



Dear Parishioners,

Please note that in this weekend's bulletin there are a couple of inserts. First, there is the schedule for the Masses, Confessions, and other events that will take place during Holy Week, beginning next Sunday, April 13. I hope that as many as is possible will attend our various Holy Week services to show Our Lord the appreciation and gratitude that is due Him for all that He suffered for us for our salvation. Also, there is an Examination of Conscience sheet to assist those who still need to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter. Please remember that this coming Thursday, April 10, that there are "The Light Is On" Confession time from 5:30 to 7:00 PM and that we will have our Lenten Parish Reconciliation Service at 7:00 PM. I encourage all to come to Confession this week or during Holy Week. If you desire not to go here for Confession, check the surrounding parishes for their schedules. St. Columbkille in Papillion will also be having its Lenten Reconciliation Service at 7:00 PM this coming Thursday.

The new Religious Education Center is nearing completion. Most of the inside work is complete and now the focus is on the outside of the building to complete such things as the landscaping. Once the building is ready, we will have a couple of weekends where we will have the building open after Masses for anyone to stop in to see the inside. I and the parish council are hoping that Archbishop Lucas will be able to accept our invitation to come to St. Joseph's in August to bless the building before the beginning of the new religious education year. I once again thank all of you for your generosity in contributing towards our building fund thus far as well as in the future as we pay off the loan for half of the total

cost of the construction. Thank you for your investment in our youth and the common good of our parish as this new building will be a momentous enhancement to the ministry of faith formation in our parish.

Another addition that will soon enhance our parish is the donation by our St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus Council of an outdoor, white marble statue of Our Lady holding the Christ Child and a lamb, entitled "Our Lady of Innocence." The statue will be placed north of the social hall and will have landscaping around it, also provided by the Knights, to create a special place for prayer. It will be in a location where especially our children can be brought outside during religious education classes to pray the Rosary and other Marian prayers and devotions. In recent years, Knights' councils throughout the United States have been donating to their respective parishes either statues or monuments as a reminder to pray for respect for all human life from the moment of conception to natural death. Hence this will be for our parish a witness to living the Gospel of Life as we are challenged to pray to Jesus through Our Lady's intercession for the reverencing of the lives of all persons, especially the most vulnerable amongst us: the child in the womb, those children and persons living in poverty, the handicapped, the sick, the infirm elderly and those who are dying. I thank the Knights of Columbus for this beautiful gift to our parish. Have a grace-filled and blessed week. God bless you,  
you, Fr. Gutowski

### **ATTENTION: JUNIOR CHOIR PARENTS**

Your children will be singing at St. Columbkille on Palm Sunday, April 13. Please have them arrive at the church no later than 10:15 a.m.