



MASS INTENTIONS

FEB. 20 THRU FEB. 26

Dear Parishioners,

Again, in this weekend's bulletin, I have placed various inserts. In one, that I said would be in last week's bulletin but ran out of time to get it ready, I thank all who were involved in the Mass of Dedication on February 3. Most of these persons were acknowledged in the program for this Mass but since everyone was not able to attend the dedication Mass, I want to include this in the Sunday bulletin. A second insert is in reference to the Season of Lent that begins this coming Wednesday. Please review the Lenten regulations that we are obliged to follow as Catholics. Also, in light of the federal mandate regarding religious institutions and insurance coverage for contraception, sterilization, and abortifacients that our Catholic bishops are opposing as an obstruction to our religious liberty to do what is right and moral, in a third insert I will present the moral teaching of the Church on why contraception and sterilization are intrinsically wrong and therefore are an offense against God and an assault upon the dignity of the human person and upon the sacredness of marriage.

Further, I want to congratulate the 27 youth and one adult from our parish who received the sacrament of Confirmation from Archbishop Lucas last weekend. We will be honoring them at the 9:00 A.M. Mass next Sunday on February 26.

Have a blessed and grace-filled week.

God bless, Fr. Gutowski

SOUL SISTERS

The Soul Sisters will meet after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Feb. 26 in the rectory. All single women, widowed and divorced are invited.

Monday	Priest's Intention
Tuesday	Joe Fibich
Wednesday 8 a.m.	Priest's Intention
Wednesday 6 p.m.	Priest's Intention
Thursday	William Roth
Friday	Priest's Intention
Saturday	Bob Washtak
Sunday	People of St. Joseph

OPERATION RICE BOWL

This Lent our faith community will be joining millions of Catholics across the country by participating in CRS' Operation Rice Bowl. Your family is invited to pick up a Rice Bowl from the back of the church and join in this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl invites us to **pray** with our families and faith communities, **fast** in solidarity with those who are hungry, **learn** about our brothers and sisters around the world, and **give** sacrificial contributions to help those in need.



Springfield Community Blood Drive
Sunday Feb 26th 8:00 A.M. till 1:00 P.M

Springfield Fire Barn.

To schedule a appointment go to

www.redcrossblood.org

or call Ralph at: 402-253-8301.



ONE ROSE LIFE CAMPAIGN

One Rose, One Life is an annual fund raising campaign conducted by the St Joseph Knights of Columbus, used to support various pro-life organizations, events and initiatives. Only with your generosity are we able to assist with helping others to **CHOOSE LIFE!**

BELLA ITALIA FUNDRAISER

**Sunday February 26th,
Noon to 5pm**

**St. Frances Cabrini Gym
10th & William St.**

Enjoy Italian Food, Music and Traditions!

The Italian Heritage Documentary Committee is hosting a **Pasta Dinner**

All proceeds to Italian Heritage Documentary Project to preserve the **History of St. Lucy, the Santa Lucia Festival & Little Italy.**

To purchase tickets, contact Jennifer Mandolfo Carey 402.320.1277 or j_d_carey@msn.com. Adults \$10/Children age 10 & under \$5. For more information or to make a donation, please visit

www.santaluciadocumentary.com



COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The Ladies' Guild and Knights of Columbus offer scholarships on a competitive basis to members of the parish who will be graduating from high school this spring and plan to continue their education.

Applications are in the KOC mailbox; they must be returned by April 1, 2012. Contact Tim Ihry or Dorothy Foged, if you have questions.

NEBRASKA AGRI-WOMEN ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Nebraska Agri-Women are offering a \$250 scholarship award to any student planning on receiving an Agricultural related degree from either a College or a Technical Trade School in **Nebraska** only. This includes any Agricultural related studies such as diesel mechanics, etc. at a trade school. He or she must also complete the first semester of schooling and have at least a "C" average to receive the Scholarship money. One Scholarship will be given to the top student who responds and qualifies. The form must be completed and returned by April 1, 2012. Forms are on the table in the Social Hall. Please put completed forms in Sharon VanTassell's church mail box. If you have questions, call Mary Ann Jansen at 402-332-4827.