

Dear Parishioners of St. Barbara's,

My name is Father Louis Shea and I am the pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Lovell and Sacred Heart in Greybull. This fall I am leading a pilgrimage to Europe with a group of my parishioners. There are still have lots of openings and I would like to invite you and your families along.

On Tuesday, November 7th we will depart from Billings airport on a great pilgrimage to some of the most important shrines of the Catholic world. From Lourdes in the south of France we'll traverse the Pyrenees Mountains into Spain and journey towards the burial place of the Apostle James at *Santiago de Compestela*. From there we'll go south into Portugal towards Fátima, where the centennial of the Blessed Mother's apparitions is being celebrated this year. After a glorious nine-day pilgrimage, we will fly back to Billings on Friday, November 17th. Our days will be well-rounded. Morning mass will begin our day, opening our hearts and minds to the grace of God. At the end of each day we'll then sit down together to enjoy the culinary delights of the Iberian Peninsula.

The cost is \$3995.00 and this includes everything except daily lunch. All of the travel will be on private first-class motor coaches and we will be staying in deluxe four-star hotels throughout the journey. We'll also enjoy tours and lectures that will unravel the great history and culture of the many beautiful places that we will visit. First and foremost, this is a pilgrimage; a journey into our Catholic faith and its great legacy and a coming closer to God. I hope that you can join. For more information, call or email the trip coordinator Joe Long at (570) 309 1346 or reservations@prorometours.com

In Christ,

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Vacation Bible School:



At Maker Fun Factory VBS, kids discover not only that God made them the way they are, but for a purpose too. Maker Fun Factory is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciency-Fun Gizmos™, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. (Since everything is hands-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes and safe shoes.) Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we call God Sightings. Get ready to hear that phrase a lot!

Yes, it's that time of year to start making plans for Vacation Bible School. June 13th through 15th, mark your calendars.

We need some items to be donated to make this a memorable year:

Misc. items

Two (2) 30" Bungee Cords
Large Funnel
Box of Craft Sticks (approx.
500 sticks/box)
3 Boxes of Glue Dots
(approx. 600 dots/box)
Paper towel tubes (30)
Hand Sanitizer bottles 12oz.
(2)

Large Brown Paper grocery
bags
Ribbon rolls (various colors)
Yarn (various colors)
Aluminum foil (1 roll)
Colored cellophane (1 roll)
Butcher paper roll
Bean Bags to borrow
Turkey Baster to borrow

10 Tennis Balls

2 Puzzles (ages 3 and under)
4 rolls of crepe paper
streamers (various colors)
Large Geo Board (for
Decoration)
Flattened Cardboard boxes
with slits cut into each side



Cardboard concrete tube
forms (2 approx. 4ft)

Food:

Chex Cereal (enough for 40 kids)
Animal cookies (enough for 40 kids)
Gold Fish Crakers (enough for 40 kids)
Gummy Worms
Small pretzel sticks (enough for 40 kids)
Mini marshmallows (need 8 marshmallows/kid)
Regular marshmallows (need 3 marshmallows/kid)
Cinnamon & Sugar tortilla Chips (enough for 40 kids)
Fresh Raspberries (enough for 40 kids)
Fresh Blueberries (enough for 40 kids)
Vanilla go-gurt (enough for 40 kids)
Bag of Shredded coconut

In order that we do not have duplicate items, please pick up a donation request form in the vestibule.

If you are unable to help with items we will be selling cookbooks @ \$5 each, and we can always use volunteers!!!

PROCLAIMING CHRIST

Meditations for the Season of Lent

“Proclaiming Christ means showing that to believe in and to follow him is not only something right and true, but also something beautiful, capable of filling life with new splendor and profound joy, even in the midst of difficulties.”

— EVANGELII GAUDIUM
 (“THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL”), 167



Faith Stories

John 4:5-42

Today's Gospel shows us a different kind of encounter with Jesus. Unlike last week's story of Nicodemus, who sought out Jesus, or the disciples who accompanied Jesus to the mountaintop, the woman in today's reading meets Jesus by accident when she goes to the well to get water.

At first she is shocked that Jesus would even speak to her. But, as their conversation progresses, the woman wants the living water that Jesus tells her about. When Jesus reveals everything about her past, she recognizes that he is no ordinary human being. When he tells her that he is the Messiah, she runs back to the town and encourages other people to meet Jesus.

This woman's encounter with

FOR REFLECTION

- › Who are the people that invited you to encounter Christ during your life?
- › In what ways were you changed through your encounters with Christ?
- › How can you invite others to encounter Christ?

Jesus not only changed her life, but it changed the lives of others. She accomplished this simply by sharing her story. We are also called to share our faith stories. How many lives would be changed if we had the courage to tell our stories and invite others to encounter Christ?

LENT TRIVIA ?

1. How many Stations of the Cross are there?
2. Name the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.
3. During what days of the week do we meditate on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary?

Answers on reverse.



Almsgiving

Giving alms has always been an important part of Lent. For many people, it means giving money to the parish or some other good cause. But the concept of almsgiving goes much deeper. It is our response to the teachings of Jesus that encourage us to reach out to people in need — not just with our money but also with our time and talents. Almsgiving allows us to cultivate a spirit of generosity. It gives us a chance to share with other people what we have and who we are. It helps us understand that we are all members of the Body of Christ. Think carefully about how you will share your time, talents, and treasure during Lent this year.

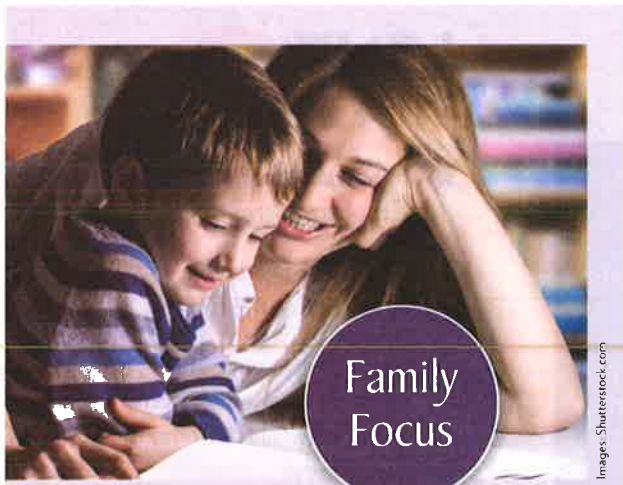


Lenten Prayer



The Prayer of St. Francis is a powerful way to ask God for the graces we need to share his love with others:

“Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.”



Family Focus

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Tell your children stories about their baptism, the faith of their grandparents, and your faith experiences as you were growing up. Visit the church where you made your first Communion or confirmation. Show them photos from your faith milestones. By sharing your faith stories, your children will learn how to tell their own faith stories.

Extending an Invitation

We all know people who have drifted away from their faith for one reason or another. Lent is the perfect time to invite them to come to Mass with you. Or you could invite them to a Lenten lecture, Stations of the Cross, or some other Lenten event at your parish. It doesn't have to be something religious. Maybe your parish is having a fish fry or a spaghetti dinner. Inviting someone to meet other parishioners is often the best way to help them reconnect. There are people out there just waiting for an invitation to come back to the Church. You could be the one to help transform their lives!



Catechism CONNECTION

“The duty of Christians to take part in the life of the Church impels them to act as *witnesses of the Gospel*.... This witness is a transmission of the faith in words and deeds.”

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2472

Answers: 1. There are 14 Stations of the Cross. 2. The sorrowful mysteries are the Agony in the Garden, the Scourging at the Pillar, the Crowning with Thorns, Jesus Carrying His Cross, and the Crucifixion. 3. The sorrowful mysteries are prayed on Tuesdays and Fridays.