Paving Stone Reflections

As a kid I didn’t like lent much. You had to give up stuff, mostly candy. It happened in the doldrums of winter which is depressing enough without the somber, barren, joyless spirit of penance and fasting. Lent it seemed served only to underscore the prolonged wait for spring and Easter. Viewed in a different light, lent can become a special time in a person’s faith journey. Lent is a time for spiritual discovery.

God has a purpose for each of us. He invites us to discover it on a personal faith journey. It is a journey, unique to each individual. The goal of our journey is to discover God’s purpose for us and fulfill it. The search for God’s purpose takes patience and persistence. It is a life long journey of discovery.

As I’ve trod the path of my personal faith journey, I’ve found God reveals His purpose in insights or events that set things in order; or change a direction. I call them paving stones. Paving stones are uneven, irregular in shape, laid in some general direction, seldom in a straight line. So it is with the seemingly random ramblings of a faith journey. The stones are neither random nor rambling, we simply do not see the pattern. The paving stones of a faith journey are all around us. They may be found in a scripture passage, a lesson from a homily, the magnificence of a spectacular sky-scape or a thought that strikes us in the dark of night. We’ve only to look and listen for them. And that’s where lent comes in.

In recent years lent has taken on a very different meaning for me than it had in the time of my youth. It is a time for spiritual discovery. It is a time to look and listen. As I look back over the paving stones encountered on my journey, I find many that were given to me during lent. This year I found myself waiting for lent with joyful anticipation. Take a few moments each day to look and listen. It’s time for spiritual discovery.

Submitted by: Paul Schmelzer

Lenten Reflection

There is a reason for Lent. Like Jesus in the desert, we need times of trial to strengthen us. We test ourselves to make us better warriors and athletes of God. Lent is a good time to prepare ourselves for future temptations of this world. The Lord allows temptations, not to see us fail, but to strengthen the nerve and resolve of our minds, hearts and souls.

Why fasting? Anything that makes us wait, helps curb desires. The wisdom of saving for something instead of buying it right now and putting it on the credit card is sound advice. We need to ask ourselves, is this a want or a true need?

Any coach knows it’s better to schedule strong teams for non-conference games to test and strengthen their players. That’s why the Church each year schedules Lent, our non-conference game, to get us ready for challenges ahead. Lent is also the time to strengthen our relationship with our Lord.

Jesus, our brother, had temptations like us. Lent is the time to slow down and reflect on values and the goodness of God. He reaches out to us, we only need to take His hand. God does not abandon us for failure. Jesus is ready to forgive over and over. Remember a proper Lent yields a glorious Easter and help with future temptations.

Submitted by: Deacon Phil Kilkenney

Stations of the Cross - for KIDS!

All children of St. Andrew’s parish are invited to participate in an very special evening on March 23rd. That evening of Stations of the Cross will be prayed with special emphasis for the children of our parish.

On Friday, March 23rd at 5:00, we will be praying the Stations directed for children. All families are welcome. We have Stations books specifically designed to be used with children that will be used.

Please join us and give your children the experience of participating in this beautiful devotional during Lent.
**Spiritual Adoption**

St. Andrew Parish invites you to spiritually adopt a baby in danger of abortion. This child will remain unknown to his or her “Spiritual Parent”, but God knows who the child is.

We invite all parishioners to join us in spiritually adopting a child.

We will begin as a Parish on October 1, 2017 and end June 30, 2018.

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**Lenten Prayer Services and Soup Luncheons**

Wednesdays during Lent a Prayer Service and Soup Luncheon will be held at the Delavan United Methodist Church at 12:00pm.

St. Andrew’s turn to host is on Wednesday, March 7th. St. Andrew parishioners will provide soup and Fr. Oriol will lead the prayer service.

Please consider joining us in fellowship and prayer! For more information, please contact the parish office at (262) 728-5922.

**Lenten Penance Services**

- **St. Andrews**
  - Saturday, March 10th at 10:00AM
- **St. Patrick’s**
  - Friday, March 9th at 7:00PM

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**Dishing with the Disciples**

*Thursdays during Lent from 6:30 - 8:00 PM.*

Deacon Phil Kilkenny and Al Seemann will lead Adult Christian Formation sessions on the Thursdays of Lent. We will be viewing the DVD series “Pivotal Players” about Saints and influential leaders of the Church.

All adults are invited to as many weekly sessions as you are able to make. Because of Lent, we are not asking that you bring a snack to share.

**St. Andrew Youth Group - Doing God’s Work!**

On February 6th St. Andrew’s Youth Group students visited the Spirit of Hope Men’s Shelter, co-hosted by St. Andrews and Creek Road Community Church. They served a delicious meal, played Bingo with them, and donated personal care supplies to them. Doing God’s Work!

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**Spiritually Adopt an Unborn Child**

If you have something you’d like to share in an upcoming issue of this Newsletter, please contact Hollie Lefel at (262) 749-0585 or via email at hollie_lefel@cargill.com
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REMEMBER our Lights of Love Cross will be displayed in front of the school. These lights are dedicated to celebrating the special people in all of our lives, especially during this Easter Season.

Please have your Lights for Love forms returned to the School Office by March 19th.

SAVE THE DATE!
The 8th Grade Class will be hosting an All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Fundraiser at the Waterfront Pub & Grill on Sunday, March 18th.

More information, including ticket sales, will be available soon!

If you have any questions, please contact the School Office at (262)728-6211

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GO SPARTANS!!

Our annual Children’s Clothing Sale is March 3rd & 4th

Saturday, March 3rd
9:00AM - 4:00PM

Sunday, March 4th
9:00AM - 2:00PM

Shop Saturday for the Best Selection and come back Sunday for the 1/2 Price Sale!

Located inside St. Andrew Parish School! Now enrolling for 3yr old Pre-K and 4yr old Kindergarten for the 2018-19 School Year.

Stop by during Open House, March 12th - 16th and March 19th - 23rd from 8:00AM to 11:00AM to learn more.

St. Andrew Parish School Presents:

TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, March 16th

Doors open at 6:30PM
Game starts at 7:00PM

St. Andrew School Cafeteria
115 S. 7th Street, Delavan

Get your friends together and try your LUCK!!

Tables of 6 (max)
Adults (18 & up) only
$15 per person

Pre-register your table by March 9th & pay only $60! ($10 pp)

CASH PRIZES! 1st Place - $120 2nd Place - $60 3rd Place - Prize

In addition to trivia, we will have other fun activities and side games between rounds!

FREE Popcorn! Beer, Soda & Water available for purchase!

For more information or to pre-register your team, please visit
www.standrews-delavan.org/trivia-nights

Answers?? Call Tammy Kettemagen at (262) 215-7499 or e-mail tammy@kettemagen.com

JOIN US!

HAVE FUN!

HAPPY ENDDO!
DO YOU BELIEVE
IN MIRACLES?
~ SEEING IS BELIEVING ~

St. Patrick - Part 1
Sunday, March 18, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
107- W. Walworth St., Elkhorn, WI 53121
www.stpatrickselkhorn.org

St. Andrew - Part 2
Monday, March 19th, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
115 S 7th St., Delavan, WI 53115
www.standrewsdelavan.org

St. John the Evangelist - Part 1 and 2
Tuesday, March 20th, 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
701 N Lake Avenue, Twin Lakes, WI 53181
www.stjohn.com/stjohn/index.php

Can miracles stand up to the test of science?

• Exclusive film footage of a stigmatist who bleeds from her hands, feet, and head. Are these the wounds of Christ? What does science have to say?

• A consecrated Communion Host becomes living flesh and blood. Is it heart tissue? What does science have to say?

• A scientist (former atheist), an attorney and a famous TV Journalist witness statue of Jesus weeping real tears and shedding real blood. Are these claims true? What does science have to say?

These locations are hosting an EVENT for everyone in the area.
If you have an “I will believe it when I see it” attitude, don’t miss this event!

“Put it this way—this is either the biggest hoax of the 20th Century, in which case it would have to be a fairly huge conspiracy, or the most important moment of the century, if not the whole millennium.”

Alastair Thompson
New Zealand journalist

Invite your family and friends!

Watch a video preview of this event at
www.scienteststsfaih.com