

**From the
Pastor's Desk**

Dear Parishioners,
Traditionally in the life of the Church June is the month of focusing upon devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This is because the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart usually occurs in June since it is nineteen days after the celebration of Pentecost Sunday. Because of how late Easter was, the celebration of the Solemnity honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus falls on July 1 this year. In the 1600s our Lord appeared to Saint Margaret Mary asking for a feast in honor of his Sacred Heart and for devotion to His Sacred Heart, such as the practice of honoring His Heart on the first Fridays of the month by going to Confession a week before or after the first Friday to receive His mercy that flows from His Heart in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to receive Holy Communion on the first Friday of the month. Jesus made the promise that whoever does this for nine first Fridays will know the depths of his mercy and if they remain faithful to Him throughout their lives will receive the grace to die in the state of grace. Hence I encourage you to do this devotion of the nine First Fridays if you have never done so. Also, it is good to have a picture of the Sacred Heart which is hung in one's house in a place of honor, so I encourage this as well. There is an enthronement ceremony of the picture that a priest can do for a household, which I am always happy to do and can be done anytime of the year.

Have a wonderful week.

God bless,

Fr. Gutowski

**MASS
INTENTIONS****JUNE 6 THRU JUNE 12**

Monday	Dan Rietz
Tuesday	Bill Biernbaum
Wednesday	Virginia Meister
Thursday	William Roth
Friday	Catherine Heimes
Saturday	Virginia Meister
Sunday	People of St. Joseph

FAIR BOOTH HELP NEEDED

To the members of our St. Joseph Parish Family: Although the Sarpy County Fair is still ten weeks away, your Knights of Columbus are already starting to get organized for this huge event. Just to refresh your memory, last year was the first year that the St. Joseph Knights, along with the men, women and youth of our parish, worked on this project alone. Previously we teamed up with the Gretna Knights. I must say that the members of our parish came through with flying colors. Their willingness to help work this event made it a success. The proceeds from this event help support many of the projects that we do as a council throughout the year. We also help the Ladies' Guild financially when they are in need as well as supporting the Youth Group from St. Joseph when they ask. There are approximately 250 time slots to fill with workers to make this a success. Time vary from 6:30 A.M. until 11:00 P.M. As you can see, we have time slots for anyone who is an Early Bird to a Night Owl and everywhere in between. The different jobs include: setup, cleanup, cooking, serving, support staff, etc. The Fair dates are: Wednesday, August 3rd thru Sunday, August 7th. I am asking each of you to please try to help us out on this big project. If you feel that you want to work more than one shift, please sign up for as many time slots as you can. It will be appreciated. Signup sheets will be in back of Church starting this weekend. And the next time you see your Knights in action or read of a event in the bulletin, you will have a better idea about how the event was funded.

BLOOD DRIVE

The next Springfield Community Blood drive is schedule for Sunday, June 12th from 9:00 A.M. till 1:00 P.M. at the Springfield City Offices. To make an appointment, call Ralph @ 402-253-8301 or go online at www.redcrossblood.org Sponsor Code 111. The Blood Drive is being sponsored by your Springfield Knights of Columbus. Thank You !Ralph Meister