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KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH OUR PARISH AND FAITH DURING LENT

Welcome to this issue of The St. Vincent Voice! In this issue you will find photos of our recent Breakfast with Santa and Christmas Bazaar events. And don't miss the winners of the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest. This issue also includes many informative articles with our upcoming holy season of Lent in mind which starts with Ash Wednesday on March 9th. Find out more about the reasons behind our Ash Wednesday and Lenten observances as well as the meaning behind the "Pange Lingua," the beautiful song that we sing in Latin at Holy Thursday Mass. There is an article that outlines the many opportunities for personal

spiritual growth at our parish during this Lenten season. Also, see an article written by Pat Columbus who is celebrating 25 years as a teacher at St. Vincent de Paul School. She writes about the importance of Catholic Identity in our parish school. Meet long-time parishioner Dorothy Clarke whose involvement at St. Vincent's and in the community will surely inspire you! Lastly, learn more about prayer at St. Vincent's by reading the articles about prayer and perpetual adoration. Reading The St. Vincent Voice is a great way to keep in touch with our parish - read yours today!

—*Marci Siers, Outreach Commission Member*

ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT

Why do we observe as we do?

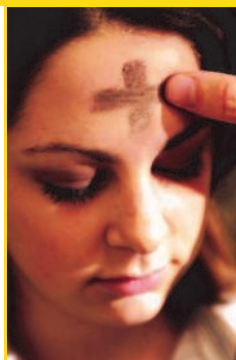
Ash Wednesday Mass is an important event at church. Every year we go to kick-off the beginning of Lent. I love Lent. For me, it's a great season. I love the traditions, the time of reflection, and the importance of the entire season. Every time I go to Ash Wednesday Mass, I find myself glancing at the individuals who have gone before me to receive their ashes. I can't help but wonder if I'm going to get doused or just have a dainty marking. I've been told I can't rub them off so I wear them all day. The ashes seem to be a beacon for questions and observations from everyone. Usually, I just politely smile and listen to everyone else's knowledge on the subject. As I have an inquisitive three year-old at home whose favorite word is "why," I decided to arm myself with a better understanding of Ash Wednesday and why we do some of the things we do to observe it:

Why do we go to Mass on Ash Wednesday?

Why go to Mass any day? It's to grow closer to God! The importance of Ash Wednesday lies in the season of Lent as a whole. It's a time for us to remember the Passion of Jesus Christ and the sacrifice He made for us all. It marks the beginning of a forty day journey that we may undertake in an effort to renew our faith and bring us closer to our Father.

Why do we get Ashes on our foreheads?

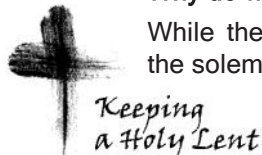
The journey of the Lenten season actually begins during the prior-year's Lent. The ashes that are distributed on Ash Wednesday are made from burning the palms from Palm Sunday the year before. At



Ash Wednesday Mass, the ashes are placed on each individual's forehead in the sign of the cross and are a reminder that every individual is living an earthly life that was created from dust. Our very being is by God's will. The ashes not only serve as a reminder of the short physical life we are given, but they also provide a hope for an eternal life that was promised through the Resurrection of Jesus. The ashes are also an ancient custom of having a physical marking recognizing our individual sins. As such, it is customary to leave the ashes on until they have naturally worn off. It is an outward custom, a symbol of the inner struggle we have with following our faith and evading sin.

Why do we fast?

While the ashes are a physical symbol of the solemnity of the season, personal sacri-



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- **Jan. 30-Feb. 5**
Catholic Schools Week
- **February 2**
Presentation of the Lord
- **February 12**
Cana Dinner & Dance
- **February 19**
Men's Spirituality Group
- **February 24**
Guest Speaker:
What the Church Teaches About...
- **February 25-26**
Junior High
Luke 18 Retreat
- **March 3**
Guest Speaker:
Praying with Jesus in the Gospels
- **March 5**
SVDP Auction for Education
- **March 9**
Ash Wednesday
Masses at 8:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
- **March 15, 22 & 29**
Guest Speaker Series:
Gospel of John
- **March 17**
Guest Speaker:
Gospel Conversion Stories of Lent
- **March 25**
Annunciation of the Lord
- **March 26**
Men's Spirituality Group
- **April 5**
Lenten Evening of Reflection with Archbishop Flynn

ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT

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fices provide an individual way to recognize the significance of the entire season. Jesus had a forty day fast in the desert. We are simply imitating His actions in an effort of recognition. Fasting is expected of most individuals between the ages of 18 and 59. The



Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis helps clarify what is expected: "On these days one full meal is allowed if necessary. Food may be taken at two other times, two smaller meals, in order to maintain strength according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed."

Why can't we eat meat?

Abstaining from meat is also expected from most individuals over the age of 14 on Ash Wednesday. These practices are an imitation of the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. We are expected to refrain from flesh meat, typically meaning meat derived from poultry and livestock. Fish is an exception to this limitation as fish are symbolic of Jesus. In continued observance, we refrain from eating meat on Fridays during the entire Lenten season and fast on Good Friday as well. Fridays are a special day for penance as it recognizes the day that Jesus died.

Why do some people give things up for Lent?

In addition to the required fasting and abstinence of meat, self-penance is commonly practiced during Lent. Ash Wednesday is the day where many will give up items that

are often a common part of everyday life, such as candy or coffee. The point of these voluntary actions is to make a personal sacrifice and exhibit forty days of self-discipline. It is encouraged to practice these acts but is not required. Some individuals

will take a rest from these actions on Sundays, while others will use the entire season to truly abstain and continue their sacrifices. It is up to the individual whether they want to celebrate the Lord's Day or continue with their acts of penance during the entire season. While others may give up items during this time, some will increase other activities. The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis suggests participation in daily Mass, additional prayer, adult faith studies, and increasing participation in charitable organizations.

Penance, reflection and observance are all ways that we can grow closer with Christ. By studying His actions during the Lenten season and the reason we observe the things we do, we provide ourselves an opportunity to grow closer with Christ. Ash Wednesday is just the beginning of an entire journey to grow closer with our faith. What better way to do this than by participating in as much as we can at church, starting with Ash Wednesday Mass. We are marked with ashes that imprint our physical appearance but if one takes the season to reflect and observe acts of self-penance, the entire season may leave a lasting imprint.

—Marie Heinrichs, Parishioner

Auction for Education presents:

"Hollywood"

Saturday, March 5th, 2011

If you've never attended an Auction for Education at St. Vincent's you don't know what you've been missing! If you've attended a previous auction then you know you won't want to miss it. Hollywood will include a silent auction, live auction, dinner, fellowship, and fun. The Auction for Education is the major fundraiser for our Faith Formation program and St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School.

For more information about the auction or if you would like to purchase tickets to the event, please contact Mary Cheasick at 612-237-8742 (marycheasick@comcast.net) or Jen Vettel at 612-396-6302 (jjavettel@comcast.net) or go to <http://saintvdp.org/parish/events/auction>.



St. Vincent de Paul Auction for Education
March 5, 2011

MAKE LENT 2011 SPECIAL

Opportunities for Personal Spiritual Growth at St. Vincent's

This year at St. Vincent de Paul, in addition to the Friday Lenten Suppers, Stations of the Cross, and extra opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we will be offering some special opportunities for adults to make this Lenten season a true time for personal spiritual growth. We are all called to be lifelong learners in the ways of our beautiful Catholic faith. We need to always discover new insights or experiences that can make our faith deeper and stronger as we live our daily lives.

Just before Lent begins, our parish will offer a presentation on **Praying with Jesus in the Gospels**, on Thursday, March 3, from 7-8:30 pm. Prayer is an integral part of our faith life as Christians. For Christians, Jesus is the model to whom we turn to learn how to pray. Each Gospel presents its own unique focus on how to pray with and from Jesus. We will explore the four Gospels' portrayal of Jesus at prayer, and his parables on prayer.

On Thursday, March 17 from 7-8:30 pm, there will be a presentation on **Exploring the Gospel Conversion Stories of Lent**. The conversion stories are the Samaritan women at the well, the curing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. These stories are at the core of coming to faith and apply year round to the practice of

our faith. Emphasis will be placed on breaking open the biblical texts so as to better appreciate their content, context and meaning.

Both of the above presentations will be done by Arthur Zannoni, who is an engaging speaker and master teacher combining the best of scholarship with humor and clear explanation.

The Gospel of John will be the focus of a three part series offered on Tuesdays, March 15, 22 & 29, from 7-8:30 pm, with Dr. Catherine Cory, professor at St. Thomas University. Among the four gospels, the Gospel of John is unique in many ways. It has its own distinctive portrait of Jesus and it contains characters that are found nowhere else in the New Testament.

We are blessed to have Archbishop Emeritus Harry Flynn leading us in a **Lenten Evening of Reflection** on Tuesday, April 5, in the church. Archbishop Flynn will inspire you. This evening of prayer and reflection will be a highpoint of our parish Lenten journey to Easter. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending.

Watch the Sunday bulletin or parish website for details and registration information as the above events approach.

— Chuck Pratt, Director of Faith Formation

CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

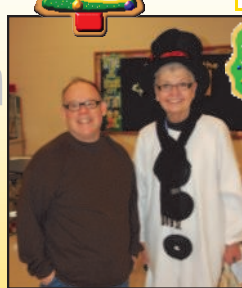
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Palm Sunday
- April 21
Holy Thursday
- April 22
Good Friday
- April 23
Vigil of Easter
- April 24
Easter Sunday

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REMEMBERING... Breakfast With Santa



CATHOLIC IDENTITY

At St. Vincent de Paul School

For the past 25 years I have been attending mass every Wednesday morning with my fifth/sixth grade classes. When I started at St. Vincent's, we attended the "old" church with its beautiful stained glass windows. Those are the same windows that I saw as a young girl when I went to church with my grandparents who were members of St. Vincent de Paul in Osseo. It is truly a blessing to still be associated with St. Vincent's.

St. Vincent de Paul is a value-based community that provides opportunities to teach children about our faith and values through the mass, prayer services, service projects, curriculum, and daily social interactions. We are involved in the Catholic formation of God's children. Pope Benedict said, "Catholic Identity is about faith. Students must be able to grow in their knowledge of Christ and his teachings."

Throughout each day, teachers and administration promote respect and responsibility among the students. Student's gifts and talents are respected, as well as their differences. Our priests are also highly visible within our school week interacting with our students. Father Jack teaches classes twice a week and is present many times for lunch or just a chat with a student. His presence is a blessing too.

Our school is dedicated to teaching children how to pray to develop their Catholic identity. Every classroom begins their day with the daily readings, petitions, and giving thanks and praise to God. "Grace" is said before lunch. After lunch, we pray "Hail Holy Queen" in the upper grades and the lower grades recite a decade of the rosary. Each day ends by praying the "Act of Contrition."

This path of daily Catholic prayer is deeply rooted in the Catholic Church's long tradition of prayer. It is a very effective way to grow closer to God. We are giving our children the skills they will need throughout life to call on God in all circumstances and the knowledge that we belong to a larger community.

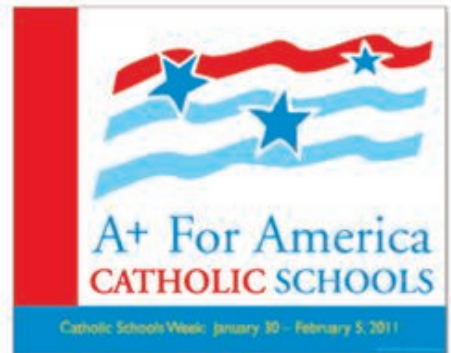
It is in the more unstructured times, however, that the students show us who they truly are; children of God and



Fr. Jack Long with Mrs. Columbus' 6th Grade Class

good Catholics. Much happens in the classroom, but it is many times outside the classroom that our students use their faith to interact with one another. We see them demonstrate this at lunch with their classmates, laughing with friends, giving support to another student, playing on the soccer field, or encouraging others as they run the mile.

Prayer comes naturally, but as in anything, students need training, instruction, and discipline so as not to become careless in their prayer life. Throughout the Bible, God is constantly asking us to remember his promises. Remembrance is essential for maintaining our Catholic Identity in order to have trust in God. Jesus said, "Wherever two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20)



We teach our students that God answers all prayers, but we must practice faith and trust to know God's will. Prayer, especially the Mass, is an absolute necessity to maintain our Catholic Identity.

—Pat Columbus, 6th Grade Teacher

REMEMBERING ...

The Christmas Bazaar



THE WAYS WE PRAY

The Power and Impact of Prayer

Everyone has different ways in which they pray. Some people pray at Perpetual Adoration, some when they exercise, some pray while they sip their morning coffee, and others pray with their children before bed. No matter how or when, prayer is a cornerstone of our faith. It is the communication we have with our Lord and God.

St. Vincent de Paul offers several avenues for us to use to be supported in prayer and to help others.

Chapel List - There is a list in the chapel where anyone can write down prayer concerns. Those visiting the chapel on their own or as part of Perpetual Adoration are encouraged to pray for petitions entered in the book.

Petitions - If you are experiencing the onset of a serious medical problem you may call the parish office and request to be placed on the petitions. Your name will be read from the altar at all weekend masses for two weeks.

Parish Sick List - If you have a serious short-term or potentially life-changing illness, you may call the parish office and ask that your name be placed on the list that goes in the weekly bulletin. Your name will be on that list for four weeks. If you wish, you may extend that time by calling the parish office at the end of four weeks.

Prayer Request Line - Over two hundred parishioners are involved in the Prayer Request Line ministry. Prayer concerns can be communicated by calling the numbers listed in the bulletin. Prayers can be for anyone or any needs we have. Names may or may not be used. To respect others' privacy, when requesting a prayer for someone by full name, please ask their permission. Health problems, relationships, family conflict, safe travel, marriage, comfort for the dying, emotional support, housing, legal issues, and spiritual guidance are examples of some types of prayer requests. Prayers of thanks and praise are often offered for blessings we've received.

THE WAYS WE PRAY

Spend Time With Jesus at Perpetual Adoration in the Chapel

At St. Vincent de Paul we are blessed to have a very special chapel in our church. It is the St. Louis Chapel located just off the gathering space, partially separate from the main church. It is not only where the tabernacle is located, but it is also home to the perpetual adoration chapel. This is where, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, our Lord Jesus Christ, present in the Eucharist, is exposed for all to adore and spend time with. Through much prayer and the leadership of Jean McGinty, perpetual adoration got its start on the Feast of the Assumption of Mary on August 15, 1999. The adoration is done in shifts. There is at least one person per hour at the chapel at every hour of the day and night. You do not need a scheduled shift to visit the chapel and you do not have to stay an entire hour.

Jackie McDonough, who manages the Prayer Request Line for our parish, shared with me a talk she gave on Prayer.

Power of Prayer

Our prayer power comes from God. Through the Holy Spirit, He helps us with our efforts and energy. We need effort to make time in our day for conversation with God. We need energy to get ourselves to a quiet place in our heads where we not only talk, but we also listen to God's still small voice.

Impact of Prayer

Prayer has the power to change us. It changes attitudes and makes us less judgmental. It gives us peace so we can be positive in life. God always meets us where we are and moves us into deeper things. Prayer can bring us closer to being the person God sees in us.

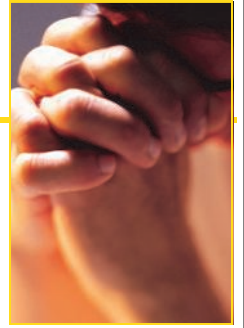
Prayer brings renewal. It gets us back on track emotionally. Physically we can be strengthened and healed. Spiritually we grow and become stronger. We look to God more and more during our days.

Prayer can release us from the need to be perfect. We open ourselves up to God's grace and guidance. We are able to accept his love and forgiveness. God hears us and blesses us in spite of our faults.

Prayer also brings us knowledge through his Word. Prayer helps us serve God and those for whom we pray. It puts words in our mouths to comfort others, and nudges us to help when we're too tired.

If you'd like to become a member of the Prayer Request Line, please call Jackie McDonough at 763-425-7297.

—Lisa Price, Parishioner



The time that you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament may be spent in any way you want. You may bring prayer books, read the Bible, pray the rosary, or just sit, relax and enjoy the peace that comes from being in His presence. Jean McGinty said, "You may feel you can't pray well. Don't let this discourage you. The fact that you came to spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament pleases Him and is in itself a prayer of faith."

We currently have 347 committed weekly adorers with 240 substitutes and 30 coordinators. It is a labor of love and continues to shower our parish with graces through our devotion to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

—Rebecca Keran, Parishioner

FACES OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Meet Dorothy Clarke

Dorothy Clarke has always been a very busy woman. She is someone who doesn't just live life; she participates in her parish and community with her whole being. I had the privilege of having lunch with Dorothy recently to talk with her about being a parishioner at St. Vincent's and about some of the many groups, councils, and issues in which she has been and is still involved.

Dorothy was born in Sioux City, Iowa in 1927. Her father was the one who named her Dorothy because it means "Gift from God." He already had two sons and was so happy to have a daughter. Sadly, he died when she was just three months old. Her father was Methodist and her mother was Lutheran, but they had decided that their children would be able to choose their own religion. Dorothy attended many churches as a child; from tent revivals to cathedrals. When she was 11 years old, she decided to become a Catholic because she felt Catholicism had the most meaning. For her, the transformation of the bread and wine to the body and blood of Christ was a call from God to receive and believe in Him. She was baptized in sixth grade and confirmed in seventh grade at the age of 12 years old.

In 1954, Dorothy moved to Osseo with her husband, Bob, and son, Larry. St. Vincent de Paul was the nearest Catholic Church so they joined the parish and enrolled Larry in the Catholic school. Dorothy became active in church by volunteering at festivals, joined the CCW guilds and was CCW president for two years. She was a member of the parish council and on the building committee. She also taught CCD to 8th, 9th, and 10th graders for ten years.

Dorothy was instrumental in running the teen education activities for several years. She got the teens to develop a board of their own with officers so they could have a say in planning their own activities. They even had a teen music group that played music and sang at mass. The teen group started the CROSS collection food boxes in church when she got some orange crates from the store, had the kids paint and decorate them, and they delivered the donated food to CROSS when it was housed in the old barn. She also organized the teens to go on hay rides, caroling, and ski outings as well as volunteer at the Harvest Festival and more. You can just tell by talking with Dorothy that working with youth groups has been very fulfilling and means a lot to her.

The most meaningful volunteer experience Dorothy has had at St. Vincent's was when she was on the parish council and building committee. She fought hard to get an affordable cross put up out in front of the new church.



Dorothy Clarke

She felt it was very important to have a cross for all to see because it would signify that it was Christ's church and that it was especially important to the needy to see Christ's sign. At this time, when she felt that she was almost obsessed with this issue, a friend told her to turn it over to Christ, and that He would carry her deep concern and deal with it. Dorothy did just that and told the parish council that she had given the fight for the cross up to God. They would have to deal with Him because it was now in His hands. Her friend's advice apparently worked as we now have the affordable and simply beautiful cross that is currently a very visible sign of St. Vincent de Paul Church.

Presently, Dorothy continues to be very active in both the parish and community. At St. Vincent's she continues to be a lector, Eucharistic minister, prayer line member, living rosary leader, and greeter. Friends say she has a knack of connecting people at mass, extending herself and becoming a friend to everyone. She is involved in the parish's social justice and pro-life activities, volunteers at the rummage sale, Christmas Bazaar, Harvest Festival, and much more. She even participated in the adult mission trip to New Orleans a few years ago at the age of 80, sleeping on the floor, working hard, and never complaining.

Within the Osseo community, she belongs to the VFW working on veteran's needs and legislative issues, as well as visiting vets in the hospital and their homes. She has spent over 20 years on the Northwest Hennepin Human Services Council, is involved in the Voice of Democracy, and the Waste Basket Review. She is also currently on the Osseo Planning Commission. One of her friends commented that with God's help she is able to bridge patriotism, political issues, social justice issues, and religion and blend them all together.

Amazingly, throughout all of her years of volunteerism, Dorothy also worked, raised her family, and when her husband became ill, was his caregiver for over 20 years. Currently, she works for School District 279 as a school bus paraprofessional with kids who have special needs.

When asked how she does it all she said, "It's no big deal. I made it a way of life. My mother taught me to earn and pay back what you receive. All that I do goes back to Christ." Dorothy said that even though she has had hard times in her life, she always turned it outward to Christ.

She says, "God had a sense of humor to put me on this earth and he gets a good laugh every day." And through it all Dorothy always has a smile on her face for everyone she meets.

—Tammy Peterburs, Editor & Parishioner

“PANGE LINGUA”

One of the Great Hymns of the Catholic Church

“Pange Lingua” is a song written by St. Thomas Aquinas. The song is prescribed by the Catholic Church to be sung at Holy Thursday Mass during the Transfer of the Holy Eucharist to the Altar of Repose. This ritual symbolizes Christ's leaving us and remaining in repose until he is resurrected on Easter morning. “Pange Lingua” is about this very thing. The song is always sung in Latin at St. Vincent's and is

always sung with confident devotion by many parishioners who know this song well. Being present at Holy Thursday Mass when this song is sung, gives you a very deep sense of Christ's presence. Meditate on the lyrics to this song and then join in singing it at Holy Thursday Mass to see for yourself!

— *Marci Siers,*
Outreach Commission Member

Latin Text

Pange, lingua, gloriosi
Corporis mysterium,
Sanguisque pretiosi,
quem in mundi pretium
fructus ventris generosi
Rex effudit Gentium.
Nobis datus, nobis natus
ex intacta Virgine,
et in mundo conversatus,
sparso verbi semine,
sui moras incolatus
miro clausit ordine.
In supremæ nocte coenæ
recumbens cum fratribus
observata lege plene
cibus in legalibus,
cibum turbae duodenarum
se dat suis manibus.
Verbum caro, panem verum
verbo carnem efficit:
fitque sanguis Christi merum,
et si sensus deficit,
ad firmandum cor sincerum
sola fides sufficit.
Tantum ergo Sacramentum
veneremur cernui:
et antiquum documentum
novo cedat ritui:
praestet fides supplementum
sensuum defectui.
Genitori, Genitoque
laus et jubilatio,
salus, honor, virtus quoque
sit et benedictio:
procedenti ab utroque
compar sit laudatio.
Amen. Alleluja.

An English Translation

Sing, my tongue, the Savior's glory,
of His flesh the mystery sing;
of the Blood, all price exceeding,
shed by our immortal King,
destined, for the world's redemption,
from a noble womb to spring.
Of a pure and spotless Virgin
born for us on earth below,
He, as Man, with man conversing,
stayed, the seeds of truth to sow;
then He closed in solemn order
wondrously His life of woe.
On the night of that Last Supper,
seated with His chosen band,
He the Pascal victim eating,
first fulfills the Law's command;
then as Food to His Apostles
gives Himself with His own hand.
Word-made-Flesh, the bread of nature
by His word to Flesh He turns;
wine into His Blood He changes;
what though sense no change discerns?
Only be the heart in earnest,
faith her lesson quickly learns.
Down in adoration falling,
Lo! the sacred Host we hail;
Lo! o'er ancient forms departing,
newer rites of grace prevail;
faith for all defects supplying,
where the feeble senses fail.
To the everlasting Father,
and the Son who reigns on high,
with the Holy Ghost proceeding
forth from Each eternally,
be salvation, honor, blessing,
might and endless majesty.
Amen. Alleluia.

Source: www.topcatholicongs.com

Catholic Quiz: Check Your Lenten/ Easter IQ

1. What day begins the season of Lent?
2. Fasting is to refrain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. True/False
3. Abstinence refers to eating only one regular meal with no snacking on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. True/False
4. Name the three main “practices” of Lent.
5. What is the traditional number of Stations of the Cross?
6. What is the liturgical color for Lent?
7. How long is the Easter season?
8. When does the Triduum begin?
9. Lent is about renewing our _____ commitment, which is why we renew our vows and have the sprinkling rite at Easter.
10. What do we call the large candle that is lit for the first time at the Easter Vigil?

Answers: 1. Ash Wed.; 2. False-abstinence; 3. False-fasting; 4. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving; 5. 14; 6. Violet/purple; 7. 50 days; 8. Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday; 9. Baptismal; 10. The Paschal Candle



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KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Knights of Columbus Poster Contest Winners



The Osseo-Maple Grove Knights of Columbus, with the help of the St. Vincent de Paul Faith Formation program, recently held a "Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest".

The Knights of Columbus want to remind our children about the true meaning of Christmas. The contest was open to all St. Vincent de Paul Faith Formation children. Pre-school was a coloring contest. We thank everyone who helped us make this event a success. We would like to congratulate the winners and thank all the children who participated in the contest. The winners were as follows:

Preschool: 1st place, Kate Ordner; 2nd, Jeremy Delara; 3rd, Shelby Julien. 1st & 2nd grade: 1st place, Haley Jiracek; 2nd, McKenzie Hamsa; 3rd, Erin Judd. 3rd & 4th grade: 1st place, Elizabeth Gorton; 2nd, Zach Braun, 3rd, Jenna Loosbrook. 5th & 6th grade: 1st place, Elayna Karolevitz; 2nd, Sydney Frederick; 3rd, Nicole Hentges.

Pictured top left to right: Kate Ordner, Jeremy Delara, Erin Judd, Jenna Loosbrook, Elizabeth Gorton & Elayna Karolevitz. Middle: Sydney Frederick, Nicole Hentges & Zach Braun.

