



# THE GOOD NEWS

St. Francis Church, Peoria/Dunlap, IL

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## Vicar's Corner



In Philippians chapter 1 beginning at verse 27, the Apostle Paul writes, “Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel.”

Here, Paul lays out his hope for the church in Philippi, and it not only pertains to first century Philippi, but to the whole Church at all times and in all places. The church is to be united in one spirit and in one mind working together as they contend for the faith of the gospel. That is to be our goal and our function as His Church, and this is what we, as St. Francis Church, must focus on in this new year.

As I have said many times before, being a disciple of Jesus Christ is not a passive act, but it is an active process. This means that we cannot afford to be content with where we are. Our focus must always be on moving forward. We must always be striving to learn, grow, and mature as followers of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we cannot hope to do it on our own. All of us must strive together if we are to be the people God would have us be and accomplish his purpose for us in the world. So, let us commit ourselves to growing in our faith, not only as individuals, but together as one!

***Father Werkman's Office Hours:***

Tuesday 9 am—4:30 pm

Thursday: 9 am to 4:30 pm

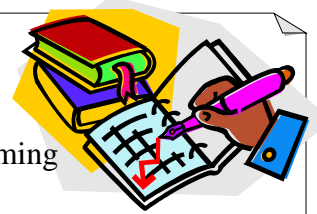
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Father Werkman lives and serves part time at St. Benedicts Abbey. The Abbey observes silence from 8:00 pm until 8:30 am. Please do not call Fr. Werkman during these hours unless it's an emergency. Thank you.



## December 11 Bishops Committee Meeting Highlights



October Treasurer's report reviewed; minor discussion on special expenses coming up and concern we will not be able to catch up on diocesan payment.

- Deacon Ron – Commented he was pleased with progress on inquirers class.
- Fundraising:
  - Mary Kay reported on Candy bar sales, we still have some to sell
  - Gary indicated we would be above budget for income for Scrip for the year. Earning for November were \$369.56 and December was \$187.34.
- Old Business:
  - Discussion of whether to purchase Book of Common Worship, decision was made to continue to use booklet for near term.
- New Business:
  - Discussion about request to use space in fellowship hall, Father will follow up on some area of concern but basic feeling is trending to rejecting request.
  - Nominating committee is in place and will be contacting people for inquiry if they would run for Christmas Eve service will start at 9:00PM preceded at 8:30 by an abbreviated Lessons and Carols..

Gary Diemer – Clerk

### Up and Coming Social Events:

February: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

March: Green Auction

April: Progressive Dinner

May: Cinco De Mayo

June: Ice Cream Social

July Baseball

August: Ethnic Potluck

Sept: To be named

Oct: 6th Saturday: Blessing of the pets

Oct 7 St. Francis Day: Potluck

Nov: Chili Cook off

Dec: To be Named



*Please let Deb Welch know if you would like to chair any of these events.*



### **Pledge envelopes for 2012**

In a money saving effort, we are using the unused pledge envelopes from last year. These are located in the parish hall and whoever feels the need, can pick up a box. If you put cash in an envelope, please put your name on it so we can give you credit for it.

Thanks!



# Parish News

Mark your Calendar now for the St. Francis Social Event of the Year!!!

**Progressive Dinner – scheduled for Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 – tentatively starting at 5:30 p.m.**

Event Coordinators – Gary and Sheryl Diemer

**What it is:** A Progressive dinner is where you eat different courses at different locations.

**How it works:** We will all gather together at one house for appetizers. Then, depending on the number of people signed up, we will split into groups of 6 and go to a host house where we will enjoy a meal of salad, lasagna, bread and wine. Then we will all gather together again at the church for dessert, games and compline. Those who sign up to participate will have to bring either an appetizer, salad, wine, bread or dessert. The lasagna will be prepared ahead of time and provided to the host homes.

We need **one house to host the appetizer** portion of our evening, and then, depending on how many people sign up, we will need **1 -3 or 4 homes to host for the dinner**. We will all gather at the church after dinner for dessert. This is a fun event and a great way to get to know your fellow parishioner.

Sign up sheets for food and for host homes will be posted in early April. Any questions, please contact Sheryl Diemer: [sdheiser1@comcast.net](mailto:sdheiser1@comcast.net) or 30-266-9529.

## Deacon's Corner

Dear Friends;

There has been a lot of confusion on the use of the daily lectionary (daily readings). As we transition from the book of Common Prayer to the book of Common Worship the readings have also changed. I have tried to make this transition easier by taking out the formula process for the daily readings. Each month I will present here in the news letter, with some help on our web page and also have hard copies will be available at church. I have assigned a date to the readings for each day of the month. You will also note that the Psalms selection are much heavier in this format. The reason for this is two fold, the first you will read almost all of the Psalms each month. The second is that if you spread your readings out over the day you have scripture readings for the whole day. This is an example of the readings for 9th of January 2012

9 P 44-49      HOSEA 2:18-end of 3    1 COR 9:15-end      MATT 26:1-16

The 9 refers to the 9th day of Jan. Next you have the Psalms, Old Testament Reading, Epistle and then Gospel. I do not read all 6 of the Psalms in one setting. Rather, I like to start my day with the Gospel reading and one or two Psalms depending on the morning. Then during the day I will read the bulk of the Psalms at different times, I TRY to read my Old Testament lesson at lunch. The readings are not overly heavy and will keep you interested if you don't cheat (oh so guilty). Even if you do not do the daily office, these readings will allow you to read the Gospel through approximately 3 times a year, most of the Epistle close to twice, and most the Old Testament every two years. You must understand that the daily Lectionary is seasonally adjusted and in addition we have a two year cycle of readings. For this reason I have decided to come up this format. One other thing: the Psalms and the readings are the primary lesson for that Sunday and are seasonally highlighted. The nice thing about this is that if you are reading the upcoming Sunday, you can look ahead and see if you have been chosen to read HEBRAIC phone book. I hope that this will be a help to you all.—Deacon Ron

# February Readings



	Psalms	Old Testament	Epistle	Gospel	
1	P 1-8	1CHR. 29:1-9	1 TIM 3	JOHN 15:18-END	
2	P 9-14	1CHR. 29:10-20	1 TIM 4	JOHN 16:1-15	
3	P 15-18	1CHR. 29:21-END	1 TIM 5:1-16	JOHN 16:16-22	
4	P 19-23	2 CHR. 1:1-13	1 TIM 5:17-END	JOHN 16:23-END	
5	P 147:1-12	ISH 40:21-31	1 COR 9:16-23	MARK 1:29-29	
6	P 30-34	2 CHR. 2:1-16	1 TIM 6:1-10	JOHN 17:1-5	
7	P 35-37	2 CHR. 3:	1 TIM 6:11-END	JOHN 17:6-19	
8	P 38-43	2 CHR. 5	2 TIM 1:1-14	JOHN 17:20-END	
9	P 44-49	2 CHR. 6:1-21	2 TIM 1:15-2:13	JOHN 18:1-11	
10	P 50-55	2 CHR. 6:22-END	2 TIM 2:14-END	JOHN 18:12-27	
11	P 56-61	2 CHR. 7	2 TIM 3	JOHN 18:28-END	
12	P 104:26-37	PROV 8:22-31	COL 1:15-20	JOHN 1:1-14	
13	P 68-70	2 CHR. 9:1-12	2 TIM 4:1-8	JOHN 19:1-16	
14	P 71-74	2 CHR. 10:1-11	2 TIM 4:9-END	JOHN 19:17-30	
15	P 75-78	2 CHR. 12:	TITUS 1	JOHN 19:31-END	
16	P 79-85	2 CHR. 13:	TITUS 2	JOHN 20:1-10	
17	P 86-89	2 CHR. 14:	TITUS 3	JOHN 20:11-18	
18	P 90-94	2 CHR. 15:1-15	PHILEMON	JOHN 20:19-END	
19	P 50:1-6	2 KING 2:1-12	2 COR 4:3-6	MARK 9:2-9	
20	P 102- 104	JER.1:	GAL 1	JOHN 3:1-21	
21	P 105-106	JER.2:1-13	GAL 2:1-10	JOHN 3:22-END	
22	P 51:1-18	ISH 58:1-12	2 COR.5:20-6:10	MATT 6:1-21	Ash Wednesday
23	P 110-115	JER.2:14-32	GAL 2:11-END	JOHN 4:1-26	
24	P 116-119:32	JER.3:	GAL 3:1-14	JOHN 4:27-42	
25	P 119:33-104	JER.4:1-18	GAL 3:15-22	JOHN 4:43-END	
26	P 25:1-9	GEN 9:8-17	1 PETER 3:18-22	MARK 1:9-15	First Sunday of Lent
27	P 120-131	JER.4:19-END	GAL 3:23-4:7	JOHN 5:1-18	
28	P 132-140	JER.5:1-19	GAL 4:8-20	JOHN 5:19-29	
29	P 142-150	JER.5:20-END	GAL 4:21-5:1	JOHN 5:30-END	
	Yellow = White	Red = Red	Purple = Purple	Green = Green	
	HIGHLIGHTED Readings are for Sunday Principal Service: Color is Seasonal				

**Meditation:**

He enter by the door, who enters by Christ,  
 who imitates the suffering of Christ  
 who is acquainted with the humilty of Christ  
 so as to feel and know,  
 that if God became man for us,  
 man should not think himself God, but man.  
 He who being man wishes to appear God,  
 Does not imitate Him, Who being God,  
 Became man.  
 Thou art not bid to think less of thyself than thou art  
 But to know what thou art.



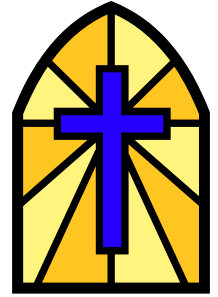
# March Readings

	Psalms	Old Testament	Epistle	Gospel	
1	P 1-8	JER .6:1-21	GAL. 5:2-15	JOHN 6:1-15	
2	P 9-14	JER. 6:22-END	GAL. 5:16-END	JOHN 6:16-27	
3	P 15-18	JER. 7:1-20	GAL. 6	JOHN 6:27-40	
4	P 22:23-31	GEN 17:1-16	ROM 4:13-25	MARK 8:31-38	2nd Sunday of Lent
5	P 24-29	JER. 7:21-END	HEB 1	JOHN 6:41:-51	
6	P 30-34	JER. 8:1-15	HEB 2:1-9	JOHN 6:52-59	
7	P 35-37	JER. 8:18-9:11	HEB 2:10-END	JOHN6:60-END	
8	P 38-43	JER. 9:12-24	HEB 3:1-6	JOHN 7:1-13	
9	P 44-49	JER. 10:1-16	HEB 3:7-END	JOHN 7:14-24	
10	P 50-55	JER. 10:17-24	HEB 4:1-13	JOHN 7:25-36	
11	P 19	EXOD 20:1-17	1 COR 1:18-25	JOHN 2:13-22	3rd Sunday of Lent
12	P 62-67	JER. 11:1-17	HEB 4:14-5:10	JOHN 7:37-52	
13	P 68-70	JER. 11:18-12:6	HEB 5:11-6:12	JOHN 7:53-8:11	
14	P 71-74	JER. 13:1-11	HEB 6:13-END	JOHN 8:12-30	
15	P 75-78	JER. 14	HEB 7:1-10	JOHN 8:31-47	
16	P 79-85	JER. 15:10-END	HEB 7:11-END	JOHN 8:48-END	
17	P 86-89	JER. 16:10-17:4	HEB 8	JOHN 9:1-17	
18	P 107:1-22	NUM. 21:4-9	EPH. 2:1-10	JOHN 3:14-21	4th Sunday of Lent
19	P 95-101	JER. 17:5-18	HEB 9:1-14	JOHN 9:1-18	
20	P 102- 104	JER. 18:1-12	HEB 9:15-END	JOHN 10:1-10	
21	P 105-106	JER. 18:13-END	HEB 10:1-18	JOHN 10:11-21	
22	P 107-109	JER. 19:1-13	HEB 10:19-25	JOHN 10:22-END	
23	P 110-115	JER. 19:14-20:6	HEB 10:26-END	JOHN 11:1-16	
24	P 116-119:32	JER. 20:7-END	HEB 11:1-16	JOHN 11:17-27	
25	P 51:1-13	JER. 31:31-34	HEB 5:5-10	JOHN 12:20-33	5th Sunday of Lent
26	P 119:105-176	JER. 21;1-10	HEB 11:17-31	JOHN 11:28-44	
27	P 120-127	JER. 22:1-19	HEB 11:32-12:2	JOHN 11:45-END	
28	P 128-133	JER. 22:20-23:8	HEB 12:3-13	JOHN 12:1-11	
29	P 134-138	JER. 23:9-32	HEB 12:14-END	JOHN 12:12-19	
30	P 139-144	JER. 24	HEB 13:1-16	JOHN 12:20-35	
31	P 145-150	JER. 25:1-14	HEB 13:17-END	JOHN 12:36-END	

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**Meditation :** Our Parish seeks to be:  
 People of God  
 Under God's authority  
 A united family  
 Empowered by the Holy Spirit  
 Worshipping God  
 And proclaiming the Good News of Jesus  
 To a wider community  
 Through word and action.

# Annual Meeting Highlights– January 22nd, 2012



## 2012 Bishops Committee

3 Year Term  
Hayden Powell  
Martha Brodkorb  
Joe Harris

2 Year Term  
Paul German  
Dave Quigg  
Andrea Georgi

1 Year Term  
Gary Diemer  
Mary Kay Gamage  
Katrina Honnold

Katrina was elected Bishop's Warden. Gary Diemer was once again elected clerk of the Bishop's Committee.

**Elected Synod Delegates:** Gary Diemer and Katrina Honnold  
**Alternates to Synod:** Dave Quigg and Bobbette Taylor

**Vicars Report:** Fr. Matt said that after a year of transition, we now need to look outward. He would like to spend more time with members of the congregation. Please contact Father for a visit. He will also be inserting prayer request forms in the bulletin. There were 4 baptisms in 2011. Weekly attendance had been declining, but now appears to be stabilizing.

**Treasurer's Report**—Katrina presented the 2012 budget. Noteworthy was the need for \$8,000 through fund raising and another \$14,700 in faith gifts. Katrina indicated that we would see a letter sometime in 2012.

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## Children in Church

A little boy was in a relative's wedding.

As he was coming down the aisle, he would take two steps, stop, and turn to the crowd.

While facing the crowd, he would put his hands up like claws and roar.

So it went, step, step, ROAR, step, step, ROAR, all the way down the aisle.

As you can imagine, the crowd was near tears from laughing so hard by the time he reached the pulpit.

When asked what he was doing, the child sniffed and said, "I was being the Ring Bear."



## Lenten Pretzels- FR. WILLIAM SAUNDERS

The pretzel indeed has its origins as an official food of Lent. However, much of the information available is based on tradition that has been handed down through the ages.

In the early Church, the Lenten abstinence and fasting laws were more strict than what the faithful practice today. Many areas of the Church abstained from all forms of meat and animal products, while others made exceptions for food like fish. So a need arose for a very simple food which would fulfill the abstinence and fasting laws.

According to pretzel maker Snyder's of Hanover, a young monk in the early 600s in Italy was preparing a special Lenten bread of water, flour and salt. To remind his brother monks that Lent was a time of prayer, he rolled the bread dough in strips and then shaped each strip in the form of crossed arms, mimicking the then popular prayer position of folding one's arms over each other on the chest. The bread was then baked as a soft bread, just like the big soft pretzels one can find today. Because these breads were shaped into the form of crossed arms, they were called *bracellae*, the Latin word for "little arms." From this word, the Germans derived the word *bretzel* which has since mutated to the familiar word *pretzel*. It is both a substantial food to satisfy the hunger and a spiritual reminder of God knowing a person's needs and answering our prayers.



### Lenten Pretzels Recipe

(from *A Continual Feast* by Evelyn Birge Vitz)



- 1 Tablespoon honey or sugar
- 1 1/2 cups lukewarm water
- 1 envelope active dry yeast
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 4 cups flour
- Coarse salt
- 1 egg beaten

Add the honey to the water; sprinkle in the yeast and stir until dissolved. Add 1 tsp salt. Blend in the flour, and knead the dough till smooth.

Cut the dough into pieces. Roll them into ropes and twist into pretzels shapes. Place the pretzels on lightly greased cookie sheets and brush them with the beaten egg and

sprinkle with salt. Bake at 425 degrees F for 12 to 15 minutes or until golden brown.

Caution: Do not attempt this recipe if anyone in your house is on a low-carb diet—the smell of them baking is irresistible!



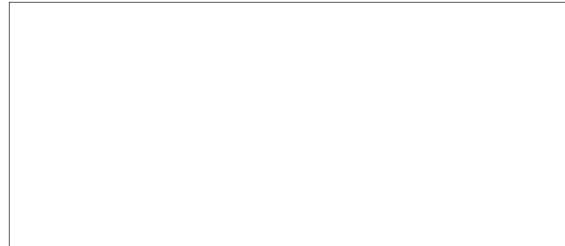
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### **Weekly Schedule**

- **Sunday—**  
8:45 am Morning Prayer  
9:00 Adult Sunday School  
9:45: Children's Sunday School  
Holy Eucharist—10:00 am  
(Nursery Available)
- Thursday** —Morning Prayer - 8:30 am  
Bible Study —9:00—10:30 am  
—Mass —6 pm  
Bible Study—6:45 pm—8:00
- Friday** —Evening Prayer—5:45 pm

### **FEBRUARY/MARCH/APRIL EVENTS**

**February 21st—Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**  
**February 22nd—Ash Wednesday**  
**Mass: 10:00 am and 6:30 pm**  
**March 18th—Green Auction**  
**April 1st—Palm Sunday**  
**April 5th—Maundy Thursday**  
**April 6th—Good Friday**  
**April 8th—Easter Day**  
**April 21st—Progressive Dinner**