

PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE WEEK

For the sick: Joyce Cockerill, Kathy Ewing, Pauline Washtek, Joseph Fibich, Tom Middleton Helen Stepanek, Robert Weiler, Ray Heimes, Mitchell Warnke, Connie Middleton

ACTIVITIES IN THE PARISH

Monday, Feb. 14, Ladies' Guild, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 15, Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 16, RE, 6:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 19 5:00 P.M.

Lectors: Kathy Long-Amy Green

EME: Karen Strasheim-Connie Middleton-Frank Kolar

Servers: Audray Schram-Julia Cronican

Greeters: Jim Amerine-Dave Jones

Music: St. Columbkille Choir

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 20 9:00 A.M.

Lectors: Teresa Belter-Sharon Carrasco

EME: Debra Vacek-Sophie Davey-Claudia Burchard

Servers: Whitney Pratt-Isaiah Cacka

Greeters: Dave Kulm-Mick Kreifels

Music: Junior Choir-Candy Connery

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

February 5 & 6 \$ 4108.00

Seminary Fund \$ 500.00

Home/Foreign Mission \$ 216.00

THANK YOU BUT NO MORE PLEASE

We have gotten more than enough plastic storage containers to hold us over for some time. Thank you for your generosity, but please do not bring any more as our cupboards are currently full! We will let you know the next time we need more.

NOTICE: YEAR END STATEMENTS If you need a year end statement for your 2010 tax returns, call Sharon at 253-2459 and one will be sent to you. Your name will be added to our list and you will automatically get on next year.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

College Scholarships for Graduating High School Seniors are being offered by The Ladies' Guild and Knights of Columbus. They are offered 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, 2011. Contact Tim Ihry or Dorothy Foged, if you have questions.

NEBRASKA AGRI-WOMEN SCHOLARSHIP

The Nebraska Agri-Women are offering a \$250 scholarship to any student planning on 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 complete the first semester of schooling and have at least a "C" average to qualify. Forms can be found on the table at the church entry and MUST be completed and returned by April 1, 2011. Return them to Doris Royal, 16202 Buffalo Road, Springfield or to Jeanette Timmerman, 5401 Highway 3700, Omaha, 68133.

FISH FRY DATES ARE SET

Mark your calendars! Those eagerly awaited fish fry dates have been set. They are March 18 and 25 as well as April 8 and 15. Sign-up sheets for helping are on the table in the entrance of the church. Also, sign-up sheets are there for bringing desserts.

OPENING SOON**SANCTA FAMILIA MEDICAL APOSTOLATE**

10506 Burt Circle, Omaha, NE 68114

Our mission is to provide excellent holistic primary health care in total adherence to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. With Archbishop Lucas' full support, this non-profit medical practice would like to serve your primary care needs, promising to embrace life as sacred from the moment of conception until the moment of natural death. Please call 402-991-3393 for more information or to enroll as a patient.

LIFE LINE SCREENING IDENTIFYING YOUR RISK

Are you, or have you ever been, a smoker? Are you a male over 55? **St. Joseph Catholic Church** is pleased to host a Life Line Screening preventive health event to scan for risk of an abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA). Life Line Screening uses hospital quality ultrasound technology to detect an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body. Warning signs of AAA often go unidentified and if ruptured, abdominal aortic aneurysms are 90 - 96% fatal. The screening will be held on Friday, April 1, 2011. Register for the Stroke, Vascular Disease and Heart Rhythm Package for \$139.00 (Cost of all the screenings). All four screenings take 60 - 90 minutes to complete. Your Health is in YOUR hands, so call 1-800-324-1851 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com, for more information or to pre-register.

FOUND

We have a stray casserole carrier we found in the kitchen. It is orange with little yellow flowers on it. If you are missing one, please claim it. It is on the counter in the kitchen. If no one claims it, it will become property of the kitchen.

BOWLING RECAP

A good time was had by all 30 or so participants and spectators who took part in the K.C. sponsored Bowling Night. The participants range in age from 2 1/2 years to 60 plus years. There was a lot of excitement to go along with the bowling, with a group from the Bark City Productions team making a lot of noise and wearing the best looking team uniforms. There was a heated competition between Carl and Mark M. to see who could throw the fastest ball. They were clocked at nearly 25 M P H. There was a low score in the 60s and a high in the 170s range. A side note, Father Matt, with practice, could be a good bowler. A number of times I saw Xs in a row on his score card. Thanks to all who took part.

TODAY'S READINGS

My friends, today and for the next few weeks we will hear the preaching of Jesus - simple teachings for those who want to live a peace-filled, loving, satisfying life. Simple teachings, but difficult to remember and act on when we are rushed or stressed or hurting. Let us quiet ourselves and pray for the grace to really listen today so that this week we may remember to act more like the person we want to be.

RECLAIMING ST. VALENTINE

This weekend brings us right up to Valentine's Day. Because Valentine's Day has been co-opted by the florists and candy sellers as a day for romantic lovers, many people miss the deeper meanings that lie closer to the origins of the observance. While there is little clarity about the historical facts of his life and death, St. Valentine was the origin of this day. The focus on romantic love certainly fits with the legend that he provided dowries for girls who could not marry without them, but his charity was broader than that. Ours should be too.

We might even be helped in this effort by another secular observance. This second week of February has been designated as Random Acts of Kindness Week, a time to show others around us acts of kindness which are really acts of love. The readings today support such a focus, with their invitation to live by God's wisdom and to go beyond the letter of the law.