



School of Religion February Newsletter

February Parking Assignment

February 6

J Miller / R Miller
Minard / Mixan
B Moonan / K Moonan
S Moore

February 13

Morales / Moran
Morge / Moriarty
J Murphy / J Murphy
P Murphy / Negoski

February 20

No Class

February 27

Nielsen / Normoyle
Norris / Novotney
O'Brien / O'Keefe
O'Malley

A Prayer For Valentine's Day

from *Out of the Ordinary* by Joyce Rupp

Praise to the One whose love stirs the ancient embers sparks
the breath of prayer

Praise to the One whose love entices the wandering beckons
the confused

Praise to the One whose love grows wings on the weary
dreams hope in the discouraged

Praise to the One whose love soothes with the ointment of
mercy transforms with the touch of compassion

Praise to the One whose love threads the energy of friendship
stitches the strength of fidelity

Praise to the One whose love tickles the soul with laughter
urges the heart toward joy

Praise to the one whose love embraces the untamed dances
with the passionate

All praise to this Gracious One

All gratitude to this Beloved

All love to this Mentor of Friendship

All devotion to this Shaper of Hearts.

Dates to Remember

- ✓ Monday, February 6 ~ Class
- ✓ Wednesday, February 8 ~ 3rd and 4th grade Reconciliation Parent meeting
- ✓ Sunday, February 12 ~ 9:30 a.m. Family Mass hosted by the 2nd graders
- ✓ Monday, February 13 ~ Class
- ✓ Monday, February 20 ~ No class - President's Day
- ✓ Tuesday, February 21 ~ 8th grade NET Retreat
- ✓ Ash Wednesday, February 22 ~ Ashes distributed during the 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Masses; 3:30 Prayer Service; 7:30 p.m. Mass
- ✓ Thursday, February 23 ~ Confirmation practice at 6:30 p.m. in Church
- ✓ Friday 24 ~ 7th grade NET Retreat
- ✓ Sunday, February 26 ~ Confirmation Mass and reception
- ✓ Monday, February 27 ~ Lenten Prayer Service at 5:30 and 7 p.m. in Church; Class



GiveCentral

Take a look at another way to pay your tuition. GiveCentral might be a way to stay current with your tuition balance.

SchoolReach

Have you missed an important reminder / message from the SOR? Unless you have notified us, we are currently using your home phone as the primary contact number. If you would rather we call your cell, please let us know so we can update our records.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Please pray for the 73 eighth graders who will be Confirmed on Sunday, February 26.

Bishop Andrew P. Wypych will preside at this blessed event.

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MHR SAB Candlelight Bowl

Join us Friday, February 10, 2012 at Bleekers. Get your team of six together now-this event has sold out in the past! Also, if you would like to sponsor a lane or make a donation to the raffle baskets, please contact Sue Kerwin at 708.704.4300

Men's Club

- Friday, February 17th Meeting
- Friday, March 16th Meeting
- Saturday March 31st NCAA Final Four Party
- Friday, April 20th Meeting
- Friday, May 18th Meeting

Meetings are held in Adamich Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Our Catholic school team is currently engaged in an effort to assess the strengths and opportunities of our local Catholic schools. We recognize that parents consider many important factors when making school decisions for their children, and we respect the choices you have made. We would greatly appreciate your help, however, in understanding your perceptions of the Catholic school, the seriousness with which you considered it, and the factors that led you to choose another school. Please help us understand your views by taking a brief survey. This will help us to improve our Catholic school offering and also enable us to better understand the views and needs of those who have made different choices. While the survey is offered by the Archdiocese of Chicago, the responses will be specific to each school so that we can better understand parents' views in our specific community. To access the survey, please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/schoolsurveyenglish>. For Spanish visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/schoolsurveyspanish>. The survey will be available online until February 6. Thank you for your participation.

Lent As: Hearing the Cry of the Poor



Each year, the Season of Lent is offered to us as a time of renewal. Usually, we take up this Lenten journey as the gift of personal renewal in terms of our relationship with the Lord. Our renewal becomes concrete when it comes down to self-denial which allows us to live our faith more authentically. The alms giving we do helps us express our gratitude and allows us to exercise generosity. However, Lent can also be a time to focus beyond ourselves. It can be a time of renewal that is offered us to hear the cry of the poor and grow in solidarity with them. Ultimately, this is spiritual renewal as well and helps us grow closer to our Lord who tells us that if we wish to love him, we must express that love as love for the least of our brothers and sisters.

How can I make this Lent a time to hear the cry of the poor?

It all starts with desire and a few choices. If we recognize a desire to be more attentive to the poor and to grow in affection for and solidarity with them, then it is likely that this is a grace we have received. If we don't feel that desire we can ask Our Lord to help us grow in a desire to hear better the cry of those most in need.

Who are the poor? Who are most in need?

We are invited this Lent to participate in the Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl. Your family is invited to pick up a Rice Bowl packet on Ash Wednesday or the first Sunday of Lent and join in the simple yet powerful Lenten practice. Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl invites us to **pray** with our families and faith communities, **fast** in solidarity with those who are hungry, **learn** about our brothers and sisters around the world, and **give** sacrificial contributions to help those in need.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me..."

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Access your payment history 24/7

Pay directly from your bank account, credit card or debit card

Benefits For The School of Religion:

Helps us budget and predict cash flow

Increases options for accepting payments

How to get set-up:

Go to www.givecentral.org and create your own giving profile.

Select a payment schedule for your tuition and fees.

If you have any questions, please contact the School of Religion at 346.8185.