



Dear Parishioners,

This coming Wednesday, February 18, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent. There will be Masses at 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. on Ash Wednesday. In this week's bulletin, there is an insert that has the calendar for Masses, Confessions, and Stations of the Cross for Lent.

Besides fulfilling the Sunday Mass obligation, I encourage all to consider coming to the daily 8:00 A.M. Mass on weekdays, if you are able, or to come for Mass at 6:00 P.M. on the Wednesdays of Lent. Consider coming for the Stations of the Cross at 5:30 P.M. on Fridays as well. Be sure to do something extra in the way of prayer during Lent.

Also, I encourage everyone to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent. There will be ample opportunity during Lent to go to Confession.

Archbishop Lucas has directed that every parish have the "Light Is On" Confessions again this Lent on Thursdays February 26 and March 5, 12, 19, and 26 from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M. Besides the regularly scheduled Confessions on Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:45 P.M., I have scheduled Confessions from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M. on the Fridays of Lent. During Holy Week, as I have done in the past, there will be several Confession periods available. Since on Easter Sunday, we renew our Baptismal promises, in which we say that we reject sin and Satan, the reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent makes us sincerely ready to proclaim such to Our Lord.

While we should be doing penance on every Friday (unless it is a Solemnity like Christmas) throughout the year (Did you know that if we choose to eat meat on Fridays outside of Lent we are obliged to do some other type of penance on Fridays?), during Lent those 14 years and older are obliged to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and on Fridays. Those 18-59 years old are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday in addition to abstaining from eating meat.

Fasting means eating one regular-sized meal and two smaller meals that do not add up to one regular meal while not eating in between meals.

Since Lent also involves alms giving, besides encouraging participation in the Rice Bowl collection, there will be some opportunities offered for helping the poor, so please be on the lookout for these.

If you would like to do some faith enrichment during Lent, I will offer three sessions on Thursday evenings March 12, 19, and 26 that will focus upon Fr. Robert Baron's DVD series "Priest, Prophet, King" that reflects upon who Jesus is as the Messiah. This will be at 7:15 to 8:30 P.M. on these Thursdays.

So, I wish you all a Happy Lent!

Have a grace-filled and wonderful week.

God bless you, Fr. Gutowski

Mass Intentions for the Week

FEBRUARY 16 THRU FEBRUARY 22

Monday	Priest's Intention
Tuesday	Special Intention
Wednesday 8 a.m.	Priest's Intention
Wednesday 6 p.m.	People of St. Joseph
Thursday	Priest's Intention
Friday	Priest's Intention
Saturday	Nolan Glup
Sunday	People of St. Joseph



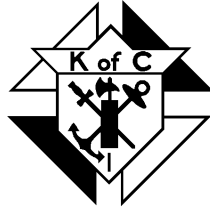
SHRINE NEWS

The Holy Family Shrine will host John Dorman in concert on Saturday, February 21st at 6pm. Please come and enjoy an hour of adoration and sacred music in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

All donations go to support the Shrine.

To get to the Shrine take I-80 to the 432 exit, turn and go south 1 mile on Highway 31 to Pflug Road, turn west on Pflug Road and go 1 mile.

For more information call the Shrine at [402-332-4565](tel:402-332-4565).



KNIGHT'S NEWS

Bowling Night

Cabin Fever? Join your fellow parishioners for an evening of fun bowling on Saturday, Feb 21st for the annual Knights of Columbus Bowling Night. We will be bowling at the Papio Bowl in Papillion, 7:00 P.M. Sign up your family and friends in the back of the church!

One Rose, One Life Campaign

One Rose, One Life is an annual fund raising campaign conducted by the Nebraska Knights of Columbus, for the Knights of Columbus Pro-Life Foundation of Nebraska. Last year approximately 94% of all funds raised by the foundation were used to support various pro-life organizations, events and initiatives throughout

the state of Nebraska. Envelopes are available in each pew. We will be collecting the envelopes during Mass of Feb 14 and 15.

Become a Knight!

If you are a practical Catholic man, age 18 or older, we welcome you to join the leading organization of Catholic laymen. Being a Knight helps you to be more involved with your community; it is supporting your local Catholic Church, while enhancing your own faith; it is about protecting and enhancing your family life. If you are interesting in joining or just interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus you can:

- Contact Ralph Meister (email: ralphmeister@hotmail.com or call [402-253-8301](tel:402-253-8301)) or Phil White (email: pwhite12@q.com or call [402-592-1549](tel:402-592-1549)).

- Visit our local Council web site at: <http://www.nebraskakofc.org/kc10894>. There's links on there to contact any of our officers.

- Just grab any Knight before/after Mass!

MUSIC MINISTERS

Please plan to meet on Tuesday, February 17 at 7 p.m. in the church. We will prepare for Lent by practicing the Mass of Remembrance, and practice the Mass of God's Promises for Easter.



Lent is fast approaching and that means it is time for a Fish Fry! Scheduled dates currently are Friday, February 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20 and 27. Tell your friends and neighbors and plan to attend.

DESSERTS FOR FISH FRY

Ladies (and gentlemen), please sign up to bring a dessert for the Fish Fries. The sign-up sheets are on the credenza at the back of the church.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The Ladies' Guild and Knights of Columbus offer scholarships on a competitive basis to members of the parish who will be graduating from high school this spring and plan to continue their education. Applications are in the K of C mailbox; they must be returned by March 31, 2015. Contact Tim Ihry if you have questions.