



Dear Parishioners,

This coming Thursday, February 28, will be a momentous day in the history of the Church when Pope Benedict will relinquish the papal office. Let us especially pray for him this week and thank Our Lord for the wonderful guidance he has provided us during his eight years of shepherding the universal Church. To this end, Archbishop Lucas has directed that one of the weekday Masses this week be offered for the intention of praying for the Lord's blessing upon him. This Mass will be the 6:00 PM Mass on Wednesday, February 27. If you are able to attend this Mass, it would be a wonderful way to pray for him. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has provided the following prayer that I encourage all of us to pray this week:

O God, true shepherd of all the faithful,
look with kindness on your servant Pope
Benedict XVI,
whom you set as head and shepherd of Your
Church.

We give you thanks for your grace at work in
him
as he had led us by word and example:
in his teaching, in his prayer and in his great
love.

Grant him your strength in frailty, comfort in
sorrow,
and serenity amid the trials of this world;
and guide your Church, built on the rock of
Peter,
with the power of your Spirit as we continue on
the path that leads to you.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Archbishop Lucas also urges us to pray for
whomever will be our next Pope and that during
the first week of March a Mass be offered for

this intention, which here at St. Joseph will be
the 6:00 PM Mass on Wednesday, March 6. It
would also be wonderful for as many as who can
to attend this Mass as well.

Have a blessed and grace-filled week.
God bless, Fr. Gutowski



MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 25 THRU MARCH 3

Monday		Special Int. (RC)
Tuesday		David Beck
Wednesday	8 a.m.	Ann Boro
	6 p.m.	Pope Benedict XVI
Thursday		Priest's Intention
Friday		Frank Kripal
Saturday		Patrick Cronican
Sunday		People of St. Joseph

This past week was the start of the most sacred
time of the church year for Christians. It gives us
a specific time to stop and think about what
Jesus went through in the days leading up to His
death and Resurrection. For the next forty days
we have the same opportunity to prayerfully
consider our direction in life and how it can be
better in the eyes of Jesus. In our reflection time,
some of the things we might want to consider
are our attitudes

- Give up complaining; focus on gratitude.
- Give up pessimism; become an optimist.
- Give up harsh judgments; think kindly thoughts.
- Give up worry; trust Divine Providence.
- Give up discouragement; be full of hope.
- Give up bitterness; turn to forgiveness.
- Give up hatred; return good for evil.
- Give up negativism; be positive.
- Give up anger; be more patient.
- Give up pettiness; become mature.
- Give up gloom; enjoy the beauty around you.
- Give up jealousy; pray for trust.
- Give up gossiping; control your tongue.