

March 03, 2024

"The Eucharist - Our Life, Our Hope!"



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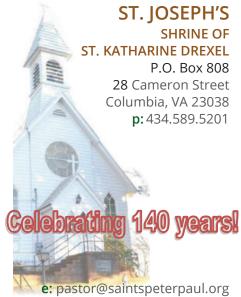
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OUR VISION

To expand and strengthen the Christian Community in which the Gospel of Jesus Christ is demonstrated and fulfilled.

OUR MISSION

In the spirit of our patron saints and missionaries, we commit ourselves to a pilgrimage of faith through Evangelization, Sanctification and Social Service ministries.



MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday 5pm: SPP Sunday 9am: St. Joseph's 11am: SPP

WEEKDAYS

Wednesday-Friday 9am: SPP

HOLY DAYS

Vigil 7pm: SPP Holy Day 9am: St. Joseph's Noon: SPP

CONFESSION

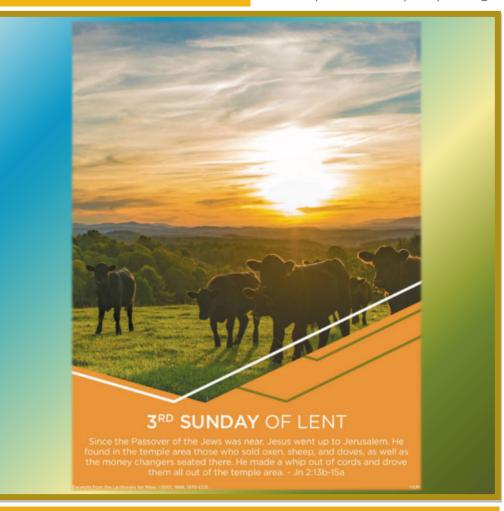
Saturday 4pm: SPP Sunday 8:30 am: St. Joseph's (or by appointment)

HOSPITAL VISITS:

Call Parish Office or Rectory: 434.589.5200

HOMEBOUND:

Call Parish Office to schedule Communion



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ELCOME



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Fridays-1 week in advance-In writing to karen.davidson@saintspeterpaul.org



Whether you are a visitor or new to our parish, interested in becoming Catholic, seeking to return to the practice of your faith, or an active member of our parish, we are pleased that you have come.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 3, 2024

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11

(Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25 Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/

Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or

4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/Lk 4:24-30

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35 Tuesday:

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19 Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23 Thursday:

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/ Friday:

Mk 12:28-34

Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14 Saturday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/ Next Sunday:

Eph 2:410/Jn 3:14-21

Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/

Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 3, 2024

3rd Sunday of Lent Sunday:

Monday: St. Casimir

Tuesday: Wednesday:

Thursday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Friday: St. John of God, Religious

Saturday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious; St. Catherine of Bologna

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins

MARCH 2024

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL **SANCTUARY CANDLE BREAD & WINE**





Or have a Mass said for a loved one. Contact the office for availability.



- ALERT: As weather conditions turn adverse, tune in to the local ABC, CBS, NBC stations for CLOSING announcements.



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 3, 2024

"Destroy the Temple and in three days I will raise it up." Does a life dedicated to furthering the grace of reconciliation in Christ for others appeal to you? Consider answering the call to the priesthood and serve God and His people. Talk to your priest or reach out to the

> Office of Vocations at 804.359.5661

> > Or via email:

vocations@richmonddiocese.org



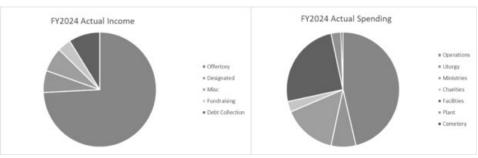
Sts. Peter and Paul **Budget and Actual Report** Year-to-Date Fiscal Year 2024

At the end of the first quarter of this fiscal year, Sts. Peter & Paul was well behind budget. Income was down in all categories. Collections were down significantly, but fortunately the income shortfall was offset by a decrease in planned spending. Doug Mullinex, chair of the parish council, addressed the parish in October, asking for your help, and I am pleased to report that parishioners responded.

At the end of January 2024, offertory collections are above the budget forecast by 14%. The rest of the income categories are still behind budget, but some of the gap could be due to timing. Spending is 11% below the forecasted budget. This is due mainly to vacancies in personnel positions.

Overall, the financial state of Sts. Peter & Paul has improved significantly in just one quarter. Thank you for responding to the budget shortfall. Because of your generosity, Sts. Peter & Paul is in a much better position to fulfill its mission: to evangelize, sanctify, and serve this community.







LENT PENANCE SERVICE INFORMATION LOCATED ON PAGE 9.

PARISH YOUTH



Classes meet every Sunday at 9:30a and conclude after the 11:00a Mass.

VOLUNTEER TEACHERS AND TEACHER'S AIDES NEEDED:

Volunteers are needed as teachers, assistants and substitutes for 2024-2025 school year. We also need assistants and subs for the remainder of this year. If you are interested in helping guide the children in faith we would love to have you come help. Please send Christina Nealy an email at

Religioused@saintpeterandpaul.org

I look forward to working with you!

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Imagine coming to your church to pray. All around your church, you see people selling animals. It smells like a barn. The animals are loud. The people are shouting. You cannot even pray with all the noise and activity going on around you. This is what Jesus found in today's Gospel. It broke his heart and made Jesus angry. God's house is not supposed to be turned into a barn or a store. It should be a special place where people can meet with God.

PRAYER

God, my church is a place for prayer. Help me to remember that always. **Amen.**

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year!

Applications for JK (students must turn 4 by September 30, 2024) through 8th grade can be submitted through our website: www.cvillecatholic.org/admissions.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule a tour, please reach out to admissions@cvillecatholic.org.

JOIN SCOUTING!

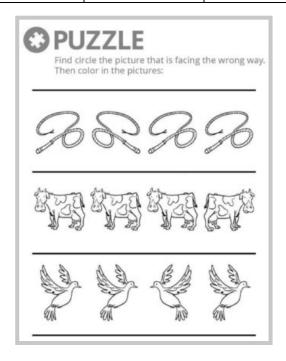
Do you have a son or daughter between the ages of 11 and 17? Now is the perfect time to sign him or her up for Scouts. The Scouting program helps youth develop academic skills, self-confidence, ethics, leadership skills and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives.

For more information contact:

Boy Scouts Troop 138 (boys): Chuck Palmer

charleswpalmeriv@gmail.com 571.212.4445

Important dates to put on you calendar:						
Date	Event	Time/Place				
March 14th	MS/HS Youth Group	6-7:30p, Rm 119				
March 15th	K - 5 Youth Group	6-7:30p, Rm 119				
March 16th	Confirmation	10a-6p, SPP Hall				
(**Mandatory**)	Retreat for SPP/SJ candidates**					
April 11th	Confirmation	7p at St. Thomas, candidates arrive by 6p				
April 27th	1st Reconciliation for SPP & SJ	10a at SPP , church				
May 4th	1st Holy Communion	10a at SPP , church				
May 11th	1st Holy Communion	10a at SJ , church				



INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: MARCH 2 - 10, 2024

* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

1st Saturday	3/2	10am			
Saturday	3/2	5pm	Fr. David	1	Michael & Nancy King
Sunday	3/3	9am*	Trudy Fornecker	D	Fred & Elizabeth Gunnels
Sunday	3/3	11am	Misa Pro Populo		
Tuesday	3/5	12noon	Emma Marinello	D	Catherine Heffley
Wednesday	3/6	9am	Tom Heffley	D	Catherine Heffley
Thursday	3/7	9am	Virginia Plisko	1	The Rosary Group
Friday	3/8	9am	June Wimer	D	Ann Marie Rindos
Saturday	3/9	5pm	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	3/10	9am*	Orin Norwood	D	Jo & Fred Hardy
Sunday	3/10	11am	Jacqueline Jane Strickland	D	Bob & Angela Maher

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who serve our country particularly . . .

Michael Bohtelo, Devon Burger, Gerard Holodak, Sarah and Taylor Graese, Raymond Markle, Connor Dobbins, Katie Marron, Kevin and Kathleen O'Malley, James Fulford, Rhett Hartwell, Andrew Thompson, Luke Marron, Sasha and Lonnie Kuhlow, William Furst, Matt Hendl, Damien LaForenza, Mark Mason, Russ Marron, Christopher McCarthy, Zach Marron, Josiah Noble, Jose Langoria, Joseph Ayuso, Alex Ostrowski, Adam Warren, and Matthew Reinitz.

Pray God keeps them in His care.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Peter & Philomena Alonso, Michael Amato, Maria Boice, Patricia Brammer, Sharon Cassidy, Nicole Colley, The Compton Family, Jean Dalsky, Catherine Doherty, Me'Shelle Durant, Bill Ellis, Caroline Faulkner, Bob Fint, Patricia Golgosky, Mary Anne Grimes, Phyllis Guthrie, Jack Hartwell, John Hobby, Regina Humanitzki, Tony Inghilleri, Sue Inghilleri, Margaret Johnson, Ron Johnson, Carolyn Kerrigan, Tom Kinter, Marie Knighting, Jackie Kraemer, Judi Kuhlow, Marcia Lagomarsino, Annie Lodato, Art Menard, Joan Merk, Haynes McKinley Morris, Jr., Irene Nadig, Rose Patterson, Donald Raab, Margaret Reilly, Carol Scampoli, Mary Ellen Scango, Carol Starowicz, Marylou Stock, Anna Sturhann, Rob Toepfert, Jr., Claire van Nierop, Cornelia Waters, Mike Waters

Please call the office at **434.589.5201** for homebound or hospital visits.



Congratulations to those couples who celebrated their wedding anniversary in February:

Richard & Carol Scampoli - 58 years

Ed & Sonja Erickson - 58 years

Harm happened in isolation. Healing can happen together.

As a community, we strive to support survivors of child sexual abuse on their journey toward healing and wholeness.

For those who have suffered abuse by clergy residing in the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, we invite you to join virtually, March 6th at 7:00pm. Spouses and affected community members are also welcome. These gatherings, led by an independent facilitator, will offer a safe environment for participants to connect, share, support, and heal.

These meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month.

If you would like more information, or the virtual meeting link, please call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 877.887.9603 or email dana@atreeplanted.org.

EVERDAY STEWARDSI

Pew Count Sat 122 Sun 145	FEB 16/17	
First Offering	\$ 3,618	
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 2,203	
Total	\$ 5,821	
February MTD Debt Reduction	\$ 3,235	

The Debt Reduction collection occurs at the beginning of each month.

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is

THIS WEEKEND

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

Our next monthly Bake Sale is this weekend after each Mass. Donations accepted before Mass. Thank you!

This is the time of year when keeping our new year's resolutions may become challenging. If we even made any. Well, here's an easy new year's resolution to feel good about: streamline your offertory giving and simplify your support! Now is a great time to stop using checks/envelopes and switch to eGiving - it's simple to sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, to set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts help give our parish a steady, consistent offertory that strengthens the programs, services and ministries we lead for our church families and for those in need throughout the community.

Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/VA249 or call 866.507.8757. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. God bless you!

FAITH DIRECT

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church

4309 Thomas Jefferson Parkway, Palmyra VA

Eat in or Take out



February

16 & 23

March

15 & 22

[DESSERT DONATIONS ACCEPTED]

Cash, checks, and Credit Cards accepted

\$13 per person:

\$15 per person:

DRIVE-THRU 4:30 - 6:30P

(includes drink and choice of dessert)



5:30 - 7:00p

Lenten Lunches

Fridays during Lent after the Stations at noon





Time: 12:30pm

Location: Commons

Please sign up to bring soup or sandwiches to share.

UPCOMING EVENTS



ADULT FORMATION CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

includes RCIA,
offering
instruction to
unbaptized and
non-Catholic
persons with
interest in
being members of
the Catholic faith.

Classes meet every Sunday @ 9:30am. **ROOM SCHEDULE**





Mondays

1:00 - 2:00pm St. Elizabeth Room, Parish Hall

Sat 2-Mar		KoC State Quarterly Meeting	7:30a	Hall
		1st Saturday Mass & Rosary	10:00a	Church
	2-Mar	Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
		Bake Sale	6:00p	Church
		Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
Sun		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
	3-Mar	CCD/RCIA Faith Formation	9:30a	Parish Hall
		Mass	11:00a	Church
Mon	4-Mar	Bake Sale	12:00p	Church
		Rejoice! Bible Study	1:00p	E
	4-Mar	K of C Meeting	6:00p	E/F
		Yoga	11:00a	119
	5-Mar	Mass/Confession	12:00p	Church
Tues	5-Mar	Troop Committee	6:30p	122
	C Man	Parish Council	7:00p	123
Wed		Mass	9:00a	Church
weu	6-Mar	Scouts	6:30p	F
		Mass	9:00a	Church
Thurs	7-Mar	KoC Round Table	6:00p	St. Joseph's
		Cursillo	6:00p	123
	8-Mar	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Adoration	9:30a	Church
		Stations/Lenten Lunch	Noon	Church/C
Fri		Benediction	3:00p	Church
		Fish Fry Drive Thru/	4:30/	Parking Lot/
		Dine In	5:30p	E/F
		Soup Dinner/Stations	5:30p	St. Joseph's
	9-Mar	NAACP Banquet	3:00p	E/F
Sat		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	10-Mar	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
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		CCD/RCIA Faith Formation	9:30a	Parish Hall
		Mass	11:00a	Church
Room Ledger:		F - St. Francis (Hall)	R - St.	Raphael (Church)
		E - St. Elizabeth (Hall)	M - St.	Michael (Church)
		C - Commons (Church)		



SIGN UP TO SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS

in the Adoration Chapel

M - Th, 6am - 8pm

Pope Francis reiterates the importance of spending time in Adoration, "for only through silent Adoration will the Word of God live in our words; only in His presence will we be purified, transformed, and renewed by the fire of his Spirit. Brothers and sisters, let us adore the Lord Jesus!"

Contact: Denise Minor - <u>dminor92@gmail.com</u>



Women's Cursillo Weekend APRIL 25-28, 2024

Do you want to take a deeper dive into your Spiritual Journey? If so, a Women's Cursillo Weekend will be held Thursday, April 25th (7:00pm) through Sunday, April 28th, 2024, near Harrisonburg, VA.

The Theme of the Weekend is "Called to Love". If you desire a Spiritual Boost, come walk this journey alongside other Catholic women of all ages and be filled with the JOY Christ offers each one of us. Applications and more information about Cursillo are available at our table in the commons after masses. Come see us.

PARISH NURSE NEWS

SENIOR COFFEE SOCIAL
Wednesday, March 27th, 2024
10:00AM in the Commons

We'll be talking about "The Energy Factor" in the "4th Quarter" of our lives. See page 135 in the book to prepare for the discussion. Prepared or not, please come and enjoy some fellowship! And, if possible, bring a friend.

757.813.1992 or caheffley@aol.com.

ccasionally we might have a parishioner who needs a temporary helping hand or can no longer drive. Can you make time to help with a ride to a doctor's appointment, church, bank or to the grocery store? This is what the "Good Shepherd "ministry is about. With your name in my call file, you might be asked to be a temporary good Samaritan (Shepherd). To learn more about Good Shepherds ministry, please contact:

Patricia Travers at 434-953-5432

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church is Seeking a Music Director

The part-time Director of Music (DM) is responsible for planning and facilitating music at parish liturgical celebrations. This includes, but is not limited to weekend liturgies, funerals, weddings, Feast Days and prayer services. The DM works closely with the Parish Staff, especially the Pastor, in coordinating music for these celebrations, and provides training for musicians (i.e. Cantors and Pianists) in and outside of the parish.

Interested candidates should submit their diocesan application (https://richmonddiocese.org/office/office-of-human-resources/), cover letter and resume to the Pastor.

pastor@saintspeterpaul.org

Lenten Spare Change Cans



LENTEN COIN CANS are available to collect loose change. Proceeds will go to help those in need this year.

Please pick up your family can today, at the front entrance of the church!

Thank you so much for your continued support!



Penance Service

Tuesday, March 12th 7:00 pm, at Sts Peter & Paul

Additional Priests will be available for Confessions on this evening.

Catholic Q & A

END OF MASS

Question:

Is it ever Ok to leave Mass before it ends?

Answer:

This is an interesting question because beneath the surface there seems to be an assumption that if it's okay, then why do we have to stay after we receive communion? The short answer is "no," but we definitely want to go a bit deeper as we consider why.

First, when we think about questions like this, we must consider this in adult terms. If there is something gravely important that we need to do, then we must attend to that. However, if it is a matter of convenience or preference, then we really have to stop and think again. First, while we always want to recognize the importance of sacramental communion in the Mass, we also need to understand how important the time of thanksgiving and prayer after communion is. This is summarized in the Prayer After Communion offered by the celebrant and then we are also commissioned to "Go forth" during the Dismissal of the Mass, reminding us that we have been entrusted with a gift — the Word of God and the Presence of Christ in the sacrament — and that we are to share that gift with others.

If we simply leave after we receive communion, we risk two things. First, there is the possibility that we will turn our reception of communion into a purely personal, individual experience that is separated from our common experience of worship — and communion in the fullest sense — and, second, we lose an opportunity for gratitude and serious reflection if we simply leave after communion. This time of thanksgiving, reflection, and, ultimately, missioning, are important and, in the end, an essential part of the celebration of the Mass

PARISH TRIP IN 2025 SAVE THE DATE:

April 24 - May 4, 2025
Looking for details on this?
Information can be found on the Parish
Council bulletin board in the Commons.



Join us for an hour of peaceful and prayerful presence each Wednesday during Lent,
February 14 - March 20. Saints Peter and Paul Knights of Columbus Council #11475 invites any and all to join us on Wednesdays. We maintain a vigil and pray in front of Planned Parenthood in Charlottesville from 10 - 11am. For carpool information or directions, call Larry Boice, 434.510.7677. There is ample parking across the street from the site, for those who choose to meet us there.



Catholic Health Initiatives for Uganda

Annual Golf Classic on Monday, September 9th, 2024 At the beautiful Spring Creek Golf Club 109 Clubhouse Way, Zion Crossroad, Va. 22942



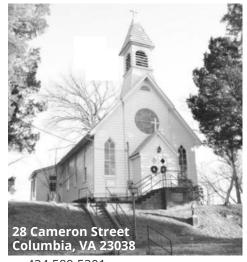
What is CHIU? We are a group of people of like minds and healthcare interests living in the United States working to raise awareness and improve infrastructure and conditions through Catholic healthcare facilities in rural Uganda. We create improved water systems for increased sanitation, implement solar power to save on energy costs and, with a volunteer staff of Doctors and Nurses, provide up-to-date medical equipment to three clinics and provide a week-long clinic to the people around the clinic. To send the teams, medicine and equipment costs \$15,000 to \$20,000. As a 501(C)(3) tax exempt charitable organization we rely on our donors and supporters to help offset these costs.

This golf tournament is our biggest fundraiser of the year and allows us to continue to provide needed health care for the poorest of the poor in Uganda.

To participate, sponsor, donate or to learn more about our tournament, use the following link or scan our QR code.

www.charitygolftoday.com/catholichealth

ST. JOSEPH'S Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel



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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

PARENTS JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND

Anybody remember the old rap song by the Fresh Prince, aka Will Smith, "Parents Just Don't Understand?" As we grow up, it is sometimes a struggle for us to imagine that our parents understand us. It can seem impossible that Mom and Dad remember the stress of exam week or peer pressure. We never saw them as children; we never saw their disappointed faces when they weren't invited to a party, or their dashed hopes at a bad test grade. We never saw them homesick their first week of college or nervous to ask their crush to Homecoming.

We're often the same way about God. We gripe about what He asks of us. "He doesn't understand sin — he's all-good," we think. "He doesn't understand temptation — He is perfect."

In Scripture, God can be very much a father, telling us what we can and cannot do. And yet, in His divine genius, He is sometimes simply a man at a well, asking for a drink. For me, it turns out I didn't need to tell my parents anything about what I was going through as a kid — they knew already. What I needed was for them to tell me what to do, and how to do it.

Similarly, we don't need to tell God about human nature. We need God to tell us about His nature. He's good enough to ask us for a drink, to enter into our humanity. But we have to remember, for our own sakes, to have the humility to ask Him for something, too — the water that will quench our eternal thirst.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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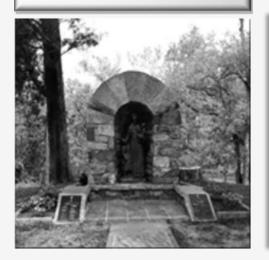




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India Martin * Angelica Motta *
Odila Motta * Oscar Motta *
Thelma Motta * Denise Pillar *
Christine Stewart * John Stewart *
Jordan Watkins * Diane Wolfe *

If you have pictures or ministry information to be added to St. Joseph's website, please email Melissa at: kenneymg@gmail.com

If you would like to honor a loved one by having a Mass said for them, contact the office at Sts. Peter and Paul at 434.589.5201 to arrange an available date at least 6 months out.



Can you recite the Ten Commandments by heart? Several years ago a national US survey found more people could identify the ingredients in a Big Mac and name the children in the Brady Bunch television show than recite the Ten Commandments. Of course, being able to recite them is not nearly as important as living a life in harmony with them. However, if we simply live to not break them then we are only living out half of our discipleship.

Every commandment calls us to action beyond the simplicity of its words. We are not to kill, but we are also called to support life. We are not to steal, but we are also to share what we have freely. We are to have no other Gods before our God, but we also need to actively praise and glorify Him.

To live a moral life is to do more than follow rules and laws. It is to actively live in a way that gives witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ. This way of living is stewardship. As we focus more on the penitential message of Lent, we need to not just reflect on what we have done wrong, but equally what we have failed to do. To be given so much by a loving God and not share those things with God and His people is wrong as well. Perhaps as we reflect on these things we might find ourselves adding something to our lives that will last for many Lenten seasons to come.

-- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

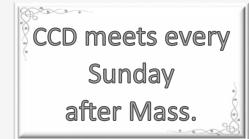
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