



Dear Parishioners,

Father Matt's column is an insert this week!



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MARCH 5 THRU MARCH 11**

Monday	Lloyd Royal
Tuesday	Fernando Lim
Wednesday 8 a.m.	Joe Fibich
Wednesday 6 p.m.	Priest's Intention
Thursday	William Roth
Friday	Sylvia Wulf
Saturday	Matthew Hilleman
Sunday	People of St. Joseph

**OPERATION RICE BOWL**

In today's first reading, Abraham responds faithfully to God, and God bestows blessings on him and all of his descendants. During Lent, we are called to listen to God's voice in our lives and to respond in faith. This week through Operation Rice Bowl, we **learn** about adults and children in Vietnam who struggle with disabilities. We **pray** that we may recognize the inherent dignity in all of God's people, and we **fast** so that our sacrifices may bring new life to others. We **give** so that CRS can continue to help people with disabilities receive a quality education and find productive work.



We are having practice for new and old servers on March 7 at 7:10 in the church. With the changes to the church, we feel it is important for

all current servers, except those in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, to attend the training session to learn how things are now being done.

There is No RE classes on March 14, due to District 46 spring break.



**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 KOC mailbox; they must be returned by April 1, 2012. Contact Tim Ihry or Dorothy Foged, if you have questions.

**NEBRASKA AGRI-WOMEN ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Nebraska Agri-Women are offering a \$250 scholarship award to any student planning on receiving an Agricultural related degree from either a College or a Technical Trade School in **Nebraska** only. This includes any Agricultural related studies such as diesel mechanics, etc. at a trade school. He or she must also complete the first semester of schooling and have at least a "C" average to receive the Scholarship money. One Scholarship will be given to the top student who responds and qualifies. The form must be completed and returned by April 1, 2012. Forms are on the table in the Social Hall. Please put completed forms in Sharon VanTassell's church mail box. If you have questions, call Mary Ann Jansen at 402-332-4827.

**BLOOD DRIVE RECAP !**

The first thing I want to do is to apologize to everyone who donated or made the effort to donate blood for the long wait that most of you all had to put up with. You have to be the most patient Blood Donors in the world. There were a couple of things to contribute to this: #1 A GREAT TURNOUT (our goal was 37 we banked 46). #2: A lack of enough Red Cross people to make it go quicker (THIS IS A MANAGEMENT DECISION). There were plenty of words and discussion by the person in charge to the people he has to answer to about what went on at the drive and they were all not kind statements. I would only wish that some of you would go to the Red Cross web site and see if there is a place that you could let them know what went on and your feelings. Our next scheduled drive is Sunday, April 29th. I hope this last drive does not affect your willingness to donate again. Once again I cannot thank you enough for your patience and willingness to wait it out. Ralph Meister Red Cross Cord. Springfield.

**PLEASE NOTE**

If you need to reach Sharon VanTassell, the church secretary, she no longer has a land line but can be reached at 402-203-4708 or 402-689-1708. If you need to reach Richard VanTassell regarding church maintenance matters, he can be reached at 402-206-4302. If you feel you will need these numbers, please make note of them.

**A TESTIMONY ON DIVINE MERCY**

Come listen to the testimony of an ordinary man of extraordinary faith who experienced a miracle and a calling. Stanley Villavicencio, one of God' messengers sent to spread his Divine Mercy will speak on Friday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. following the Stations of the Cross.

**WELCOME**

Please welcome to our parish Brett and Julie Richards and their daughters, Sarah and Emma. The girls attend Springfield Elementary School.

**ST. JOSEPH FEAST DAY**

On Saturday, March 17th, after the 5 P.M. Mass there will be a celebration of our Parish Patron, Saint Joseph. It will be held in the social hall and consist of a catered meal ( Chicken, Corn Beef & Cabbage) with a display of St. Joseph set up (including statues and other mementos) and a presentation on St. Joseph explaining his life and the person he was. There is no charge for this event which is being put on by the parish in appreciation for what everyone does for our parish. All are invited to come and participate in this special event. Also if you have anything pertaining to St. Joseph and would like to display it that night, please contact Bob and Amy Green or Rosemary Francavilla. Hope to see you there.

**PRO SANCTITY'S CAMP FUN & FAITH 2012**

"Day and Overnight" Camp is celebrating 21 years of God's goodness and providence with this year's theme: *Race to Heaven: Run so as to Win!*" This local Catholic camp for girls in preschool to high school offers a safe environment for them to grow in their faith and enjoy fun activities (crafts, games, swimming, theater, prayer, Mass, saints, music..) with other girls their age. The camp is sponsored by the Apostolic Oblates and the Pro Sanctity Movement. It is located at 11002 N. 204th St., Elkhorn. (4 1/2 miles north of Maple on Hwy. 31). Camper registration begins March 1st: Camp dates: Day Camp: June 11 - 15; Overnight Jr. High Camp: June 18 - 22; Overnight Camps: June 25 - 29; July 2 - 6, July 9 - 13; July 16 - 20.

There are also volunteer opportunities available. Please visit [www.prosanctity.org/cmappfunfaith](http://www.prosanctity.org/cmappfunfaith) for camp forms or contact Joan at [camp@prosanctity.org](mailto:camp@prosanctity.org) or (402)553-4418.