



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 24, 2008

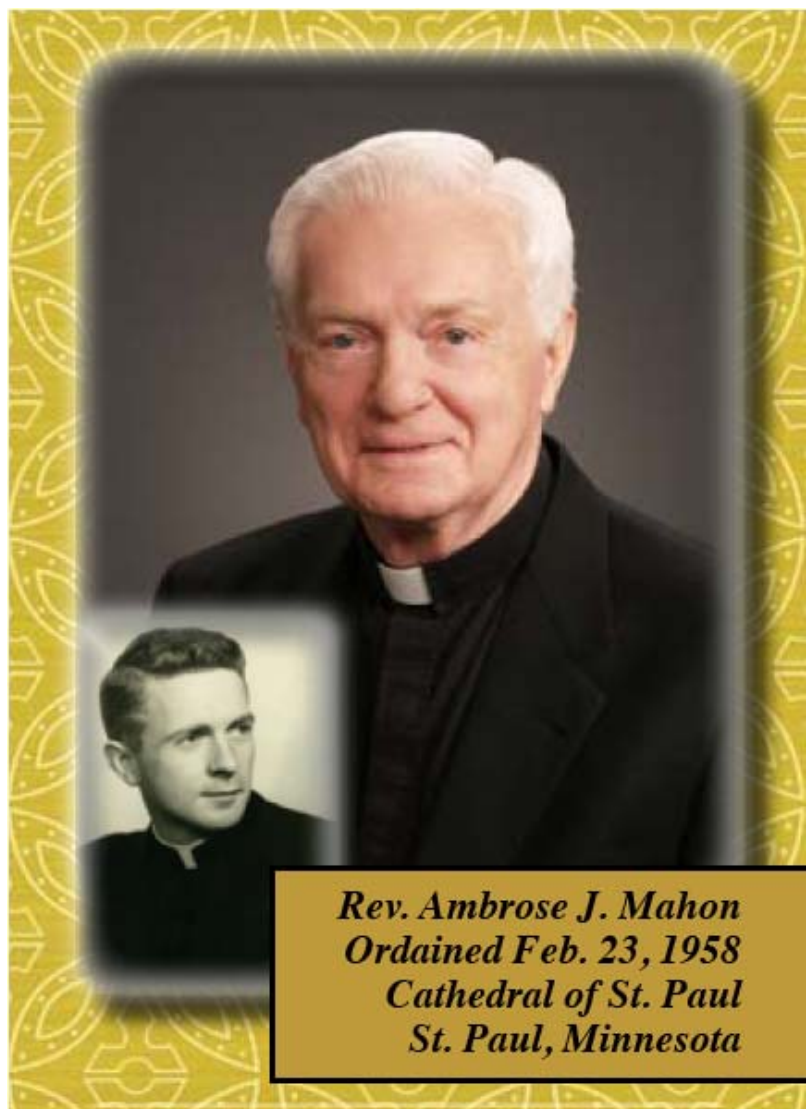
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Join in the celebration

**Fr. Mahon's
50th Anniversary
of Ordination**

**Mass of Thanksgiving
Sunday, February 24
at 11:00am**

with a reception immediately
following Mass in the Mahon
Center



*Rev. Ambrose J. Mahon
Ordained Feb. 23, 1958
Cathedral of St. Paul
St. Paul, Minnesota*

*Pastor at St. Patrick's
from 1976-1998*

At St. Pat's This Week:**Saturday, February 23**

1:00pm–Private Reconciliation–Chapel
5:15pm–Mass

Sunday, February 24

9:00am–Mass
10:00am–MOM's Ministries–Parish House
11:00am–Mass
Noon–50th Anniversary Reception for Fr. Mahon

Monday, February 25

7:30pm–Alcoholics Anonymous–St. Mark's

Tuesday, February 26

9:30am–*Just*Faith class–St. John's
7:00pm–RCIA–St. John's
7:30pm–St. Lucy Guild Meeting–Parish House

Wednesday, February 27

Faith Formation Classes

Thursday, February 28

4:30pm–Edina Coalition for Grief Support
7:00pm–*Just*Faith class–St. John's

Friday, February 29

8:30am–Legion of Mary–St. Matthew's
8:30am–Angels of the Fold–St. Mark's
5:15pm–Stations of the Cross–Church
5:45pm–Soup Supper–Mahon Center

Saturday, March 1

1:00pm–Private Reconciliation–Chapel
5:15pm–Mass

Sunday, March 2

9:00am–Mass
11:00am–Mass
Noon–Family Bingo–St. Martin's Hall

St. Lucy Guild Meeting

Tuesday, February 26 at 7:30pm at the Parish House.
New members welcome.

Women's Council Meeting

Monday, March 3 at 4:00pm in St. Catherine's

Gregorian Chant

It's Fr. Ambrose Mahon's 50th Anniversary of Ordination this weekend. Wow! It was his 80th birthday a few days ago. Not only has he been blessed, but this parish has been enormously blessed. He pastored here for a quarter of a century – half of his priestly life. Not only that, he has lived in and been a part of Edina for 45 years – 90% of his priestly life. He would have passed out cold if you would have given him these statistics in the summer of 1958 when he showed up at OLG. Congratulations AJ!

Stop and think about what I just said. Do we have any idea how unusual that story is? I mean, talk about abiding presence – and he remembers people's names, address and family history like a vacuum cleaner. St. Patrick's is not just his longest assignment, it's where his heart is as he has shown us over and over again by his continued dedication after retirement.

Just understand how dramatically atypical this kind of a situation is, especially in a country where the number of priests per capita becomes less and less as time goes on.

You know St. Patrick's has never gone without priestly service (at least in the lifetime of everyone who reads this). We have Mass here seven days a week all year long. Anointings, funerals, weddings, education, outreach of Social Justice etc., etc. are a part of the warp and woof of the parish. We all know of situations where there is one priest to three or four smaller parishes. There are places, e.g. Cobán, where there is Mass only a few times a year in the aldeas.

At the time of AJ's ordination we were dwelling in the post-Vatican II church. The transitions that he has undergone in his life are amazing and all of it with his sassy humor intact.

Thank you AJ, for saying yes to God who has so blessed you. Thank you for your dedicated service, for your lasting faith and for having fun while you did it all.

Congratulations!

Fr. Greg

STEWARDSHIP

Parish Support

Weekly Collection February 16-17, 2008 \$ 11,054.23

Donate to the Annual Catholic Appeal

Your prayers for the success of the Annual Catholic Appeal and the ministries it supports are still needed, as are pledges and gifts. No gift is too small. Please return a pledge slip with your response today.

Choosing Lent – Acting Lent – Family Prayer

One of the real challenges that we too often find in our contemporary, busy lives is finding time to be together as a family. It is especially difficult to find opportunities to pray together. And, if prayer, other than going to church on Sunday, hasn't been a family tradition, it can seem very "unnatural" to introduce it as something we might do together as family. Here are a few possibilities for ways we might pray as a family, during Lent, or at any time of the year.

Prayer Before Meals

One of the most natural times to pray, is as we sit down to eat. We can begin by simply saying, *Let's pray* or *Let's just pause for a minute to give thanks*. . . Brief prayer doesn't have to be without substance or power. We begin with a prayer of thanksgiving:

Lord, we thank you for the blessings of this day and for this time together as family. We thank you for this wonderful meal and for this hour we can share it.

We always begin with thanksgiving. The "reasons" we give for our gratitude can be very specific. So, we can say that we are grateful *for this Lenten journey, which offers us renewal and prepares us to celebrate Easter with greater freedom*. We might say, *We thank you for being with us each of us today, while we were apart, and for being with us tonight*. Perhaps we will thank God for some special grace that has occurred today. We may want to take time to let each person name one or two things for which he or she is grateful.

We then turn to God and ask for what we need.

Help us to remember those who have so much less than we do. Bless us as a family. Help us to grow in love and care for each other. We ask you to comfort and give strength and peace to those who are sick or struggling in any way.

This, too, should be very specific to us as a family. We all have family and friends who are sick or in need. Perhaps there is a special challenge or difficulty that one of us is going through. We can turn to God with our concerns about a crisis that is going on in our city or country or some part of the world. With practice, this brief moment will help us be mindful of our desire to turn to God in all our needs. It will help us grow in a sense of compassion and care for so many people. Again, we may want to take time to let each person name one or two prayers of petition.

We can conclude with, *We ask this through Christ our Lord* or with a traditional table prayer, which we could say together:

Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts, which we are about to receive from your bounty through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Taken from the *Praying Lent* pages of Creighton University's *Online Ministries* website: www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent. Used with Permission.

Please pray for those who are ill

Virginia Beutell	John Miller
John Brady	Sandra Moliter
Therese Connolly	Mary Murphy
Mac Daoud	Colleen Naughton
Mary Docherty	Don Neary
Ray Fulton	Joan Newsome
Kevin Giertsen	Sarah Pascale
Macauley Giertsen	Lydia Perez-Moreno
Ursula Holden	Maria Rothman
Rita Hughes	Mary Robertson
Gilbert Kaiser	Gertrude Schaefer
Diane Kennedy	John Servotte
Katherine Luikens	Debbie Tavernier
Betty Kay Maras	Scott Thorp
Kathryn Mathei	Patricia Welch
Heidi McFarland	Karin Wendt
Peg McGarvey	Therese Wright

In Memoriam

† June Werneke
Wife of Louis Werneke



Did you know?

The Celtic cross on the outdoor plaza north of our Celtic Center symbolizes the Irish heritage of our parish. When St. Patrick was sent to Ireland to convert the pagan Celtic tribes of Ireland to Christianity, the Celts worshipped the sun. The Catholic Church wanted to link the Celts' worship of the sun with the Christian cross. The result was the Celtic cross, which has a round circle, representing the sun, superimposed on the center of the cross.

Source: *Looking Back: The First 150 Years at the Church of St. Patrick, Edina, Minnesota*. Copies of this parish history book are still available at the Parish Center Office for \$20.

Vocation View

Only the Lord can give living water, fullness of life. Our body cannot survive without water; our souls cannot survive without living water. Now is the time to renew our lives in the waters and Spirit of Baptism.



Sharing and Caring Hands

A Compassionate Response to the Needs of the Poor

DID YOU KNOW...

- 93% of all money donated to Sharing and Caring Hands goes to the needs of the poor, only 7 percent goes to management and fund raising.
- Sharing and Caring Hands serves over 240,000 meals each year (4,615 per week) to people in need.
- Mary's Place Transitional Shelter houses over 500 people each night (recent count 396 children, 150 adults in it's 92 family apartments) and provided 212,500 people days of shelter last year.
- We paid for 19,033 people nights of shelter last year for single men and women at paid for stay shelters and provided 7,175 people days of shelter for families in area hotels.
- We gave 10,000 showers last year (about 210 each week) to people with no other access to bathing facilities.
- We provided eye exams and glasses for over 600 people last year, over 1/2 of them were children referred to us by schools.
- We provided over 2,800 beds to adults and children that would otherwise be sleeping on the floor.
- We give out over 375,000 lbs. of food each year to people in need.
- Your generosity allows us to help thousands of individuals and families with emergency needs for rent, utilities, health expenses, food, clothing, shoes, funeral, travel expenses, job costs and much more.



Ways you can get involved in serving the poor at Sharing & Caring Hands:

Serve a meal: Groups/Families are needed to help prepare and serve the daily meals. Call 612-338-4640 to schedule.

Tutor children: Individuals are needed to help the students living in our shelter with their homework and reading. This is a great opportunity for both high school students and adults. Hours are Mon-Wed 4-6pm and Thu 3-4pm. Call Charlotte at 612-328-4384 to schedule.

Play with kids at Mary's Place: Groups/Families can open up our indoor playground for the children to play. The kids love to have this open and it gives people the chance to interact with children that could use some extra love and attention. Call 612-338-4640 to schedule.

Take a tour: Groups/Families are welcome to come for a tour of our facility to learn more about poverty and homelessness and what we can do to help. Call 612-338-4640 to schedule.

Affordable Housing Meeting

This month's meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 26 at 7:30am** at St. Patrick's. The Housing Plan will have its final public hearing before being sent to the City Council. Call Cappy at the Social Justice Office for more info at 952-941-3164, x114.

Lenten Soup Supper

Friday, February 29, 5:45pm
following Stations of the Cross

Respect for life is not a 'single issue'

Dr. William McDonough is an Associate Professor of Theology at St. Catherine's College. He has a B.A. in Government from St. John's University, an M.A. in Theology from the St. Paul Seminary and a Doctorate of Sacred Theology from the Lateran University of Rome.



Respect for life is not a single issue – it is the **ONLY** issue. Respect for life touches and infuses every issue in our political consideration.

Respect doesn't mean just beginning and end, but the full range of human experience. Human persons have not only the inalienable right to life but to a life of dignity and respect. Every human being has a right to the basic necessities of life: food, clothing, shelter, health care, education, employment, respect and equality.

Do you know an outstanding volunteer?

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women is honoring outstanding volunteer lay women at its spring Conference on May 1. If you know a Catholic woman who has done outstanding volunteer work in the church, please submit her name for nomination to your parish CCW president (Eunice Groschen), or mail submissions to the ACCW Office, 328 West Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55102-1997. All submissions must be postmarked by March 4.

LAST CHANCE

to reserve your spot at the

Celebrate 150 Closing Gala

**Saturday, March 8
6:30pm at St. Patrick's**

Patrick's Pub • Dinner • Dancing

Special Guest:
Archbishop John Nienstedt

**DON'T MISS OUT!
Stop after Mass today
to make your reservation!**

Family Bingo!

Come join us for lunch and bingo after the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, March 2. There will be lunch and a white elephant prize table. Please let us know you can come! RSVP or questions to Susie Van Hoomissen at hoomzger@msn.com or 952-941-5738. Sponsored by St. Lucy's Guild.

Interested in Giving Blood?

Remembering that 1 out of every 3 persons will require blood over the course of their life, we're still looking to reach our minimum number of registered participants in order to host a blood drive at St. Pat's this Spring. Contact Susie in Parish Life ASAP at 952-941-3164, x115 or sosacho@stpatrick-edina.org



**Mark your calendar!
Prayer Day with
Fr. Michael Jonas**

**Wed, March 12, 9:30am-2:30pm,
Mahon Center**

Sponsored by the League of Catholic Women. Cost is \$25 (make checks payable to *League of Catholic Women*). **RSVP required.** Please contact Susie in Parish Life at 952-941-3164, x115 or sosacho@stpatrick-edina.org.

Ministry of the Separated & Divorced

Spring Series at Pax Christi

Unpacking Family Baggage

Monday, March 3 from 7:00-8:30pm

Presenter: Carrie Kemp

Free. No reservation necessary. Questions? Call Deacon Al Schroeder at 952-941-3150

Irish Chain Quilt Sweepstakes

As part of our Celebrate 150 Grand Finale Gala you will have a chance to win a beautiful, one-of-a-kind quilt donated by Loy O'Boyle. The quilt will be on display in the Celtic Center after Masses the weekends of Feb 23-24 and Mar 1-2. Purchase your tickets for the March 8 drawing – \$1 each or six for \$5.

Summer at St. Pat's for Grades 6-12

Sign ups have started for ALL of our junior and senior high summer trips! **Space is limited** and **early bird rates are available**, so sign up soon. More information and sign up forms are available outside the youth ministry office or on the web at www.stpatrick-edina.org Fundraising and scholarships are available for all camps.

Camp Castaway – Grades 9-12 – July 20-26

NE Red Lake Indian Reservation – Grades 8 & 9 – June 23-27

Crosswoods Adventure Camp – Grades 6-8 – August 3-7

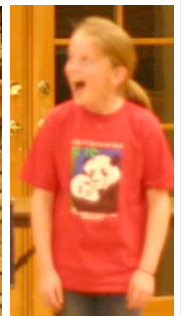
Feed My Starving Children – March 11 VIP Event

March in Minnesota traditionally means Food Drive month. This year, we are looking for 20 volunteers to pack meals at Feed My Starving Children in Chanhassen as part of our monthly gathering. More details next week – contact Susie to reserve a spot at 952-941-3164, x115.



A Magical event!

*World's Biggest
Pizza Party*

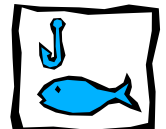


St. Patrick's Annual Lenten Fish Dinner

Friday, March 14, 6:00pm (following Stations of the Cross), Mahon Center

\$7.00 for adults (# of tickets) _____

\$3.00 for kids 12 & under _____



Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Reservation Deadline is Wednesday, March 12. Make checks payable to: *Church of St. Patrick* and send to: Richard Cooke, 3705 W 61st St, Edina, MN 55410

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Parish Center

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Parish Center email: office@stpatrick-edina.org
Staff email: (first initial, last name)@stpatrick-edina.org
Website: www.stpatrick-edina.org
Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:00pm

Mass Schedule

Mon-Fri: 8:00am, Sat: 5:15pm, Sun: 9:00 & 11:00am

Parish Staff

Pastor Fr. Gregory T. Welch, x111
Parish Administrator Sheryl Rose, x110
Director of Liturgy & Music Jeff Jamieson, x116
Social Justice Coordinator Cappy Moore, x114
Pastoral Minister &
Adult Faith Formation Coordinator. Patti Brady, x113
Children's Faith Formation Coord. Brenda McLennan, x104
Youth Faith Formation Coordinator Chery Wood, x109
Youth Ministers April Miller, x119
Nicole Stecklein, x118

Parish Activities &
Communication Coordinator Susie Osacho, x115
Kitchen & Event Coordinator Mary Middleton, x112
Bookkeeper Kay Johnson, x108
Support Staff Kathy Burns, x107
Jeanne Heikkila, x135
Laura Welby, x105

Maintenance Supervisor Mike Moliter, x133
Maintenance Staff Francis Chie x133
Jack Parish, x133

Staff email: (first initial, last name)@stpatrick-edina.org

Parish Pastoral Council

Chair, Trustee Terri Ellis
Past Chair Jim Jenkins
Pastor's Appointee, Vice-Chair. Chris Riley
At Large Rep Sr. Mary Heinen
At Large Rep Carol Kapsen
Finance Council Chair, Trustee Jane Wyatt
Finance Council John Beuerlein
Liturgy Commission Mary Ann Suttle
Faith Formation Commission Sumner Musolf
Parish Life Commission Judy McCabe
Pastoral Care Commission Susan Boyle
Social Justice Commission John Mauriel
Youth Commission John Sullivan
Women's Council Rep Ann Baumgartner
Pastor Fr. Greg Welch
Parish Administrator Sheryl Rose
Parish Staff Rep Cappy Moore

Mass Intentions

Sat, Feb 23 5:15pm † Helen Mrowca
Sun, Feb 24 9:00am † Theresa Frances Brown
11:00am Parish
Mon, Feb 25 8:00am † Glenis Koerber
Tue, Feb 26 8:00am † Laura Groschen
Wed, Feb 27 8:00am Richard Conell
Thu, Feb 28 8:00am † Robert Keller
Fri, Feb 29 8:00am † Robert J. Reichert
Sat, Mar 1 5:15pm † Bernice Theis
Sun, Mar 2 9:00am Parish
11:00am † Laura Groschen

Readings for the Week

Today: Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]
Mon: 2 Kings 5:1-15b; Luke 4:24-30
Tue: Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew. 18:21-35
Wed: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19
Thu: Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23
Fri: Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34
Sat: Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14
Sun: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

Reconciliation

Saturday at 1:00 pm, or by appointment

Baptisms

Preparation session is required. Please call Patti Brady at the Parish Center for more information and to register.

Matrimony

Contact the pastor at least six months in advance.

Pastoral Visitation

If anyone desires a personal visitation at home or at the hospital, call Patti Brady at the Parish Center.

New Parishioners

Welcome! We are so glad you've decided to join us. To register in the parish, please call the Parish Center.

Celebrating 150 Years!