missions in India by giving alms and collecting all the money we saved through our sacrifices and fasting during Lent. Today, please pick a blessing bank so you can start saving some money to assist the education of the poor children in India. At the end of your Lenten journey you could also write a check to the Missionaries of S.F.X.

Many blessings to you and your families as we all journey in faith and hope in Jesus Christ.

Rev. Maxy D'Costa, Pastor



## Calendar for This Week

### Monday, March 28

Mass	7:00am	Church
After School Care	3:15-6:00	Daycare Room
Beginners	6:45pm	Parish Center
Spanish Prayer Grp	7:00pm	Church
AlaTeen/AA/Alanon	7:30pm	Parish Center

### Tuesday, March 29

Mass	7:00am	Church
Good Grief Group	10:00am	Saalfeld
Grief Group	1:30pm	Saalfeld
After School Care	3:15-6:00	Daycare Room
RCIA	7:00pm	Saalfeld/Cafe
St. Vincent de Paul	7:00pm	Church

### Wednesday, March 30

Mass	7:00am	Church
Meeting	8:00am	Jordan
Pinochle	1-4:00pm	Saalfeld
After School Care	2:15-6:00	Daycare Room
Religious Education	5:30pm	Parish Campus
Legion of Mary	7:00pm	Jordan

### Thursday, March 31

Mass	8:30am	Church
After School Care	3:15-6:00	Daycare Room
Finance Council	5:00pm	Saalfeld
Adult Choir	7:00pm	Church
Lector Reflection & Training	7:00pm	Saalfeld

### First Friday, April 1

Mass	7:00am	Church
Adoration & Benediction	8:30am	Church
After School Care	3:15-6:00pm	Daycare Rm
Soup Supper	6:00pm	Cafeteria
Stations of Cross	7:00pm	Church
Encuentro Mat	7:00pm	Jordan
Scouts	7:00pm	Cafeteria

### First Saturday, April 2

Men's Prayer Group	7:00am	Jordan
Mass	8:30am	Church
Reconciliation Service	10:00am	Church
Confessions	4-5pm	Church
Vigil Mass	5:30pm	Church

### Sunday, April 3

Masses:	7:30am; 10:00am; 6:30pm	
Spanish Mass:	12:00 Noon	
Liturgy Commission	8:45am	Jordan
Liturgy of Word	10:00am	Jordan
Spanish Band	10:45am	Jordan
Youth Band	11:15am	RE Office
Spanish Lit of Wd	12:00noon	Cafeteria
Boy Scouts	4:00pm	Saalfeld/Cafe

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## Scrutinies

The Scrutinies, which are solemnly celebrated on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent and are reinforced by an exorcism, are rites for self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose. The Scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. The word scrutiny means literally to "search". During these liturgies we too are called along with the Elect to undergo a scrutiny or to search out that which is weak, defective or sinful in our hearts in preparation to renew our baptismal relationship with Jesus. During the Scrutinies, the Elect are called forward with the Godparents and the entire assembly prays for them that they may scrutinize their hearts honestly. The candidates are asked to kneel in their place and also scrutinize their hearts and honestly recognize all that is weak and sinful and in need of healing.

The prayers over the Elect and Candidates are first intercessions and then an Exorcism. The Church prays that the Elect will be free from Satan's grasp and the power of sin. The truth is, evil does exist with and all around us and through honest scrutiny we can all come to identify these areas of sin that need healing (exorcism) so that, come Easter, we can truly say that only the power of Christ compels us.

The gospels for these Sundays are taken from John. From the missal of the first millennium the church has used these powerful three Gospel stories and have relied on them to help the Elect in their self-searching. These stories focus on spiritual thirst (woman at the well), blindness (man born blind), and death/decay (the raising of Lazarus). These Gospel stories can act as a light that shines on our lives and illumines those areas that need to be healed.

(sources: Bringing Catechesis and Liturgy Together and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Study Edition).

## Reflection & Training

### E.M.'s and Lectors

St. John's liturgies are in need of people to offer their time and talent to the ministries of Lector and Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, especially at our 5:30pm Vigil Mass and our 7:30am Mass. Please call Fr. Maxy if you think you are being called to one of these ministries. Training dates are as follows:

### Lectors

Fr. Maxy will lead your day of reflection on Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the church or Thursday March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in the Saalfeld Room.



*You only need to attend one of the presentations. Father is just offering two choices.*



### Baptism

NO Baptism's will be held in April or May. The next celebration of the sacrament will be June 5th following

the 10am Mass. Are you expecting or do you have a baby who you would like to baptize? St. John's offers baptism once a month on the first Sunday of the month. First the parents must attend a baptism class. Please contact Pat at 503-654-5449 or email at [pat.raschio@gmail.com](mailto:pat.raschio@gmail.com).

### Advertiser of the Week

Mt. Scott Funeral Home  
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503-771-1171  
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Collection	This week	BUDGET (Average/week)	
03/20/2011	\$17,129	\$14,135	
Week 38 of 52	2010/2011	2010/2011	Over (Short) Year to Date:
Fiscal Year to Date:	\$521,466	\$537,130	(15,664)
Prior year to Date (2010):	\$507,939		

**Building Maintenance Fund this week: \$520**

**ParishPay News:**

ParishPay is now offering the option of selecting either the 5th or the 20th of each month as the designated debit transaction date for your gift to St. Johns. You can also split your contribution between the two dates. If you would like to make changes to your current gift or would like more information, please go to [www.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com) or call the Parish Office at 503-654-5449.

***Living Your Strengths and Growing Spiritually***

Do you know what specific gifts you have been given by God? Discover your God-given gifts (also known as *signature themes*) in the book, ***Living Your Strengths***, available at no cost through the parish office. In the first letter of Peter, Chapter 4, he says:

“Each of you has been blessed with one of God’s many wonderful gifts to be used in the service of others. So use your gift well. If you have the gift of speaking, preach God’s message. If you have the gift of helping others, do it with the strength that God supplies. Everything should be done in a way that will bring honor to God because of Jesus Christ, who is glorious and powerful forever.”

This week we look at the gift of inclusion. You want to include as many people as possible and help them feel part of the group. As LYS says, “Stretch the circle wider...You notice people who feel like outsiders or who feel unappreciated.” This makes people view you as accepting and welcoming.

One piece of scripture that relates to this gift of Ideation comes from Galatians 3:28 “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

Do you recognize yourself? The Includer gift is important because you help groups to be unified and effective. One way to grow spiritually is to look for bible passages that speak about welcoming strangers and being an advocate of the poor and oppressed. You might also consider becoming part of a hospitality ministry to help people move from being spectators to participants, or start a newcomers class to introduce new people to all the various ministries in our parish.

Please contact Libbie Allen in the parish office at 503.654.5449 to get your copy of ***Living Your Strengths***.



**Daily Scripture Readings**

**Monday, March 28**

2 Kings 5:1-15; Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Luke 4:24-30

**Tuesday, March 29**

Daniel 3:25-43; Psalm 25:4-9; Matthew 18:21-35

**Wednesday, March 30**

Deuteronomy 4:1-9; Psalm 147:12-20;  
Matthew 5:17-19

**Thursday, March 31**

Jeremiah 7:23-28; Psalm 95:1-9; Luke 11:14-23

**Friday, April 1**

Hosea 14:2-10; Psalm 81:6-17; Mark 12:28-34

**Saturday, April 2**

Hosea 6:1-6; Psalm 51:3-21; Luke 18:9-14

**Sunday, April 3**

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23:1-6;  
Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

**Weekly Mass Intentions**

**Monday, March 28**

7:00: Scott Winter (d)...Mary Vaetz

**Tuesday, March 29**

7:00: Tamara Rivelli (Int)...Jim Rivelli

**Wednesday, March 30**

7:00: Elias Isse (d)...His Wife & Children

**Thursday, March 31**

8:30: Barb (Int)...Mary

**Friday, April 1**

7:00: Midge Brown (Int)...Bill & Allenna

**Saturday, April 2**

8:30: Poor Souls...Mary Vaetz

5:30pm: Mr. & Mrs. Dominic & Shirley D'Angelo...  
A Dear Friend

**Sunday, April 3**

7:30am: Lora Osterman (d)...LaVina Smith  
10:00am: For the People of the Parish...Pastor  
12:00pm: Dale Wilkins (d)...E.B. Wilkins Family  
6:30pm: Scott Winter (d)...SVDP Members

**Altar Servers**



**Saturday, April 2**

**5:30 Mass:**

Coree Gibson, Julie Olson,  
Peter Faber

**Sunday, April 3**

**7:30 Mass:**

Dominic & Lauren Pisaneschi, Brittany Gottsch

**10:00 Mass:**

Sara Sawtelle, Brendan Marquez,  
Emily Hawkins

**12:00 Mass:**

Jasmin Calvillo-R, Izrael Chavez,  
Jesus Ferreyra

**6:30 Mass:**

Eryn Likkel, Nicholas Childs, Kaelyn Krueter



**Prayer Concerns  
for March**

Karl Anderson, Hal Bauer  
Ernie Bisio, Millard Becker,  
Kathleen Butler  
Jim Geber,  
Ann Hale,  
Jeffrey Luna,  
Kathy Matton,  
Paul Newman,  
Amalia Pienovi  
Maggie Schwab,  
Joe Shelley

These names will remain through March. If you want them to stay for April, please call the parish office.

If you are unable to attend Mass due to a chronic illness or are recovering from surgery, please call the church office if you would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick and/or weekly communion visits.

**Lent:** During Lent we are called to repentance (conversion) and deepening our discipleship. We are to pray, fast and give alms to lead us to conversion. To be a disciple of Jesus means to practice discipline and Lent is our "practice" season. We "practice" by allowing our old selves to die so that a new person may be born in Christ at Easter. The practice of prayer, fasting and alms giving are non-negotiable for disciples of Christ and we practice these disciplines in an intense way during Lent knowing that to live as a true disciple of Christ we will be called upon to exercise them year-round.

As we are deciding how we will fast this season we need to focus on why fasting is one of our disciplines. We are not to just substitute one food for another; eat a nice salmon dinner in place of a steak dinner. We are called to sacrifice, to deny ourselves of that which we do not truly need. This denial may come in the form of food or from those things in our lives which separate us from God. Such as the time we spend being too busy for God; TV, computers, games. We might need to fast from unkind words and focus building up someone's confidence.

What have been your experiences of past Lenten seasons?

What did you do that made you a better disciple of God?

When did you fall down?

If we are to truly go through a conversion, then at the end of the 40 days we should be noticeably different. This could be through a more active prayer life, or fasting from those things that separate us from God, or a willingness to share with others our "alms." (resources, Ministry & Liturgy and Bringing Catechesis and Liturgy).

### **Lenten 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 23** 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. Observance of the Ember Day is encouraged but not obligatory.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation and the season of Lent:** The faithful should be clearly and positively encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Penance during Lent. The parish Reconciliation Service will be celebrated on Saturday, April 2 at 10:00am with several priests assisting.

### **LEGACY TIPS**

As a service to parishioners, St. John's has teamed with St. John's Catholic Community Foundation to provide consulting on estate planning. Mr. Gene Christian, who is a local and state-wide expert in this area, is available to meet with you in a confidential setting to define how you want your estate handled. There is no obligation, and no cost to you for this service. Please contact Libbie Allen in the parish office at 503.654.5449 to set up an appointment.

### ***Estate Planning Workshop***

St. John's Catholic Community Foundation is hosting an interactive workshop on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, in the Saalfeld Room, from 6 to 8 pm. Mr. Gene Christian will provide up-to-date information on estate planning. Refreshments include wine, beer, and soft drinks, and heavy appetizers. Please contact Libbie Allen in the parish office to let her know you plan on attending.

# Lenten Schedule

## Theme: Hope in Christ

St. John's Church will be open for quiet prayer and meditation during Lent (after morning Mass until 5:00pm)



Friday, April 1st - Soup Supper 6:00pm in Cafeteria  
Stations of the Cross 7:00pm in Church

Saturday, April 2nd - Parish Reconciliation Service  
10:00am in the Church

Friday, April 8th - Soup Supper 6:00pm in Cafeteria  
Stations of the Cross 7:00pm in Church

Friday, April 15th - Soup Supper 6:00pm in Cafeteria  
Stations of the Cross 7:00pm in Church

Sunday, April 17th - Palm Sunday

If you are not able to join us for our Penance Service:

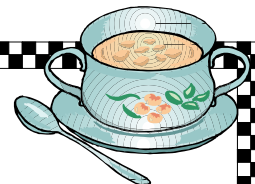
Christ the King  
Sat., April 9th at 10:00am

St. John the Apostle  
Wed., April 13th at 7:00pm

St. Philip Benizi  
Friday, April 15th at 7:00pm

The Adoration Chapel will be closed during the Triduum, from Holy Thursday at 6:30pm until Easter Sunday at 2:30pm!

### Friday night Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper during Lent



Lent is upon us once again. How do you plan to make it different, holy? A simple supper of meatless soup and bread will be served in the cafeteria at 6:00pm during Lent on Fridays from Feb. 11th through April 15th.

All are welcome! Please join in this wonderful parish community activity on each of the Friday's of Lent. this is a great opportunity to get acquainted with parishioners who attend Mass at a different time than you do. Bring a friend and introduce your fellow parishioners to this very welcoming, communal activity.

**Bring your own bowl and spoon and we will fill them with something delicious!**

Stations of the Cross follow at 7:00pm in the church. Please join us as we spiritually accompany Jesus on His sorrowful journey to Calvary.



## St. Vincent de Paul Update

In the month of February, we helped 108 families, consisting of 302 individuals. We delivered 3,022 pounds of food to 69 of those households & gave \$3,860.79 in rent and utilities help to 43 of those families. We are always in need of T.P., and personal care items, such as shampoo, bath soap, toothpaste and lotions. Our donation barrel is located in the back of church (no clothes, please) and our boxes will be out on Sunday, April 3rd. Thank you for your generous help to these families in need! God bless you.

## Catholic Relief Services helps Japan

We've all seen the heartrending pictures of the devastation in Japan from the recent earthquake and tsunami. And of course the omnipresent danger from the damaged nuclear power plant.

Next weekend will be having a second collection for Catholic Relief Services. They have already partnered with Caritas Japan and are sending significant amounts there for relief. A generous CRS collection will see that there is sufficient funding for Japan relief as well as for other disaster relief and development project in the poorest areas of our planet.



April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
April 4<sup>th</sup>  
April 11<sup>th</sup>  
April 15-16<sup>th</sup>  
April 25<sup>th</sup>  
May 15<sup>th</sup>  
May 15<sup>th</sup>

## Youth News

Reconciliation Service  
No Monday Night Live  
Monday Night Live  
Middle School Retreat  
Monday Night Live  
First Communion  
Confirmation

St. John's  
  
Parish Center/ Teen Room  
Parish Center  
Parish Center/ Teen Room  
St. John's  
Christ the King Catholic Church



*A Campaign for the Archdiocese of Portland*

We are part of an exciting campaign for the **Sharing Our Gifts, Shaping Our Future** parishes throughout our Archdiocese. Gifts to meet important local needs as well as the

Here's a broad overview of the campaign, with more information to come over the coming weeks:

**What is this capital campaign about?** It is an all-parish, all-parishioner, **five-year pledge** effort to raise funds for St. John the Baptist and the future of our Catholic faith. The funds are to solidify the financial future of:

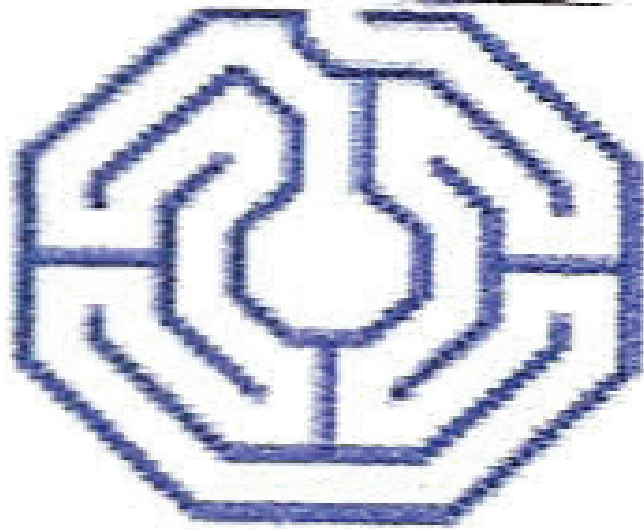
- seminary education
- priest retirement
- faith formation and Catholic education
- our needs at St. John the Baptist

**Why conduct this campaign now?** There has been a need to conduct a campaign to address financial areas for over a decade. The time is now to attend to these critical items. Every parish will conduct the campaign; several have already successfully completed this task. We at St. John's are part of the final wave of participants.

**What does this mean for us?** We will be asking every household to respond in this campaign. Over the next 12-14 weeks, we will explain the campaign, the needs to be addressed, the way in which you can give—all the information you will need to make an educated decision and help us shape our future.

Please give prayerful consideration if you are asked to help with this important campaign.

Catholic Church of Western Oregon. The capital campaign is being launched in all received will ensure the ability of our parish needs of the Church in Western Oregon.



## A Labyrinth?? What in the world is a Labyrinth, and what do we do with it anyway?

As promised, the Art and Environment Ministry team has an idea to hopefully help enrich and deepen your Lent experience.

Okay, so what is a Labyrinth?

A labyrinth is a path made on the ground in a design like the one above. The entrance is on the top of this one. The idea is to enter it and follow the path until you reach the center while praying.

It is an ancient symbol that represents a journey to our own center and back again into the outer world. Labyrinths have long been used as meditative prayer tools.

Chartres Cathedral in France has one of the oldest labyrinths still in use. It was made in 1200 and laid into the floor of the church. Don't worry; ours will be outdoors and not permanent!

A labyrinth is meant to be walked from the entrance to the center and then back out the same way. It can be walked as a pilgrimage, a prayer, or for repentance. As a pilgrimage it would be a questing, searching journey of prayer with the hope of becoming closer to God. At its most basic level, the labyrinth is a metaphor for the journey to God in our deepest self and then back out into the world with a greater sense of our relationship with Him.

There is no right way to walk a labyrinth. You have only to enter and follow the path. Your walk can encompass a variety of attitudes. It may be joyous or somber, it might be thoughtful or prayerful, and you may use it as a walking meditation or a walking rosary.

Some general guidelines for walking the labyrinth are:

Focus: Pause and wait at the entrance. Become quiet and centered, Give an acknowledgement and reverence by a bow, nod and then enter.

Experience: walk purposefully. Observe and feel the process. When you reach the center, stay there and focus for several moments. Leave when it seems appropriate. Be attentive on the way out.

Exit: Turn and face the entrance. Give a reverent acknowledgement of ending, such as "Amen".

Reflect: After walking the Labyrinth reflect back on your experience. Say a prayer of thanksgiving or gratitude,

Walk often.

Our Labyrinth (Pictured above) is a simple design, unlike Chartres which is much more complex. It will be painted with water base paint, on the cement, on the lowest level of the gathering area in the front of the church and will be ready for use the fifth week of Lent.

It will be removed after Easter.







We will post these guidelines in the back of the church during Lent and will clearly mark the entrance.

A labyrinth is often confused with a maze but it IS NOT a maze. There are no blind alleys or any way to get lost. A labyrinth has only ONE path. The way in is the way out. There is only one choice, to enter it or not.

**We joyfully hope  
you will join us and  
take advantage of this  
meditative  
opportunity.**

Your Liturgy Commission

# April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 3 8:45 Lit Comm Jor 10:00 Lit of Wd Jor 10:45 Sp Band Jor 11:15 Youth Bd RE Off 12:00 Sp Lit of Wd Cafe 4:00 Boy Scls Saal/Cafe PFA to host coffee & donuts	 7 7:00 Mass 3-6 ASC Daycare Rm 6:45pm Alanon 7:00pm Beg/Ala Teen 7:30pm AA Meeting 7:00 Spanish Prayer Gr Church 7:00 Auction Mtg Libr	 5 7:00 Mass 10:00 GGG Saalfeld 11:25 School Jordan 1:30 Grief Grp Saalfeld 3-6 ASC Daycare 7:00 RCIA Cafe/Saal 7:00 SVDP Church 7:00 Auction Mtg Libr	 6 7:00 Mass 9:30 Staff Jordan 1:00 Pinochle Saalfeld 2:15 ASC Daycare Rm 5:30 RE Parish Campus 7:00 Legion of Mary Jor	 7 8:30 Mass 3-6 ASC Daycare Rm 7:00 Spanish Bible Study Cafe 7:00 Parish Choir Church 7:00 Pastoral Council Jordan	1 7:00 Mass 8:30 Adoration & Benediction 3-6 ASC Daycare Rm 6:00 Soup Supper Cafe 7:00 Stations of Cross C 7:00 Cub Scls Cafe 7:00 EM Jordan	2 7:00 Men's Grp J 8:30 Mass 10:00 Penance Service 4:00-5:00 Confessions 5:30 Vigil Mass
10 10:00 Lit of Wd J 10:45 Sp Band Jor 11:00 Sac Prep Saalfeld 11:15 Youth Bd RE Off 12:00 Sp Lit of Wd Cafe 5:00 Scouts Cafeteria 7:00 Fatima Prgr Grp J	11 7:00 Mass 3-6 ASC Daycare Rm 6:45pm Alanon 7:00pm Beg/Ala Teen 7:30pm AA Meeting 7:00 Sp Pray Gp Church	12 7:00 Mass 10:00 GGG Saalfeld 1:30 Grief Grp Saalfeld 3-6 ASC Daycare 6:30 YLI Jordan 7:00 RCIA Cafe/Saal 7:00 SVDP Church	13 7:00 Mass 11:30 Senior Potluck J 1:00 Pinochle Saalfeld 2:15 ASC Daycare Rm 5:30 RE Parish Campus 7:00 Legion of Mary J	14 8:30 Mass 3-6 ASC Daycare Rm 3:00 Estate Planning S 6:30 K/C Jordan 7:00 PFA Cafeteria 7:00 Parish Choir C 7:00 Sp Bible Sty LL	15 7:00 Mass 3-6 ASC Daycare Rm 6:00 Soup Supper Cafe 7:00 Stations Church Twilight Retreat Parish Center	16 7:00 Men's Grp LL 8:30 Mass 10:00 Sp Bap Cls J 4:00 Confessions 5:30 Vigil Mass
17 Palm Sunday 10:00 Lit of Wd J 10:45 Sp Band Jor 11:15 Youth Bd RE Off 12:00 Sp Lit of Wd Cafe 5:00 Scouts Cafeteria Blood Pressure Checks after AM Masses Girl Scls to host C&D	18 7:00 Mass 3-6 ASC Daycare Rm 6:45pm Alanon 7:00pm Beg/Ala Teen 7:30pm AA Meeting 7:00 Sp Pray Gp Church	19 7:00 Mass 10:00 GGG Saalfeld 11:30 School Jordan 3-6 ASC Daycare 7:00 RCIA Cafe/Saal 7:00 SVDP Church	20 7:00 Mass 1:00 Pinochle Saalfeld 2:15 ASC Daycare Rm 5:30 RE Parish Campus 7:00 Legion of Mary J	21 <b>Holy Thursday</b> 3:00 ASC Daycare 7:00pm Mass	22 <b>Good Friday</b> No School 3:00 Stations of Cross 7:00pm Service	23 <b>Holy Saturday</b> 7:00 Men's Grp Jor RCIA Retreat 8am-3pm Parish Center <b>8:30pm Easter Vigil</b>
24  Parish Library YLI to host coffee & donuts No 6:30pm Mass	25 7:00 Mass 3-6 ASC Daycare Rm 6:45pm Alanon 7:00pm Beg/Ala Teen 7:30pm AA Meeting 7:00 Sp Pray Gp Church	26 7:00 Mass 10:00 GGG Saalfeld 3-6 ASC Daycare 7:00 RCIA Cafe/Saal 7:00 SVDP Church	27 7:00 Mass <b>Jog-A-Thon</b> 1:00 Pinochle Saalfeld 2:15 ASC Daycare Rm 5:30 RE Parish Campus 7:00 Legion of Mary J	28 8:30 Mass 3:00 ASC Daycare Rm 5:00 Finance C Saalfeld 6:00 K/C Potluck K/J 7:00 Choir Church 7:00 Sp Bbl Study Cafe	29 7:00 Mass 3:00 ASC Daycare Rm 6:30 Scouts Cafeteria 7:00 Enc Mat Jordan	30 7:00 Men's Group J 8:30 Mass 4-5 Confessions 5:30 Vigil Mass