

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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## Fourth Sunday of Lent - April 3, 2011

### HOPE IN CHRIST



Jesus heals the blind man.  
John 9:1-41

## 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

## LAETARE JERUSALEM

Dear brothers and sisters,

Greetings!

Today's entrance antiphon has given this fourth Sunday of Lent a special name: Laetare Sunday. It is a day of joy in the midst of the penitential season, similar to Gaudete Sunday in Advent. The entrance antiphon reads: "Rejoice, Jerusalem! be glad for her, you who love her; rejoice with her, you who mourned for her, and you will find contentment at her consoling breasts. (Is. 66:10-11). On this Laetare Sunday though we do not anticipate the joy of Easter, we know that we live in the light of the risen Christ every day of the year. Even in Lent, the Church rejoices in the one who restores sight to the blind and sets prisoners free. The first preface of Lent prays, "Each year you give us this joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with minds and hearts renewed. You give us a spirit of loving reverence for you, our Father, and of willing service to our neighbor."

On this, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, we continue to follow Jesus on His journey to Jerusalem. The readings for this Sunday are full of images about light and darkness and about seeing. God tells Samuel that He does not see as we see but rather He sees into the heart. Paul reminds us that we have been called out of darkness and into the light of Jesus. Our lives now must be full of that light. St. Paul quotes what the scripture scholars believe is an ancient baptismal hymn: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you life. The juxtaposition of this text with the gospel makes it clear that we are to understand the giving of sight to the blind man in terms of Baptism. The gospel tells us the story of Jesus' touch bringing sight to the man born blind. The church has long used this story as a model of the conversion process. We, like the formerly blind man, come to see Jesus more and more as the center of who we are called to be.

Again let us remind ourselves of the need to be reconciled with God and our neighbor and rid ourselves of everything that blinds us from seeing God in the Sacraments and in the face of his creation. Today let us reflect on the opportunity to make a good confession and clear our vision so we can see God as he truly is with the eyes of our pure soul. If you missed the opportunity to go to communal reconciliation here at St. John's, please check the dates for communal reconciliation at the neighboring parishes. Remember last Sunday's response, "If today you hear his voice harden not your hearts."

I am very excited to announce the news that our parish begins its centennial year in this month of April, 2011. St. John the Baptist Catholic Church was given the canonical status as a parish church in April of 1911 and was only the 14th parish dedicated in Oregon. Throughout this centennial year we will give praise to God for the hard work and commitment to faith and the mission of Christ by our founding fathers. We will also offer opportunities for spiritual renewal among all age groups in our parish faith family.

Please continue to pray for our Elect and candidates as they scrutinize their faith journey and prepare for the Easter Sacraments.

Many blessing to you and your loved ones as we journey with our Hope in Christ.

Rev. Maxy D'Costa, Pastor



## Calendar for This Week

<b>Monday, April 4</b>		
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
<b>Tuesday, April 5</b>		
Mass	7:00am	Church
Good Grief Group	10:00am	Saalfeld
School	11:25am	Jordan
Grief Group	1:00-3:00pm	Saalfeld
After School Care	3:15-6:00pm	Daycare Rm
RCIA	7:00pm	Saal/Cafe/Ch
St. Vincent de Paul	7:00pm	Church
Auction Meeting	7:00pm	Library
<b>Wednesday, April 6</b>		
Mass	7:00am	Church
Staff Meeting	9:30am	Jordan
Pinochle	1-4pm	Saalfeld
After School Care	2:15-6:00	Daycare Rm
Religious Education	5:30pm	Parish Campus
Legion of Mary	7:00pm	Jordan
<b>Thursday, April 7</b>		
Mass	8:30am	Church
After School Care	3:15-6:00	Daycare Rm
Pastoral Council	7:00pm	Jordan
Parish Choir	7:00pm	Church
Spanish Bible Study	7:00pm	Cafeteria
<b>Friday, April 8</b>		
Mass	7:00am	Church
After School Care	3:00-6:00	Daycare Rm
Soup Supper	6:00pm	Cafeteria
Stations of the Cross	7:00pm	Church
Scouts	7:00pm	Cafeteria
<b>Saturday, April 9</b>		
Men's Group	7:00am	Jordan
Mass	8:30am	Church
Legion of Mary	9:00am	Jordan
Quinceanera Class	10:00am	Teen Room
Confessions	4:00-5:00	Church
Vigil Mass	5:30pm	Church
<b>Sunday, April 10</b>		
Masses: 7:30am, 10:00am, 6:30pm		
Spanish Mass: 12:00 noon		
Liturgy of Word	10:00am	Jordan
Spanish Band	10:45am	Jordan
Sacramental Prep	11:00am	Saalfeld
Youth Band	11:15am	RE Office
Spanish Lit of Word	12:00noon	Cafeteria
Confirmation Class	1:30pm	Teen Room
Boy Scouts	5:00pm	Cafeteria
Fatima Prayer Group	7:00pm	Saalfeld
YLI to host coffee & donuts		

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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).

## 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).

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## Advertiser of the Week

Scott McCampbell

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## Ok, we're half way through Lent, So, how's the Fasting Going?

I'm sure you've noticed that as a church we "fast" from the Gloria and the Alleluia during Lent. The fast from the Alleluia especially marks this liturgical season in a most powerful way. The word "Alleluia" is a prayer all by itself that means "Praise God".

But, what about our own personal forty days of fasting? Many of us began with great resolve only to find we can't sustain our intention as well as we hoped. We may be discouraged and feel a strong sense of regret.

Perhaps we need to accept that wallowing in self-regret only slows the process. We can learn to be silent with ourselves about our failures and simply pick up where we left off. We must begin again, this is the key.

Collection	This week	BUDGET (Average/week)	
03/27/2011	\$ 7,564	\$14,135	
Week 39 of 52	2010/2011	2010/2011	Over (Short) Year to Date:
Fiscal Year to Date:	\$529,030	\$551,265	(\$22,235)
Prior year to Date (2010):	\$519,144		

**Building Maintenance Fund this week: None this week**

**ParishPay News:**

ParishPay is now offering the option of selecting either the 5th or the 20th of each month as the designated 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.paritypay.com](http://www.paritypay.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 Individualization. As LYS says, you are “intrigued by the unique qualities of each person. You are impatient with generalizations or “types” because you don’t want to obscure what is special and distinct about each person.” Your gift allows you to pick just the right birthday present for someone, know who likes to be praised in public and who doesn’t, and enables you to draw out the best in people.

One piece of scripture that relates to this gift of Ideation comes from Psalms, 159:1-3: “Lord, you have probed me, you know me: you know when I sit and stand; you understand my thoughts from afar. My travels and my rest you mark; with all my ways you are familiar.”

Do you recognize yourself? The gift of Individualization helps you to see how people who are very different can work together. This is important because it helps you to develop powerful relationships with people. One way to grow spiritually is to read the biographies of great spiritual leaders who have overcome great odds; look for the unique talents that helped them become successful. Your gift may also enable you to become a mentor to others to help them find ways to engage in activities in the parish that will fit their unique talents and abilities.



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

### Daily Scripture Readings

#### Monday, April 4

Isaiah 65:17-21; Psalm 30:2-13; John 4:43-54

#### Tuesday, April 5

Ezekiel 47:1-12; Psalm 46:2-9; John 5:1-16

#### Wednesday, April 6

Isaiah 49:8-15; Psalm 145:9-18; John 5:17-30

#### Thursday, April 7

Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 106:19-23; John 5:31-47

#### Friday, April 8

Wisdom 2:1-22; Psalm 34:17-23; John 7:1-30

#### Saturday, April 9

Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 7:2-12; John 7:40-53

#### Sunday, April 10

Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 130:1-8; Romans 8:8-11;  
John 11:1-45

### Weekly Mass Intentions

#### Monday, April 4

7:00: Tim & Molly (Int)...Bill & Allenna

#### Tuesday, April 5

7:00: Jim Brown (Int)...The Jencks

#### Wednesday, April 6

7:00: Our Parents (d)...Vern & Yvonne Braun

#### Thursday, April 7

8:30: Bernadine Hopman (d)...Leo & Molly

#### Friday, April 8

7:00: Charles Oakden (d)...Julie Spencer

#### Saturday, April 9

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

5:30pm: Violet Tallman (d)...Louise Umbarger

#### Sunday, April 10

7:30am: Dorothy Krikstanas (d)...Mary Vaetz

10:00am: For the People of the Parish...Pastor

12:00pm: Abe & Lavern Silva (Int)...Mary

6:30pm: Scott Winter (d)...Judy & Ray Groebner

### Altar Servers



#### Saturday, April 9

##### 5:30 Mass:

Lilly Christopher,  
Alex Rivera-C, Jack Gabrish

#### Sunday, April 10

##### 7:30 Mass:

Lizzy & Matt Hamaoka, Ashley Biteng

##### 10:00 Mass:

Erin Perry, Marissa Vanecko, Maddy Sheahan

##### 12:00 Mass:

Izrael Chavez, Eddie Sanchez, Abe Torres

##### 6:30 Mass:

Kyle Obermire, Nicolas & Natalie Pernas



### Prayer Concerns for April

Hal Bauer, Ernie Bisio,  
Jim Geber, Ann Hale,  
Kathy Matton, Paul Newman,  
Sheryl Perri, Amalia Pienovi

These names will remain through April. If you want them to stay for May, 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.

#### THANK YOU from Amalia (Molly) Pienovi

I would like to thank everyone for all the get well prayers, healing cards, flowers, visits and the many phone calls while I was in the hospital. Your kindness and well wishes and support will never be forgotten. They are what helped me over this bump in my road of life.

GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU!

**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.

## **OPEN OUR EYES**

Today Jesse’s son David is called from his flock to serve the Lord and shepherd his people. Today Jesus opens the eyes of a man to the wonders of belief in God’s son. God also calls us from our ordinary work and opens our eyes through baptism to insight into his mighty works. He calls on us to believe, to worship, and then to follow the Lord Jesus, his Son. We are made new, enlightened children of the light of God. We must discover what the Lord wants of us. do we dare follow where Jesus leads us? Do 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.

This weekend we are 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.

# 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 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

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

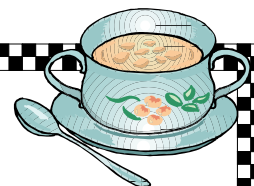
If you are not able to join us for our Penance Service:

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

### 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.



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

Monday Night Live  
Middle School Retreat  
Monday Night Live  
First Communion  
Confirmation

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

## **LEGACY TIPS**

This week we are sharing news from our estate planning consultant, Gene Christian about legislation passed in December that affects charitable giving and estate planning. To get more information, please join us on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, from 6 to 8 pm, in the Saalfeld Room (please let Libbie, in the parish office, know if you plan to attend).

### **1. ESTATE, GIFT TAX, and GENERATION SKIP REVISIONS**

The new law reinstates estate taxes for 2011 and 2012, but at substantially higher thresholds than were previously allowed before 2010. Going forward, each person will now have estate and gift tax exemptions that equal the first \$5,000,000 of net worth per person (\$10,000,000 per couple). This exemption has been unified once again—so any gifts you make during life to your children or grandchildren (above the annual gift exclusion amount) will be subtracted from the amount you can give estate tax-free. In other words, the amount you can give to your kids and grandkids, during life and in death, without triggering taxation is now a total of \$5,000,000 per person.

The estate tax rate for amounts given to loved ones above what you can pass on tax-free will be a flat rate of 35%, nicely lower than the graduated rates were prior to 2010. Check your state law to see if state estate taxes still apply.

### **2. POSSIBLE SIMPLIFICATION TO ESTATE PLANNING DOCUMENTS**

For many years married couples have included credit shelter trusts (aka "A/B trusts" or "marital and by-pass trusts") as the centerpiece of their estate plan as a way to protect each of their exemption amounts.

The new law allows the executor of a deceased spouse's estate to essentially transfer any unused estate tax exemption to the surviving spouse (for decedents that pass away after December 31, 2010). So, for many people, this new provision should allow estate planning documents to be simpler and streamlined—and less complicated to manage after the first spouse's passing.

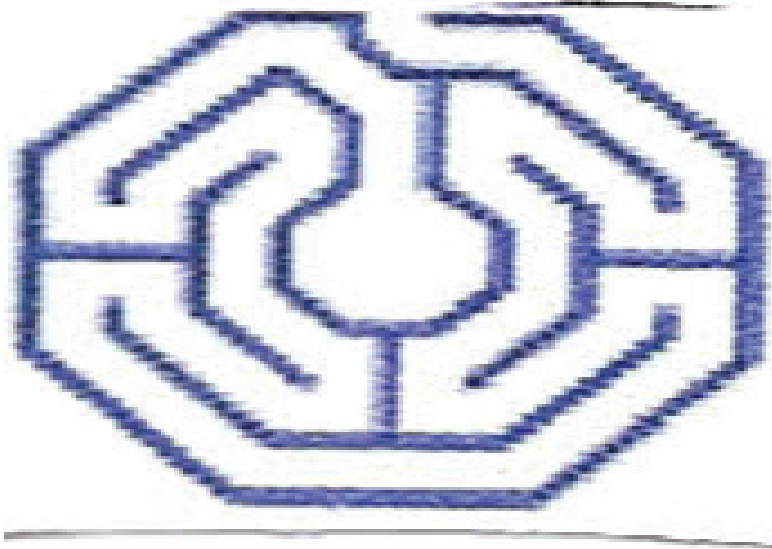
Of course, there may still valid reasons to break the estate into two parts at the passing of the first spouse, such as second marriages, or to include QTIP trust provisions, but for many people they will find the new law much simpler—at least for the next two years.

### **3. NEW PROVISIONS TO ENCOURAGE CHARITABLE GIVING**

Previously, if a donor's income were over a certain threshold, there was a limit on the amount of itemized deductions a person could actually take—including charitable contributions. There is now a full repeal through 2012 and the full value of all charitable gifts can be deducted from taxable income, subject of course to any adjusted gross income limitations.

In addition, the law reinstates charitable IRA rollover opportunities, allowing people who are over 70.5 years of age, and have traditional or Roth IRAs, to make tax-neutral gifts from their retirement accounts up to \$100,000 per year—again through 2011.

*NOTE: The above information is for illustration purposes only. Please do not rely on the accuracy of this report, but rather consult with your own professional advisors.*



## St John's Lenten Labyrinth (pronounced: Labrinth)

Weather permitting; our labyrinth will be ready for use on Friday April 8<sup>th</sup>, in time for the Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross.

There will be a guided "Labyrinth Walk" offered after Saturday morning mass on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April, for anyone who is interested.

But mainly, the labyrinth is for your own personal, meditative prayer walk. You are welcome to come at any time of the day or night for your own reflective time walking with God.

The directions below will be posted in the church, but it's easy if you remember that **the way in, - is the way out.**  
**You cannot get lost!**

### **Many people can walk the labyrinth at the same time.**

The path is wide enough to pass one another coming in and going out. Naturally, we want to respect the prayer of our fellow walker with silence while in the area of the labyrinth.

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.**

We joyfully hope you will join us and take advantage of this  
Meditative Opportunity.

**Lectors:** There is an excellent online Bible Study course to help you understand the scriptures. The more a lector is familiar with the Bible the better he or she will be at proclaiming the Word of God. Go to [www.SalvationHistory.com](http://www.SalvationHistory.com) for some outstanding opportunities for online scripture classes.

One of our scripture groups followed this course this past Fall and found it brought them to a deeper understanding of not only the bible but also their faith.

Also Scott Hahn offers Sunday Bible reflections at [office@salvationhistory.com](mailto:office@salvationhistory.com). This email which you can sign up to receive weekly, arrives the Monday before and gives you insight into the meaning of the readings. Again, to help you proclaim the Word of God.

## 2011 St. John the Baptist Annual Spaghetti & Ravioli Dinner

On Sunday, Feb. 27, 2011 we came together as a community and enjoyed a family-style dinner. Many hours of hard work were put into organizing this event for the parish and I want to thank all of the volunteers for the dedication they gave-over 770 hours were volunteered to make the event a success.

The dining room was hustling with guests, waiters and waitresses. It was good to see everyone enjoying the authentic Italian dinner that was prepared. We served over 840 people in the dining room and over 150 take-out dinners were sold.

I am happy to announce that we were able to contribute over \$8,100.00 to St. John the Baptist Catholic School. What a great event - an enjoyable day and dinner for everyone that volunteered or attended, and the children of our school benefit immensely.

Thank you sincerely for the community spirit that continues to make the Annual Spaghetti and Ravioli Dinner a long standing tradition in our parish. —Jeanette Christopher

## Outside News

### **The Third Annual "Play Fore Jay" Golf Tourney**

Sunday, May 22, 2011 at Stone Creek Golf Club, Oregon City, OR. New Venue. 1:00pm. BBQ and celebration after. Proceeds go the OSU Jason Seeley Memorial Research Award and Ronald McDonald Family House. Please volunteer or sponsor a hole, if golf is not your passion. Come on out. Enjoy the May sunshine and realize Jay's dreams. Please send your email address, phone number to [jdsmemorialfund@me.com](mailto:jdsmemorialfund@me.com). Invites will be sent via email late March. Thank you from our hearts to you! The Seeley's, Bob, Teresa, and Niki.

### **Marian Prayer Center**

Lenten Devotional Material available at the Marian Prayer Center. Visit during Lent and save on new and used books and religious items with their Lenten 20% off sale. Borrow from a library of books, videos & DVD's plus free pamphlets and holy cards. They are located at 4370 SE King Rd, #175 in Milwaukie in the Safeway shopping center. 503-786-9600.

### **LaSalle presents the comic operetta: The Pirates of Penzance or The Slave of Duty**

April 8,9,14-16 at 7:30pm; Matinee April 10 at 2:00pm. Adults: \$14.00; st/sen. \$12.00  
purchase tickets on line: [www.lsprep.org](http://www.lsprep.org). For information call 503-659-4155, x 204

## CELEBRATING OUR PARISH CENTENNIAL YEAR

From a mission church established in 1864 an official Archdiocesan parish was established in April, 1911, with Father Hugenroth as the first pastor, who purchased land for the convent and new church at Southeast 25<sup>th</sup> and Monroe.

When Father Hugenroth became seriously ill, Father Daum took on the responsibility of finishing the building for dedication in June, 1912.

Throughout this year we will review our history in pictures and in testimony from those who made the parish what it is today. We are fortunate to have a well documented historical library thanks to the many hours of dedicated and loving labor by a number of long-time parishioners. If you have a family memory you would like to share, please send it to Mary Jenck in the parish office.



