

**From the  
Pastor's Desk**

The month of February is traditionally observed as the month of the Holy Family. I encourage everyone to pray a prayer daily this month in honor of the Holy Family and for your personal intentions. Here a couple that you can pray:

*IN HONOR OF THE HOLY FAMILY:* O God, heavenly Father, it was part of Thine eternal decree that Thine only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, should form a holy family with Mary, His blessed mother, and His foster father, Saint Joseph. In Nazareth home life was sanctified, and a perfect example was given to every Christian family. Grant, we beseech Thee, that we may fully comprehend and faithfully imitate the virtues of the Holy Family so that we may be united with them one day in their heavenly glory. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

*FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE HOLY FAMILY* Grant unto us, Lord Jesus, ever to follow the example of Thy holy Family, that in the hour of our death Thy glorious Virgin Mother together with blessed Joseph may come to meet us and we may be worthily received by Thee into everlasting dwellings: who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

Also, I encourage you to consecrate your family to the Holy Family, for which a prayer to do this is the following:

*CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY:* O Jesus, our most loving Redeemer, who having come to enlighten the world with Thy teaching and example, didst will to pass the greater part of Thy life in humility and subjection to Mary and Joseph in the poor home of Nazareth, thus sanctifying the Family that was to be an example for all Christian families, graciously receive our family as it dedicates and consecrates itself to Thee this day. Do Thou defend us, guard us and establish amongst us Thy holy fear, true peace, and concord in Christian love: in order that, by conforming ourselves to the divine pattern of Thy family, we may be able, all of us without

exception, to attain to eternal happiness.

Mary, dear Mother of Jesus and Mother of us, by thy kindly intercession make this our humble offering acceptable in the sight of Jesus, and obtain for us His graces and blessings.

O Saint Joseph, most holy guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by thy prayers in all our spiritual and temporal necessities; that so we may be enabled to praise our divine Savior Jesus, together with Mary and thee, for all eternity.

Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be, three times.

Even if you live alone, pray this consecration for yourself and for all your family members.

(The prayers are from the website [www.catholicculture.org](http://www.catholicculture.org) and their source is Prayer Book by Reverend John P. O'Connell, M.A., S.T.D. and Jex Martin, M.A., The Catholic Press, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, 1954)

Have a blessed and wonderful week.

God bless,  
Fr. Gutowski

**MASS  
INTENTIONS****FEBRUARY 7 THRU FEBRUARY 13**

Monday	Priest's Intention
Tuesday	Con Kwapnioski
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.	Priest's Intention
Thursday	Priest's Intention
Friday	Con Kwapnioski
Saturday	Leonard Herman
Sunday	People of St.
Joseph	



## **RE HAPPENINGS**

There is NO RE on February 9 due to school parent/teacher conferences.

There is a Mass for grades 5-6 at 7:10 on February 16.

Reminder: The parties for the students who donated items to St. Joseph, Omaha will be on February 23. Fourth, Fifth, and Eighth grades will have pizza, so plan meals accordingly.

## **NOTICE: YEAR END STATEMENTS**

Year end statements were mailed out on Wednesday. We mailed them only to those who requested them last year. If you need a statement for your 2010 tax returns, call Sharon at 253-2459 and one will be sent to you. This method saved considerable money as only 39 families out of 279 requested a statement.

## **WEDNESDAY MORNING MASS**

Please note that Mass on Wednesday will be at **6:30 p.m.** this week as Fr. Matt will be gone in the morning.

## **LIFE LINE SCREENING**

### **TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR LIFE TODAY**

Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure? Have members of your family suffered from these ailments? Do you have a poor diet? If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, you may want to consider being screened for your risk of stroke through the services of Life Line Screening. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque buildup in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain. Blockages in these arteries are a leading cause of stroke. We are pleased to host this Life Line Screening event on Friday, April 1, 2011. Register for

the STroke, kVascular Disease and Heart Rhythm Package for \$139.00 (Cost of all screenings). All four screenings take 60 - 90 minutes to complete. Your Health is in your hands. Register at 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners). There is no time like the present to take action! Since St. Joseph Church is hosting this screening, you are being given the first opportunity to register before announcing to the general public.

## **SCOUT WEEK**

Each year the first full week of February is celebrated as Boy Scout Week. Part of the week is set aside to recognize the role of "Duty to God". We encourage the Scouts of our parish to wear their uniforms to Mass that first weekend. Also the annual 10 Commandments Hike will be on February 12 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. This year the scouts will be hiking to North Bellevue. Clergy from several faiths plan to present one of the commandments from their perspective of their faith. All Girl and Boy Scouts, both youth and adults are encouraged to attend. To register for the hike, contact Woody or Linda Kline at 292-3357 or via e-mail at [ekleinheim@aol.com](mailto:ekleinheim@aol.com).