

Thanks for all the support and prayers upon the death of my father in law, Michael Burke this Wednesday night. His funeral is in Los Angeles on Saturday morning. Please keep my wife Erin, her mother Patti, and the family in your continued prayers. *Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him. May he rest in peace, and rise in glory.*

Also sad to say that our Altar Guild Director, Ruth Dady will be moving back to the Tampa area at the end of this month. We will miss a good friend and fellow laborer in the Lord's vineyard; every blessing to Ruth as her journey takes her down another path

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Has anyone else noticed the rise in the number of movies and television programs glorifying vampires, werewolves, demons and related under-worldlings? Even Barnes and Noble bookstores now have a separate book section titled "Teen Paranormal," which sounds like an oxymoron in my opinion! This is nothing new of course; old timers will remember Bella Lugosi's portrayal of Dracula in the 1930's film rendition of the popular classic. According to reports, Lugosi was actually a kindly, generous grandfather type in real life: - who knew? (Also, no jokes at this point about my alma mater, Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky, Class of 1976.)

For some, the attraction to the "Dark Side" will always be more powerful, given the perverse nature of humanity. C.S. Lewis warned us in *Mere Christianity* that there are two equal and opposite dangers for Christians: to either completely ignore the Devil and all his work, or show an unhealthy amount of interest in Satan. Vampires exist by sucking the blood out of their victims; Jesus gives us his Body and Blood so that we can be a part of his eternal life, here and in the world to come. A story is told about a family whose young daughter was seriously injured. She needed a transfusion, and the only match they could find was from her six year old brother. The parents asked the boy if he would be willing to give some blood to his sister so she could live. He thought a moment and then said, "Yes." A while after his blood was taken, the little boy awoke, looked around and quietly asked, "When will I die?" The brave boy had willingly given blood to his sister, thinking that it would allow her to live but would mean death to him. Jesus said, "there is no greater love than to give one's life for his friends." As we begin our observance of Lent next Wednesday, give thanks for the life given to us by God the Father, the blood shed for our salvation by God the Son, our continued life in the faith sustained by God the Holy Spirit, and finally, give thanks for all those who have changed our lives by their love.

## Week-At-A-Glance 2012

Sunday	2-19	8:00 am 10:00 am <b>9:00 am</b> 11:20 am	Holy Eucharist <b>ECW Extension group</b> Women's Bible Study
	2-20	6:15 pm 7:30 pm	AA Beginners Meeting AA Meeting
Tuesday	2-21	8:30 am <b>4:30 pm</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> <b>6:30 pm</b>	Holy Eucharist <b>School Board Meeting</b> <b>Pancake Supper</b> <b>Prayer Shawl Ministry</b>
Wednesday	2-22	<b>8:30 am &amp; 6:30 pm</b> <b>1:00 pm</b> <b>4:30 pm</b> 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> <b>Knit Wits</b> <b>Brownies #20433</b> Holy Eucharist & Rosary AA- Meeting
Thursday	2-23	12:00 pm <b>4:30 pm</b> 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Al Anon <b>Girl Scouts #20511</b> Ladies AA Meeting Men's Bible Study
Friday	2-24	7:00 pm 6:30 pm	AA Meeting <b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Saturday	2-25	8:30 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting AA Meeting AA Meeting

--occasional events are **bolded**--

## Announcements

**NEW MEMBER PARTY HAS BEEN *POSTPONED* UNTIL MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>**

***ETC.***

**ECW "Extension" group** (for those not able to make the regular ECW Monday luncheon meetings) will start to meet on the 3<sup>RD</sup> Sundays of every month, at 9:00 a.m. in the day school room, **Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**. For more information, please contact Cindy Hernandez 561-307-7154



Your **tax deductible contribution statements** are available at the church office for the next week, after Sunday masses. Please be sure to pick up yours. Statements based on the IRS's \$250 threshold but if your yearly contribution was less then, we will prepare one for you upon request.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Fridays 6:30 p.m., Meditation on *The Sorrowful Mysteries*.



**SCHOOL BOARD**

Meeting on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:30 p.m. in the Mark Room.



**PANCAKE SUPPER**

hosted by the Brothers of St. Andrew, **Tuesday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, dine in with the family 5-7p.m.** Advance tickets \$6 adults, \$4 kids and tickets at the door \$7 adults, \$5 for kids. Take out available starting to 4:00 p.m.



**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Will meet in the Mark Room at 6:30 pm on **Tuesday, Feb. 21**



**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, *Mass and Imposition of Ashes* 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.**



**E.C.W. ANNUAL RAFFLE and BAKE SALE**

Being held on Sunday, **February 26<sup>th</sup>** after the 10am mass. For only \$5.00 donation per ticket, you could win one of the following: **1<sup>st</sup> prize \$250.00 2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$100.00 3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$50.00 for tickets, call 307-7154**



**YOUTH GROUP**

organizational meeting next **Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup>**, from 5-7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall, food provided, Ages 12-18.



**COFFEE HOUR**

Next week is Pot-Luck Desserts. Please bring your favorite to share.



**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES CHILDRENS' ENVELOPES**



**PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES**

There are still some of these that have not yet been picked up. Be sure to ask the ushers.

**PLEASE pray** for the following: Burke, Jeri, Evelyn, Alred, Diane, John, Lois, Jan, Lucy, Brittany, Esther, Angel, Doreen, Veida, Zoe, Bertrude, Bill, Linda, Al, Steve, Jean, Joyce, Lottie, Lauren, and Jacinth. For the **repose of the soul** of Michael Burke. For those celebrating a **birthday**: Michael Armstrong, Midge Ruff, and Dawn LaBorde.



## *Lent 2012*

**Ash Wednesday – *Mass and Imposition of Ashes***  
**8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.**



**Fridays at 6:30 p.m. - *Stations of the Cross***  
**with a Meditation each week on *The Sorrowful Mysteries***

**February 24 – *The Agony in the Garden***

**March 2 – *The Scourging at the Pillar***

**March 9 – *The Crowning with Thorns***

**March 16 – *The Carrying of the Cross***

**March 23 – *The Crucifixion***

**March 30 – *The Passion of the Christ* (the film shown  
following the *Stations of the Cross*)**

