

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, Dayton Swanson, Stella Buris

ACTIVITIES IN THE PARISH

Tuesday, Mar. 8, Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
Ash Wednesday, Mar. 9, NO RE

SATURDAY MARCH 12 5:00 P.M.

Lectors: Bob Kennedy-Erin Paters
EME: Julie Masters-Kathy Biernbaum,-Karen Strasheim
Servers: Blake Goens-Brandon Goens
Greeters: Mike Patera-Joe Parr
Music: Kathy Kaiser-Anne Riha-Brenda Jones-

SUNDAY MARCH 13 9:00 A.M.

Lectors: Teresa Belter-Sharon Carrasco
EME: Sophie Davey-Claudia Burchard-Joe Boro
Servers: Taylor Partusch-Tyler Matson
Greeters: Ted Boro-Joe Boro
Music: Junior Choir-Candy Connery

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

February 26 & 27 \$ 3741.08
Home/Foreign Mission \$ 20.00

FISH FRY DATES ARE SET

They are almost here! Those eagerly awaited fish fry dates have been set. They are March 18 and 25 as well as April 8 and 15.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Sign-up sheets for helping with the Fish Fries and for bringing desserts are on the table at the rear of the church. Please sign up to help.

MUSIC MINISTERS:

There will be a music ministers meeting on Tuesday, March 22, at 7 p.m. We have moved from March 15 due

to a Men's Choir Practice.

ST. JOSEPH FEAST DAY

We will be celebrating our parish patronal fest day - the Feast of St. Joseph - on March 19. We will be having a parish dinner on that Saturday evening. Please watch the bulletin for more details. We also will be praying a novena to St. Joseph as we approach his feast day on March 19.

ST. JOSEPH DINNER SIGN-UP

We need to know how many people will be attending the parish dinner on Saturday, March 19. This dinner is completely free and everyone in the parish is invited. Please put your name on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church or call Sharon at 253-2459 and leave your name or a message if no answer.

IDENTIFYING YOUR RISK - DISEASE PREVENTION

St. Joseph Church will host a health screening event on Friday, April 1, 2011 for residents in and around Springfield. The event is also being sponsored by Life Line Screening. Life Line will screen for:

1. Carotid Artery Blockage (Stroke)
2. Atrial fibrillation (Heart Rhythm Screening)
3. Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening
4. Peripheral Arterial Disease (Plaque Buildup)
5. Osteoporosis (Bone Loss)

The screenings are recommended for everyone age 50 and older, or 40 and over with cardiovascular risk factors. They are non-invasive, painless, and take 60 - 90 minutes to complete. The results, are mailed directly to you, will help you and your doctor protect your health. Stroke, Vascular and Heart Rhythm Package for \$139.00. Call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners to schedule your appointment.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Catholics, age 14 and older, must refrain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent.

Also anyone ages 18 - 60 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means that you eat one regular sized meal and two smaller meals that do not equal the larger meal and do not eat in between meals.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

As we begin our Lenten journey, you are invited to participate in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl. Throughout Lent we will pray, fast, learn and give as a way to reach out in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl packet and follow this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. Visit orb.crs.org for additional resources to use at home.

**RE HAPPENINGS**

No RE on March 9 due to Ash Wednesday.

The second session students will be performing a dramatic Stations of the Cross on March 23 at 7:30.

Television and film actor Frank Runyeon will bring his acclaimed performance of *The Gospel of John: The Book of Signs* to St. Joseph Church on Friday, March 18 at 7:30 and on Saturday, March 19 at 8:00 he will shed light, in a humorous way, on the topic of the media's influence today in his speech *Hollywood vs. Faith*. Please make plans to join us.

Confirmation students should plan to attend the *Hollywood vs. Faith* talk, as it is part of their Confirmation requirements.

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.

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.

PRO-LIFE STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST

All students in grades 7-11 or their equivalent that are attending Catholic schools, Catholic religious formation, or Catholic homeschool in the Archdiocese of Omaha are eligible to participate in the 2011 Archdiocesan Student Pro-Life Essay Contest. Cash prizes will be given to the top three winners in each grade and the first place winners will compete against others in the state for additional awards and cash prizes. The contest begins January 22 and ends March 23, 2011. Registration forms, theme, and rules are available for download from the Respect Life Omaha Website .

TODAY'S READING

My friends, on this last Sunday before we begin the season of Lent, we will hear a challenging teaching from Jesus - that it is not good enough to simply listen to his words; we must act on them. As it says in our first reading, we are to take God's word into our hearts and souls so that we may live it.