

Burning of the Palms

Tuesday, March 5 ~ 5:45 pm outside the front entrance of the brick elementary school.



You are invited to bring the palms that have been in your homes since last year (and the year before and the year before that) and place them in the baskets at the entrances of the church and mission, bring them to the parish office or with you to the pancake supper. We will then burn them to be used as the ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, March 5 ~ 6:00 to 7:00 pm ~ Parish Hall

Menu includes pancakes, sausage, donuts, applesauce and beverages. This annual supper will be presented by St. Margaret Boy Scout Troop 564 and Cub Scout Pack 564. Free-will donations will be accepted.

Lenten Opportunities

Lenten Soupers Fridays during Lent: Pray, Eat, Listen and Share

Spend Fridays during Lent nourishing your faith and enjoying the company and conversation of friends and fellow parishioners. All are welcome to pray the Stations of the Cross and stay for the parish's **Lenten Soupers** in the parish hall:

- 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross in the church
- 6:00 pm Grace and simple Lenten meal of soup and salad
- 6:30 pm Adults: Presentation and shared reflection on discipleship (see schedule below)
- 6:30 pm School-aged children: catechist led Lenten activity
- 7:00 pm Closing prayer



All are welcome to share a simple meal of soup and salad and to reflect on Jesus' call to follow him as we read and reflect on the book *Into His Likeness*, by Dr. Edward Sri. *Into His Likeness* is the parish's gift to you this Lent! Pick up your copy in the parish office, church or mission beginning Ash Wednesday

Book Discussion and Presentation Schedule ~ Lenten Souper Menu

- **March 8:** Answering the Call (Ch. 1 - 2): Michelle Sullivan (Tomato soup, salad and bread)
- **March 15:** Imitating Jesus (Ch. 3 - 5): Lauren Traskey (Cream of potato soup, salad and bread)
- **March 22:** Humbled Before God (Ch. 6 - 7): Marty Wolf (Clam chowder soup, salad and bread)
- **March 29:** Forgiven and Healed (Ch. 8 - 9): Jim Keefe (Cream of mushroom soup, salad and bread)
- **April 5:** Nourished by Word and Sacrament (Ch. 10 & 12): Ken Goedeke (Broccoli cheese soup, salad and bread)
- **April 12:** Nourished by Prayer and Christian Friendship (Ch. 11 & 13): Peggy Hart (Variety of soups, salad and bread)

Free-will donations will be accepted at each Souper.

Women's Bible Study

Wouldn't it be nice to find a place where you could just be valued for who you are? Do you struggle to measure up to our culture's definition of success? Are you searching for purpose?

Gather with other women for a 6-week bible study from the popular *Walking with Purpose* program.

Book: *Living in the Father's Love*

Thursdays ~ 7:00 pm ~ beginning March 7

Adult Education Center ~ Cost: \$25 for books and other material

Interested? Contact Michelle (mksullivan@stmargaret.org) or Lauren (laurentraskey@gmail.com).

Parish Lenten Mission

A Lenten Mission is a great way to retreat from our daily routine and receive some spiritual nourishment.

Mark your calendars and invite a friend!

Monday - Wednesday, March 25 - 27

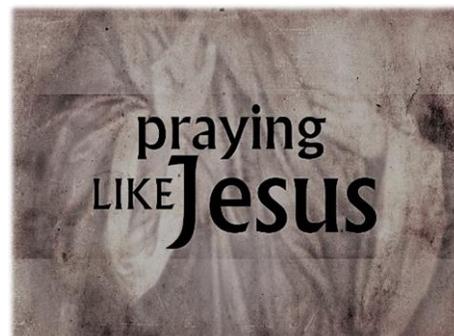
7:00 pm each evening in the church

Theme: *Praying Like the Master: Encountering Jesus in the Gospel of Luke*

Leader: Rev. Martin J. Burnham, PSS

You may recall Fr. Martin, the leader of this year's Lenten Mission. He served as our associate pastor from 2005 - 2007.

The key to living faithful and fruitful discipleship as a Catholic Christian is intimacy with God. How one creates this intimacy will be the focus of our retreat. The roots of our intimate relationship with God are found in our lives of prayer. Come spend time with the master of prayer, Jesus, as portrayed in the Gospel of Luke. Learn the way that Jesus prays and explore how to incorporate His example into your daily living. The fruits of the Lenten season await you.



Morning of Reflection: Stress & Spirituality

Saturday, April 6

9:00 am - 12:15 pm Adult Education Center

Presenter: Dr. Pat Fosarelli, M.D., D.Min

God created us as both physical and spiritual beings. Come, listen and reflect on how our physical experience of stress and our spirituality impact and affect one another. Dr. Pat Fosarelli, assistant dean of the Ecumenical Institute of Theology at St. Mary's Seminary & University in Baltimore, is a medical doctor and a doctor of ministry. Come and hear her engaging presentation on the intersection of Stress & Spirituality.