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## The View From Here

by Pastor Pam

As a Protestant, I have never thought of myself as especially disadvantaged compared with my Catholic brothers and sisters in Christ. I am comfortably Protestant and have never considered switching. And yet, I have to admit that our Catholic brothers and sisters have had access to a world of spiritual resources that we know little about and only rarely tap into. Lent is part of that. What do we do with Lent? Few of us non Catholics really know.

A monk from upstate New York named Brother Victor-Antoine D'Avila-Latourrette says that even Catholics are not very good at Lent. They reduce it to giving up candy or cutting back on their TV viewing. Its true intent, however, is to provide a focused period of time to take stock of our lives. Just as Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness battling Satan, Lent is to be a time for us as well to fight both large temptations and small ones. Large sins, as well as those small, habitual sins that we no longer recognize as sin because they have become such a strong force in our lives. The purpose of Lent is to provide us with a focused period of time to work toward making necessary changes in our lives.

There are, of course, specific practices that will help us. Prayer with tears that reflects the attitude of the tax collector in the temple who pleaded for mercy. Along with prayer comes the reading of scripture. All Christians, says D'Avila-Latourrette, "should develop a continual hunger, almost an addiction, for the Word of God" because the Holy Spirit is always speaking to us through it. Lent is an especially good time for reading the Bible and listening for God's voice.

At the very center of the season of Lent is repentance. Unfortunately, we can't make progress in our lives as Christians apart from repentance.

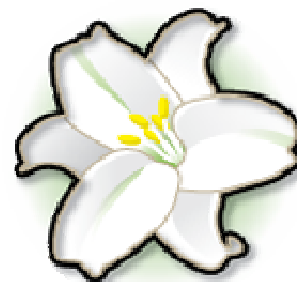
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It is a lifelong call, of course, but Lent provides us with the opportunity to do so in a more intense and focused manner. Finally, there is fasting. Jesus did it and assumed his disciples would do it. If we do it at all in our culture, we do it only for medical reasons or for the sake of weight loss. But D'Avila-Latourrette says fasting is the means for learning the self-control that is necessary for learning humility and wisdom.

These are the standard practices that are recommended to us for Lent, but you have been given in your Sunday bulletins a whole list of other ways to live in this season. Ways in which we can all take another step or two forward toward Christ. It could be giving up something in your life that is hindering your relationship with God. It could be abandoning a grudge or praying for help in giving up a critical spirit. Or it could be a re-examination of your priorities.

Lent gives us a season of 40 days in which to concentrate our attention and remind our forgetful selves that the Christian life involves a lifetime of repentance. During these 40 days, may you experience a blessed and fruitful season of repentance.



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## ***Greeters***

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<i>April 3</i>	<i>Allen &amp; Donna Williams</i>
<i>April 10</i>	<i>John &amp; Carol Ruth</i>
<i>April 17</i>	<i>Pat Lewis &amp; Michael Witte</i>
<i>April 24</i>	<i>Steve &amp; Brenda Lehr</i>
<i>May 1</i>	<i>Laurel Peterson &amp; Chelsea Lehr</i>

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## ***Liturgists***

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<i>April 3 &amp; 10</i>	<i>Allen Williams</i>
<i>April 17 &amp; 24</i>	<i>Terry Mason</i>
<i>May 1 &amp; 8</i>	<i>George Mason</i>



### **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**April 16**

**6:30 - 10:00 a.m.**

**Your help would be appreciated!**

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## **Ecumenical Lenten Service**

The churches of New Baden will be gathering together on Wednesday, April 6 for their annual ecumenical Lenten worship. The service will be held at St. George Catholic Church at 7 p.m. with Rev. Gretchen Sterritt preaching.

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## **Festival of Quilts**

The Cunningham Children's Home in Urbana is conducting a Quilt Show and a Quilt Silent Auction on **April 8-9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.** The quilts are created by United Methodist Women and other quilters who care about the youth at the children's home who are each given a quilt of their own to keep forever. Besides the auction and the show, there will also be a gift shop of handcrafted items and a bake sale of homemade treats. Admission is \$5 with all proceeds being used to benefit Cunningham children and youth.

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## **In the Community**

The New Baden Police Department, along with federal and state agencies, will be hosting a fraud prevention seminar on April 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion. Topics will include information on how to obtain your free credit report, the "do not call list," security and investment scams, preventing identity theft and "skimming." Seating is limited. Please RSVP by calling (618) 222-8665.

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# **Happy Easter**

## Calendar & Events

### April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

- April 3* 8:15 am Praise Team
- April 5* 7:00 pm Trustee
- April 6* 7:00 pm Ecumenical Lenten Service,  
St. George Catholic Church
- April 7* 7:00 pm Vision Meeting
- April 8* 6:30 – 7:30 pm Brownies
- April 10* 8:15 am Praise Team  
1:00 pm Bridal Shower – Krystal Jackson
- April 12* 7:00 pm Administrative Council
- April 16* 6:30-10:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast
- April 17* PALM SUNDAY  
8:15 am Praise Team
- April 19* 7:00 pm UMW
- April 22* GOOD FRIDAY
- April 24* EASTER  
8:15am Praise Team
- April 29* 6:30 – 7:30 pm Brownies

### April Birthdays

- Joe Jackson 10<sup>th</sup>
- Dawn Fischer 16<sup>th</sup>
- Fryland Rulo 18<sup>th</sup>
- Casey Douglass 19<sup>th</sup>
- Kaylee Thaler 25<sup>th</sup>
- James Ruth 26<sup>th</sup>

### April Anniversaries

- Doug & Becky Mealy 9<sup>th</sup>
- Kyle & Tina Marshall 15<sup>th</sup>
- Larry & Rene Davis 17<sup>th</sup>
- Casey & Sarah Douglass 27<sup>th</sup>
- Ralph & Lucille Bann 29<sup>th</sup>


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