

MARRIED COUPLES – SPRING IS IN THE AIR. The trees are blooming, the grass is fresh and the air is fresh. New life is all around. If you want to bring new life to your marriage then register for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! Experience the joy of a **World Wide Marriage Encounter** weekend at Powell Butte Retreat Center in Central Oregon on April 24-26, 2015. Experience the growth in your marriage like the new life growing all around you. For more information call 503-853-2758 or apply on-line at www.rediscoverthespark.org. Other dates also available.

Altar Society News

Bishop Carey will be with us beginning March 26th through Easter Sunday. Both Bishop Carey and Father Greiner enjoy spending time with parishioners. A nice way to get to know Bishop Carey and Father Greiner is to have them to your home. There are still a couple of days that are available for them to come to your home for dinner. If you would like to have them as your guest please let Ann Kniesel (541-519-5192), or Marilyn Bloom (541-523-2750) know. There are also a couple of days where their schedule is a very busy one a providing a meal at the rectory would be appreciated.

Baby Shower: On March 22 the Right to Life and Altar Society are sponsoring a baby shower for the Rachel Center. If you would like to participate please bring a baby item to coffee hour on the 22nd. Some of the items that the Rachel Center needs are: baby shampoo, baby wash, swaddling blankets, bassinets (new or used and they will be returned and rotated through clients). If you have any baby items that are no longer being used and are in good condition they will also be appreciated.

Session two of the Women's Retreat will be March 28, 2015 from 9 AM to Noon. It will begin with Mass and end with lunch. Soup and bread will be provided and if you would like to bring a dish to share it would be welcomed. Please RSVP to Mary Sterns (541-523-3750) or the Parish Office (541-523-4521). Hope to see you there. If you missed the first session please come to the second session as the first one was excellent.

There is an opportunity for a Bible Study Group to be started if you are interested in taking on this project please contact Ann Kniesel (541-519-5192).

Knights of Columbus News

Next Meeting

The next general meeting will be on Thursday, March 19th in the parish hall at 7:00PM. Join us for the meeting, a savory treat and a hand of Texas Holdem.

Bingo

Please join us for Bingo Sunday afternoon from 2:00PM to 4:00PM in the parish hall. You may be the next jackpot winner!

Breakfast

Our next breakfast will be on April 12, 2015 after the 9:30 AM Mass in the parish hall. We will have more information and a menu in future bulletins.

Religious Education

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

Youth Choir practice in the church at 6:00PM
RE Classes at 7:00PM

Reflection - March 15, 2015 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Option for the Poor

Jesus tells us to care for those who are most in need in the world.

He reminds us of our Christian duty to give a voice to those who go unheard and to help those who are most vulnerable.

† The bronze serpent became for the Israelites a symbol of hope, one they could look to for healing. In the same way, the risen Christ becomes that same hope for us. *Are we symbols of hope for those who live in difficult situations, especially the poorest of the poor?*

† We are created in Christ to do the particular good works God prepared for us. That means we have a duty both to pursue our own good works and empower others to do the same. *How do we empower those around us-poor and rich-to do those good works?.*

† This week's CRS Rice Bowl Story of Hope takes us to Lebanon, where we meet a family of refugees struggling to find their place in a foreign land. We know our Israelite ancestors fled to foreign lands. *How do we welcome the stranger among us?*

This Week: Pray for those who are forced from their homes by war, natural disasters and other tragedies, that they may be welcomed with love and hospitality in new and foreign Lands.

Pray for our own community of faith, that we may welcome the homeless, the lost and the wanderer, recognizing that Jesus himself lived without a permanent place to call home.

Smokin' Joe's Memorial Chili Feed!!

The annual Smokin' Joe's Memorial Chili Feed and Silent Auction will be held Saturday, April 18th, from 4:30PM. to 8:00PM. in the parish hall. Tickets will be available soon.

Contact individuals, to leave an item for the auction or any donation for the cause, are Arlene Dethloff (541) 910-1777; Francis Mohr (541) 519-6606 or the Parish office (541) 523-4521.

Mount Angel Abbey Monastic Vocations Discernment Retreat

Mount Angel Abbey invites men who are between 18 - 45 years of age and are discerning a monastic vocation, to come join us for a three-day discernment retreat experience on Friday, April 10th through Sunday, April 12th, 2015. This is free of charge and we welcome you as our guest.

Please contact Fr. Odo Recker, OSB at 503-845-3123. E-mail: odorecker@mtangel.edu or visit our **web-site: www.mountangelabbey.org**.