



Dear Parishioners,

Just to give you a brief update on the Religious Education building project: it looks like that it will mostly be finished within another month. The interior work is approximately 90% complete and the exterior work involves finishing up the brick and painting as well as the laying of the concrete for walkways and the final landscaping of the land. We are hoping that by the Wednesday of Holy Week that during the RE Easter Outreach evening that tours can be given. While we will start utilizing the building this summer for Vacation Bible School and Totus Tuus, we will look to seeing if we can schedule Archbishop Lucas to come for a dedication and blessing ceremony near the beginning of the new school year in August. This building is going to be a wonderful facility for religious education and other parish activities. I subbed for one of our religious education teachers a couple of Wednesdays ago and it was so distracting trying to teach with all the noise created by the present utilization of the social hall for classes. Due to this, I wonder how our children are even able to concentrate and to learn. What a blessing it will be to have now a suitable and conducive environment to conduct our religious education classes! As we pay off the loan in the coming years, it will be funds well spent as we can be proud that we care so much for our children to learn their Catholic Faith in a setting will facilitate and enhance such. I thank all of you who have contributed to our building fund and who will do so in the future!

Have a blessed and grace-filled week.

God bless you, Fr. Gutowski

FISH FRY

Remember the fish fry this Friday. Bring your friends and enjoy an evening of friendship and food.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MAR. 24 THRU MAR. 30

Monday	Bud Burchard
Tuesday	Priest's Intention
Wednesday 8 a.m.	Priest's Intention
6 p.m.	Kenneth Kellogg
Thursday	Priest's Intention
Friday	Charlotte Grobeck
Saturday	Con Kwapnoski
Sunday	People of St. Joseph

PLANNING AHEAD FOR BASEBALL

Something to remind you that Winter is coming to an end. Mark your calendars for Thursday June 19th. It is Catholic night with the Omaha Storm Chasers and as in the past 2 years the St Joseph Knights of Columbus have purchased a block of discount tickets for this event. A signup sheet will be out in May in order to purchase these tickets.

STEPHENS' CENTER

Many thanks to Jim Optiz, Dave and Lynn Kulm and Steve and Helen Fox for preparing and serving the dinner at the Stephens' Center this past Monday. Your efforts were greatly appreciated.

LADIES GUILD EVENT - HOPE TOTES

During Lent, the Ladies Guild will sponsor a Hope Tote drive to benefit the Open Door Mission/Lydia House. Why "give up something" for Lent when you can "give something" to the needy. Hope Totes will be available in the back of the church with a list of items to fill the bags. They include but are not limited to: toothpaste, toothbrushes, tissue, toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner, underwear, socks, feminine products, lotions, razors, shaving cream, hand sanitizer, etc. After you have filled the bag, return the tote to the back of the church. We will deliver the filled bags to the Open Door Mission at the beginning of Holy Week. If you have questions, contact Karen Schmidt at [402-253-2575](tel:402-253-2575). Thank you for your generosity.