

**IMMEDIATE OPENING FOR  
PARISH CUSTODIAL ASSISTANCE**

A few months ago, Steve Nedeau, our custodian since October 1999, informed me of his intention to retire in November 2012. Steve has done a great job and is especially valued for his helping the Church transition from the old church to our new home for these last 8 years. It is our hope to transition his responsibilities as custodian to a full time position being made available in November. Our immediate need is for part-time help for Steve. Therefore, we have an **immediate opening** for a part-time position with a minimum of 15-20 hours a week to work with Steve. The salary will be negotiated based on experience. Please send a résumé to **Steve Nedeau at St. Charles Church – PO Box 237 – Meredith, NH 03253**. Interviews will begin immediately.



<b>Sunday (12)</b>	
9:15 AM	Social Committee Meeting / Hall
6:00 PM	Youth Ministry Ice Skating / PSU
<b>Monday (13)</b>	
9:15 AM	Adult Faith Formation / Hall
<b>Tuesday (14)</b>	
12:00 PM	Craft Group / Hall
<b>Wednesday (15)</b>	
6:30 PM	Scripture Study / OLV
<b>Thursday (16)</b>	
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal / Church
<b>Friday (17)</b>	
9:00 AM	Adoration / Chapel ( <i>unless a funeral is scheduled</i> )
<b>Sunday (19)</b>	
9:15 AM	First Eucharist Parent Meeting / Hall
5:00 PM	Faith Formation Grades 7 & 8 / OLV

**Our calendar is online**  
[www.stcharlesnh.org/calendar.htm](http://www.stcharlesnh.org/calendar.htm)

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION WITH ADULTS**  
Did you miss your Confirmation? Are you interested in becoming fully initiated into the Catholic Church? Do you know someone that has expressed an interest in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation? If the answer is yes or you would like some information on the spring schedule, please contact Cindy Ossola @ 279-8691, ext. 307. These classes are available to anyone in the Lakes Region Deanery.



*He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly.*

*Mk 1:44-45b*

**WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP**

Women of the parish are invited to join in our next book discussion of the novel *The Postmistress* by Sarah Blake. Come for some vibrant and lively discussion on a cold winter's night on Tuesday February 28 at 7pm. Feel free to bring a friend too! Any questions, call Peg Gavenonis at 253-7418.

**COMMUNITY CAREGIVERS  
VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION**

Please consider becoming a volunteer for Center Harbor, Meredith and Moultonborough (or CHMM) Community Caregivers. We assist neighbors with simple tasks, make friendly visits and provide transportation. The next volunteer orientation class will be held in late February. To learn more about this opportunity, please visit our web site at [www.chmmcommunitycaregivers.org](http://www.chmmcommunitycaregivers.org) and call Alison or Catherine at our office at 253-9275 to request an application.

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Mark I: 40-45**

**Step One:** Listen to the Word

As you hear this reading about a leper being cured and telling everyone about it, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart?

**Theme:** Jesus wants to make us whole.

**Step Two:** Look into Your Life

**Question for Children:** What do you want to ask Jesus to do for you?

**Question for Youth:** How has Jesus touched your life? How are you changed because of that touch?

**Question for Adults:** Name a time when you experienced Jesus' healing touch.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 12, 2012**

Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31--11:1/Mk 1:40-45
Monday:	Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Jas 1:19-27/Mk 8:22-26
Thursday:	Jas 2:1-9/Mk 8:27-33
Friday:	Jas 2:14-24, 26/Mk 8:34--9:1
Saturday:	Jas 3:1-10 /Mk 9:2-13
Next Sunday:	Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25/2 Cor 1:18-22/Mk 2:1-12

# Faith Formation - 279-8691

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GRADES 7 & 8

CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR

A Winter Reminder...

If Inter-Lakes Schools close due to weather conditions;

Faith Formation is cancelled that day.



## KINDERGARTEN – 6 NEWS



The last week of January came quickly and with it a threat of cancellation of our Tuesday's classes. However, by

3:00 the lots and driveways were well plowed and sanded so classes could be held.

**Mrs. Ciak's** 5<sup>th</sup> grade class is studying the 7 Sacraments. They have begun with the Sacraments of Initiation. Students acted out each sacrament while Mrs. Ciak took pictures. They then developed posters to show how the sacraments are celebrated. Check out the bulletin board in the narthex to see their pictures. Can you pick out the Sacraments of Initiation?

**Mrs. Gintof's** 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is getting ready to celebrate their first Eucharist in May. Last week students were learning about the chalice, paten, and tabernacle. Ask your student what each one is and where you can see it when you are at mass.

Take a look at the bulletin boards on the left wall of the narthex. You should see some samples of Faith Formation student work.

There are no classes February 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> as Inter-Lakes Schools have conferences. We will resume classes on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> and then another break for school vacations.

## GRADE 7 & 8 FAITH FORMATION FOR YEAR STUDENTS

Class reminder is Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5-6:30 pm.

## MONSIGNOR GEORGE CHICOINE SCHOLARSHIP

High school students interested in applying for this scholarship, please pick up an application from Cindy Ossola. It is important that you start the process early in completing this application.

Questions?? Call Cindy at 279-8691.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### ICE SKATING

How long has it been since you have ice skated? Or have you ever ice skated? Join us for Ice Skating at PSU on **Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6-8. Remember you need a Permission Slip for all activities. You2** (grades 7&8) will engage in this activity.

### ANNUAL SLEIGH RIDE SOCIAL

The *Annual Sleigh Ride Social* has been cancelled.

### SOCIAL GATHERING

There will be another Social Gathering on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6-8 pm in the Parish hall. We will be watching *The Chronicles of Narnia – The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. Come and watch as you explore and engage in an intriguing adventure in the wardrobe that will enter you into a different dimension of time. Bring your chair and relax with some popcorn and snacks.

### YOUTH MINISTRY

There are a variety of Youth Groups within the Meredith, Center Harbor, Sandwich and Moultonborough areas.



We are looking for our young people to be a part of the Youth Group here at St. Charles Borromeo; therefore, if we are not offering you what you feel you need in games, activities, Bible study or exploring your faith, please see Cindy or email me with your ideas and suggestions. You can ask your friends to join our Youth Group and participate in the various activities.

### MANCHESTER DIOCESE & LAKES REGION

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

**Diocese of Manchester**

Telephone – 669-3100

Website: [www.catholicchurchnh.org](http://www.catholicchurchnh.org)

**New Hampshire Catholic Charities**

**Laconia District Office**

17 Gilford Avenue, Laconia, NH 03246-2827

Telephone: 528-3035 – Fax: 524-7153

Email: [laconia@nh-cc.org](mailto:laconia@nh-cc.org)

**Holy Trinity Catholic School**


50 Church St., Laconia, NH 03246

Telephone: 524-3156 - Fax (603) 527-3534

Website: [www.holytrinity.pvt.k12.nh.us](http://www.holytrinity.pvt.k12.nh.us)

**Vocation Information for Parents**

[www.ForYourVocation.org](http://www.ForYourVocation.org)

<b>CHURCH  SUPPORT</b>	
February 4/5	
Sunday Offertory / Envelopes (144)	\$3,607.00
Sunday Offering / Loose	1,112.00
Catholic Schools Diocesan / Envelopes (90)	966.00
Catholic Schools Diocesan / Loose	409.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,094.00</b>
<b>OTHER DONATIONS</b>	
Diocesan Seminarian Fund	5.00
Adult Faith Formation	56.00
Parish Needy	20.00
Heat/AC	10.00
Faith Formation	50.00
Total	\$141.00
<b>Total Offering &amp; Other Donations</b>	<b>\$6,235.00</b>
<b>BUILDING DEBT</b>	
Loan from Diocese, 2/1/12	\$348,842
Principal payments	None
Loan from Diocese, 2/6/12	\$348,842
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If you have any questions or comments on Building Debt information, please contact Peg Gavenonis, 253-7418. Thank you for your generosity!	

**SECOND COLLECTION-FEBRUARY 18/19**

**LOAN REPAYMENT**

Our second collection next weekend is for the reduction of the debt on our building. Our building spaces continue to serve us throughout the year for our many activities. Your donations help to serve us all.

**VOCATIONS**

“Do everything for the glory of God.” Your vocation is the call to give God glory in your very being. Is He choosing you to be a priest or consecrated religious? Call Father Jason Jalbert (603) 663-0132, or write: [jjalbert@rcbm.org](mailto:jjalbert@rcbm.org).



**DAILY VISITS TO THE CHAPEL**

The Chapel is open 9 AM – 3 PM Monday through Friday. If you wish to make a visit during the day, please enter by the rear office entrance and either use the staircase or the elevator to the chapel. For safety reasons, all front doors of the chapel and church are locked during the day.

 **Mass Intentions for the Week**

Saturday	(11)	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM		Leon Fagnant/Family
Sunday	(12)	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM		Marguerite Fournier/Husband, Bob
10:30 AM		Intentions of Saint Charles Parishioners
Monday	(13)	Weekday
8:30 AM		Katie Gavan/Husband, Allan
Tuesday	(14)	Saints Cyril, Monk & Methodius
8:30 AM		All Souls Day Intentions
Wednesday	(15)	No Mass
Thursday	(16)	Weekday
8:30 AM		Special Intention/Peg
Friday	(17)	Weekday
8:30 AM		Sock Chekas, Grace Marcoux/Dot Chekas
Saturday	(18)	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM		George & Ida Ossola/Martha & Cindy
Sunday	(19)	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM		Intentions of Saint Charles Parishioners
10:30 AM		1) Gil Clark/Family
		2) William McGarry/Family

**Sanctuary Lamp**

*In memory of the deceased members of our parish*

*Rest in Peace*

*Arthur Pearce, husband of Mary*



**A seasonal reminder - Daily Mass at St. Charles is cancelled if Inter-Lakes Schools close or delay due to weather conditions.**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

<b>February 18</b>	<b>5pm</b>	
Ushers		Norm Gruner/Bob Patenaude
Altar Servers		Madelyn Edgar & Matt O'Neill
Lector		Dan Rowe
Eucharistic Ministers		Jeanne Boriso, Les Kelley, Rose Locke, Cindy Ossola, Martha Perry, Marie Samaha, Bob Walker
<b>February 19</b>	<b>8am</b>	
Ushers		Jack Porter/Sal Bramante
Altar Servers		Sam Otis & Megan Reid
Lector		Christine Corrigan
Eucharistic Ministers		Cathy & Dan Cornelissen, Geoff & Nancy Cunningham, Bernie & Shirley Forts, <i>Vacant</i>
<b>February 19</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	
Ushers		Mike Meuse/Henry Hall
Altar Servers		Ryan Boquist & Owen McMahon
Lector		Sandy Sullivan
Eucharistic Ministers		Jean Clark, Helen & Jim Ferrante, Katie Knott-Garon, Eleanor & Jim Matthews, Larry Trombetta

<http://www.stcharlesnh.org/MinistrySchedule.htm>

## WHAT CAN I DO BEFORE LENT BEGINS?

Anything worth doing is worth preparing for.

Just imagine that this Lent is going to be different from every other Lent we've experienced. Imagine that there will be many graces offered me this year. Let's even imagine that God is going to help transform our lives, with greater freedom, greater joy, deeper desires for love and service.

If we want it, we will choose it.

Lent will be this wonderful season of grace for us if we give ourselves to it. And, we will give ourselves to it to the degree we really want it badly. So, in these days before Lent, we need to prepare our hearts. We need to prepare by realizing how much we want to grow in freedom, how much we need to lighten our spirits and experience some real joy, and how much some parts of our lives really need changing.

So, preparing our hearts is a process of preparing our desires. This means practicing our sense of anticipation. If I imagine Lent as an "ordeal" or a time I dread in some way, then I've already pre-disposed myself to not get very much out of it. These days before Lent are a time to start anticipating something wonderful that is about to happen.

Our Focus: On what God wants to give us.

Our sense of excitement and anticipation will grow more easily if we begin to imagine what God wants to give us. There is really something coming that we can truly look forward to. If we get too focused on ourselves, and what we are going to do or not do, we could risk missing the gift God wants to give us. We have to keep aware of the fact that grace comes from God. This is about God's great desire to bless us. Then, it is easier for us to imagine that what we really *want* to do is place ourselves in a space to *receive* what God wants to give us.

Not starting from a dead stop.

Taking some time to get ready for Lent will ensure that we aren't going to miss the first week or two of Lent, because we are just getting started. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, but we want to be ready to really take off on that day, rather than just beginning to think about Lent on that day. Part of what makes a vacation or a special anniversary so special is the build-up to it.

Before we get to Ash Wednesday, we should start asking ourselves some questions and we should start with some preparations. "What does God want to give me this year?" This question may require that I slow down a bit and *listen* to my inner spirit. For example, even if I'm very busy, I realize I'm hungry when I hear my stomach start "growling." "What am I going to be doing on Ash Wednesday?" Too often, Ash Wednesday is like every other day, except that I manage to get to church and get ashes on my forehead. Is there anything else I can do on Ash Wednesday? How will fasting and abstaining happen for me, for my family on that special day?

Lent is not something I need to do alone.

If I have a spouse, or children, or some close friends, or distant e-mail companions, I can begin now to talk about how we will support each other in this Lenten journey. The anticipation and the preparation are transformed with the companionship of family and close friends. We shouldn't be deterred by the fear that our spouse or children or friends "won't be into it." Jesus said, "Fear is useless; what's needed is trust." Let's begin now to tell others about our desires. Let's help support others' expectations. Let's help others see that Lent doesn't have to be something I avoid, and certainly can't be reduced to "giving up candy." We can help our loved ones to begin to imagine what they could receive from God in these days.

Ash Wednesday is a great place to start with our planning. "What are we going to eat?" We shouldn't be embarrassed if we really haven't fasted in a long time, or perhaps ever before. We can plan to *intentionally* have only one full meal on Ash Wednesday. We can make that meal very meaningful and symbolic.

Getting ready, means getting my house ready, too. And, it can mean lots of choices. And, it doesn't take much time.

It doesn't take a lot of time to prepare for the beginning of Lent. It just takes desire and focus. God can do so much with that. We can give God more of a space to touch our hearts if we begin to establish some simple patterns. We could wake up each morning, and for something like a half a minute to a minute, stand by the edge of our beds, and just ask the Lord for the grace to let this day be one in which I long for the beginning of Lent. Perhaps we need to ask for specific helps or graces to get ready to begin Lent. Whatever we try to say, our Lord can understand the Spirit trying to speak through our simple words. And all it takes is the time to find and put on our slippers. And each night, in the days ahead, we can practice giving thanks to God before I go to bed. This simple pattern, in the morning and evening can stir our spirits to look forward to and prepare for Lent, as a season of grace. ***May our Lord bless us all on this journey ahead.***