

Happy Spring ... 17 shopping days 'til LENT!!
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Worship 8:30 & 11 Thursday evenings 7:30
Sunday School & Breakfast Club, 9:45 Adult Choir, 9:30
TODAY IS ---- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2009

Worship at All Saints is a blending of joy & quiet reflection.

We hope your soul is nourished, being with us today. We enjoy having kids in church ... but, please, when they are noisy & restless, we ask you to respect the quiet and dignity --- both of our worship experience and your neighbor. We have a fine nursery for kids age 5 and under ... and our staff's vibrant attitude, good looks, and incredibly high compensation make our nursery an "oasis of goodness" for your young ones!! Please introduce yourself to the attendant ... and, most of all, welcome ---- the coffee in Charter Hall almost defies description!!

welcome ... with an announcement or two

OPENING PRAYER

Everything seems to be "down," Lord ---- the DOW, my 401k, jobs, hope, my spirits. Oh, my soul gets weary ... my heart wrinkled ... my smile too often forced.
From coffee shops ... to a nod from a stranger ... holding the door for someone at the hospital ... letting someone in during a traffic jam, and seeing if they wave "thanks" ----- I'm looking for a bit of happiness and joy in the smallest-and-most-common of places.
I know you are "there," Lord. I know. I believe.
I must admit (and this is so human of me ... sorry) ---- I wish your voice was louder ... I wish your "presence" was more obvious ... your spirit more direct ... your face more visible ...
I'm sorry when my vision is blinded ... when my own voice is clouded or harsh ... my pace too hurried to see your footsteps.
It's not you ... it's me. I'm too afraid, at times, to step outside of my own world. I'm afraid to venture into "spaces and places" where I

need to be more, give more, share more, do more ---- throwing selfishness "to the wind" ... and planting seeds of decency & grace along my humble path. Thanks for the nudge, Lord ... thanks for listening ... amen.

opening song

"Crown him with many crowns" 170 vv. 1,3,4,5

the liturgy ... page 78

readings for the day

"will my younger friends come forward?" ... kids' time

song

"For those tears I died" 77 (spirit)

meditation

song

"My hope is built on nothing less" 294

the creed ... page 85

offering and offertory

prayers and Lord's prayer

"A song of parting" ... the choir, 11:00

closing song

"Abide with me" 272

benediction and 3-fold "amen"

Beautiful flowers today!! ---- thank-you!

**from the Volkman family ... in honor of Marty's #40 ... hey, it's about time you joined our club!!*

**from Paquito Yu ---- celebrating his 20th year with St. Coletta's,
and his work with All Saints. Paquito ----- you are one of
God's wonderful people!@! ... thanks for all you do.*

The eternal light is bright today!!

**from Einor Lalick ... in loving memory of Michael Lalick's
birthday. May God bless his spirit and memory.*

A few musings from the humble temple

Today ---- "Breakfast Club" is going out.

Monday: Confirmation class 7:15 – 8:30pm

Tuesday: Book Club, 7:00pm

Wednesday: Bible study, 7:00pm

Thursday: Evening worship, 7:30pm

NEXT SUNDAY: Youth group bowling, following 2nd service. You
must sign-up by today ... friends welcome ... \$10 covers everything:

bowling, shoes, pizza, pop, "love" ...

THE SEASON OF LENT IS COMING ... beginning with Ash

Wednesday on Feb. 25 ---- services at noon and 7:30.

For the following 5 weeks ... we have Lenten suppers (6:30) and
evening worship (7:30) every Thursday. You can begin making rsvp's
for the suppers. Also --- indicate if you'd like to help host one.

Please ----- we need your response ... or we won't have the suppers.

It's all about SPAGHETTI

Saturday, Feb. 28 ... tickets are on sale ... no sales at the door.

If you have items for the auction ... you can bring those anytime.

FESTIVAL OF MUSIC ... Sunday, March 22.

We are raising money for our scholarship program ... but even more
important is giving kids and adults an opportunity to share the gift of
music ... you can sign-up in the narthex.

Our always humble, yet festive staff

Debbie Facius and Kathy Janik, office administrators

Mike Hefter, organist Craig Nelson, pastoral support

Kathy Klang, comptroller Linda McAley, organist

Mark Nussle, choir director Ed Steele, Mr. Fix-it