



Dear Parishioners,

On this Sunday, we congratulate our nine second graders who make their First Holy Communion at a special 11:00 A.M. Mass. We keep them in our prayers that they will always remain close to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, appreciating always that He is forever present to us in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

With the gospel passage this fourth Sunday of Easter being a portion of the Good Shepherd discourse in the Gospel of St. John, chapter ten, the universal Church celebrates World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. This year marks the 50th Anniversary of this being such. All of us have a responsibility to pray for these vocations and to encourage those whom Our Lord calls to such that they will respond. The Vocations Office of the Archdiocese has sent some posters to be displayed at all parishes, so you will see these that have been put up in the entry to Church and on the bulletin board. Please note the poster encouraging everyone to join "Invisible Monastery" online at

www.invisiblemonastery.com where one can go and pledge to pray for vocations. I encourage everyone to check out this website and to choose Omaha as the diocese for which you pledge your prayers. Also, on the cabinet in the entry area to Church there are some booklets entitled "Praying for Vocations: A Meditated Rosary for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life," which I encourage that these be taken and used in praying for an abundance of these type of vocations in our Archdiocese and the Church. These also have been given to every parish in the Archdiocese by the Vocations Office. Finally, a quick update on the Religious Education Building project: members of the parish and finance councils and I met with the architect this past Tuesday to take the final steps

to get the ball rolling in preparation for construction. If all goes according to schedule, we should be able to break ground in mid-July. So, please keep this process in your prayers that it all goes smoothly now that we have archdiocesan approval to proceed. More details will be coming as things progress. Have a wonderful and grace-filled week. God bless, Fr. Gutowski



MASS INTENTIONS

APRIL 22 THRU APRIL 28

Monday	Priest's Intention
Tuesday	JoAnn Hrabek
Wednesday	Ann Boro
Thursday	Priest's Intention
Friday	Priest's Intention
Saturday	Angie Sokol
Sunday	People of St. Joseph

THANK YOU

The Springfield Community Blood Drive had another great turn out. Our goal Sunday was 45 units and we finished the day collecting 54 units. What a great turnout for Springfield and our neighbors all around the area. I credit the high number to all the walk-ins that showed up Sunday. Once again, thanks to all who donated and also those who made the effort to donate but were not able to. Also thanks to all of the local merchants, the Fire Dept and City of Springfield workers who do a part in making this effort a success. So a final thank you from your Springfield Knights of Columbus (Sponsors) and the Red Cross. *Ralph Meister*

STEPHENS' CENTER

Thanks to Mary Johnson, John and Rosemary Francavilla and Rich and Sharon VanTassell for preparing and serving the meal at the Stephens' Center this past week. More than 100 men, women and children were served.



RE HAPPENINGS

Congratulations to the second graders who took their First Communion today.

Scott Cyr
Andrew Dierking
Leo Guenther
Marissa Haynes
Carter Krajicek

Jared Kuhl
Ashley Lynch
Lauren Roberts
Taevin Wilson

RE registrations are due back to the RE office by May 15. If you did not receive a registration form, you can find one in the information area of the Narthex, by the RE office, or you can contact Sherry at shuntwork@msn.com.

Next Parent Seminar is on May 1 at 6:00 & 7:00 in the chapel.

The End of Year Mass with presentation attendance awards and other awards is on May 15 at 6:00 for both sessions. There are no regular classes this night.

RE registrations went home with the students and are due back to the RE office by May 15



"My sheep hear my voice, I know them, and they follow me." John 10:27

DEVELOPMENT OF AN UNBORN CHILD

Week #2 – My body now has hundreds of cells inside a protective covering called the “zona pellucida,” which begins to attach, or implant, in my mother’s womb. After I attach myself to the inside of my mother’s womb, I won’t be a “blastocyst” any more. I will be called an “embryo.” My body is making a protective hormone so that my body and my mother's body can live together, even though our bodies have different chromosomes and genes.

Week 3 - At 17 days, I have my own blood cells, which may be a different blood type than my Mom’s.

At 18 days, I have a new muscle that occasionally pulses - this will be my heart.

At 19 days, my eyes are starting to develop.

At 20 days, the basic parts of my entire nervous system have been laid down. By the end of this week, my heart will be beating.



COMMUNITY SOCIAL

with

Springfield Platteview Students

When: Monday, April 22 and Monday, May 13

From: 8 - 9:30 a.m.

Where: Springfield Legion Hall

What: Coffee and doughnuts with the

Platteview Student Council

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!



SPECIAL COLLECTION

There is a new envelope attached to your bulletin. It is called *Hunger Never Takes A Vacation*. It is sponsored by Catholic Charities to support the Food Pantry. Please donate if you can and return the envelope next weekend. Thank you.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Please mark Saturday, June 1 as the evening to celebrate Fr. Matt's 25th anniversary to the priesthood. A social will be held after the 5 p.m. mass.