

CHRISTIAN INITIATION AT ST. FRANCIS

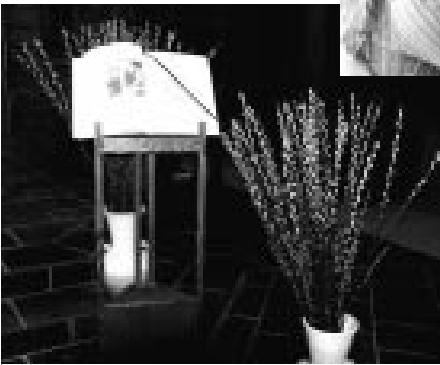
THE JOURNEY TO EASTER VIGIL 2003



Rite of Election 2003 with our Bishop Carl Mengeling



Friday Morning adult group met in the parish offices.



The Book of the Elect, Lent 2003

EASTER VIGIL 2003

Blessing of Easter Fire

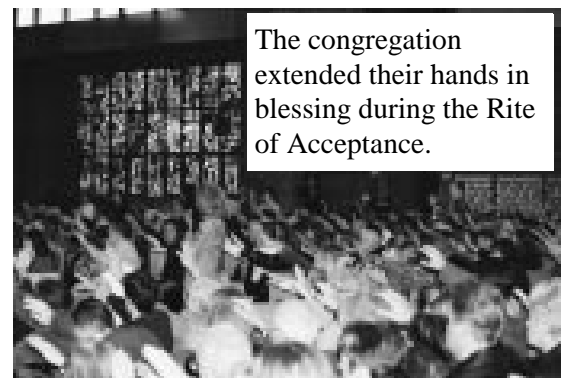


Left: The cleansing waters of Baptism.

Below: Confirmed in the Spirit.



Right: Celebrating new life – Alleluia!



The congregation extended their hands in blessing during the Rite of Acceptance.

*O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord,
you know it completely. You hem me in,
behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so
high that I cannot attain it. Where can I go
from your spirit? Or where can I flee from
your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there; If I make
my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the
wings of the morning, and settle at the far-
thest limits of the sea, even there your hand
shall lead me, and your right hand shall
hold me fast.
If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,"
even the darkness is not dark to you; the
night is as bright as the day, for darkness is
as light to you. Psalm 139*