



Dear Parishioners,

As most of you are probably now aware, Msgr. James Cain, pastor of St. Joseph from 1995-2002, passed away this last Monday. I have heard many of you reminisce about his time here and his many good qualities as pastor and priest, for which we give thanks to Almighty God for blessing our parish with during his service here. I trust that all of you will pray for the repose of his soul and have Masses offered for him, which, especially since he has little remaining living family, is so important to do. I was able to offer the Mass on this last Tuesday morning for him and on this coming Saturday, May 18, I will offer the 5:00 P.M. Mass for his soul and in his memory. I encourage you to pray the following, which is a prayer for a deceased priest:

God, Who did raise Your servant, Msgr. James Cain, to the sacred priesthood of Jesus Christ, according to the Order of Melchisedech, giving him the sublime power to offer the Eternal Sacrifice, to bring the Body and Blood of Your Son Jesus Christ down upon the altar, and to absolve the sins of men in Your own Holy Name. We beseech You to reward his faithfulness and to forget his faults, admitting him speedily into Your Holy Presence, there to enjoy forever the recompense of his labors. This we ask through Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

As we celebrate Mother's Day today, I wish all the mothers of our parish a wonderful day and ask our Lord's blessing upon all of you. I also want to express a word of thanks to our Knights of Columbus Council for

honoring our mothers this Sunday with the brunch that they have prepared and served.

Have a wonderful and grace-filled week.

God bless, Fr. Gutowski



MASS INTENTIONS

MAY 6 THRU MAY 12

Monday	Albina Klenda
Tuesday	Steve Merrill
Wednesday	Ann Boro
Thursday	RC - Spec. Intention
Friday	Frank Kripal
Saturday	Msgr. James Cain
Sunday	People of St. Joseph



FAIR BOOTH HELP

Time goes quickly and it will soon be Sarpy County Fair time. We are looking for help to work in the Sarpy County Fair Food Booth which is run by your St. Joseph Knights of Columbus. If you are willing to help at the food booth please sign-up. Thank you. Ralph Meister



In Loving Memory

MASS FOR MSGR. CAIN

The 5 p.m. mass on Saturday, May 18 will be said for Msgr. Cain who passed away this past week. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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.

**RE HAPPENINGS**

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.

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.

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**CONCERT AT THE SHRINE**

The Holy Family Shrine invites all to come and experience a Holy Hour with STEPHEN TEFFT performing Mary songs on the 19th of May at 6:30pm. This will be a special night with sacred music and the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

A reception will follow the concert. All free will donations go to support the Shrine.

**STORM CHASER SIGN UP SHEET**

Sign-up sheets are in the church for the Baseball game with the Storm Chasers on June 20th. Sign up and come on out to the

ballgame for a fun night with fellow parishioners.

**SOCIAL TO HONOR FATHER MATT**

Remember June 1 is the evening to celebrate Fr. Matt's 25th anniversary to the priesthood. A social will be held after the 5 p.m. mass. In lieu of gifts, Father has asked for donations to the Educational Building Fund.

COUPLE TO COUPLE LEAGUE

The Couple to Couple League is helping married couples to understand their vocation of love. CCL announces an upcoming series of natural family planning classes for married and engaged couples. Couples worldwide are choosing natural family planning for its healthful, moral, and marriage building qualities, as well as its usefulness to plan or postpone pregnancy. Classes begin Sunday, May 26. For more information, call [402-571-4111](tel:402-571-4111) or visit cclomaha.org.

Good News Reflection

May 12, 2013

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60

Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9

Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

John 17:20-26

This Sunday's Gospel reading is the unity Gospel. It's the prayer for the Church that Jesus offered up to heaven shortly before he offered his life in the crucifixion. In it, he makes a sacrament out of relationships. As Jesus and the Father are one, we too are to be one with each other, so that by our witness of unity – permanent, committed, self-sacrificing, unconditional love – we show the world what God's love is like. We prove to the world that God's love is real: It's permanent, committed, unconditional, and self-sacrificing no matter how much anyone sins.

A sacramental marriage is a visual lesson for the world, a teaching about radical love: how God loves us unconditionally, for better and for worse, in sickness and in health, whether we are rich or poor, with complete faithfulness. Marriage is meant to be a life of radical love, a love that cannot be experienced outside the bonds of permanent vows. In a sacramental marriage, the husband lays down his life to serve his wife, and the wife lays down her life to serve her husband, just as Christ laid down his life to serve us and we who are the Church, the Bride of Christ, lay down our lives to follow him and serve him.

Marriage is that sacred! This is the reason why a Catholic priest cannot marry couples who have been divorced until after an investigation proves that previous marriages were not true unions. The unity of a couple is as sacred as the unity between Jesus and the Father and as sacred as our God-ordained mission to be examples of his love. Other relationships – when God has formed them – are sacred, too. Each union created by God is a sacrament (the presence and power of Christ for the world). Each relationship is meant

to be a visual lesson that teaches the world about the true identity and salvation of Jesus.

How horrible – how anti-evangelization – are divisions within the Body of Christ!

Questions for Personal Reflection:

List the people who are God's gift to you. Who used to be a gift but no longer seems so due to hardships and relational difficulties? What will you do for that person this week to serve him or her in love (even if they won't be able to know about it)?

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

Describe a time when a loving gesture from a friend, spouse, parent, or someone else revealed to you God's love. Even if you didn't realize it at the time, how was this gift of love an answer to Jesus' prayer? How is God building unity in your home or parish an answer to Jesus' prayer?

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Questions for Personal Reflection:

How often do you pray specifically to the Holy Spirit for guidance and insight and understanding? What would you like the Holy Spirit to explain to you right now? Ask for the help, and then wait, watch and listen for God to open your heart to the truth.

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

How has the Holy Spirit been a teacher to you? How has God filled in gaps in your understanding of scripture and Church teachings and their real-life applications? What sources has he used to convey the information (e.g., a homily, a song, a friend)?

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