

**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**

Monday, Mar. 14, Ladies' Guild, 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, Mar. 15 Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, Mar. 16, RE, 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY MARCH 19 5:00 P.M./**

Lectors: Kathy Long-Amy Green  
EME: Bill & Susan Smith-Connie Middleton  
Servers: Audrey Schram-Julia Cronican  
Greeters: Mike Patera-Joe Parr  
Music: Men's Choir-Mary Iverson

**SUNDAY MARCH 20 9:00 A.M.**

Lectors: Jamie Wenzl-Joe Boro  
EME: Ron Cacka-Ted Boro-Dorothy Foged  
Servers: Taylor Partusch-Tyler Matson  
Greeters: Ted Boro-Joe Boro  
Music: Bob Litz

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

March 5 & 6	\$ 3650.18
Home/Foreign Mission	\$ 25.00

**FISH FRY FRIDAY**

This Friday is Fish Fry Friday! Please join us for our wonderful fish fry dinner. The remaining dates are March 25 as well as April 8 and 15.

**WE STILL 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 begin with a mass at 9:00 a.m. That evening we will be having a parish dinner. We also will be praying a novena to St. Joseph as we approach his feast day on March 19.

**ST. JOSEPH DINNER SIGN-UP**

There is still time to 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.

**LIFE LINE SCREENING**

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/](http://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 - JOURNEYING THROUGH THE DESERT**

As we enter the desert of Lent together, Jesus shows us that to live fully the life God has given us, we must obey His Commandments and follow the Holy Spirit. Just as we are called to care for the gift of our eternal life, we are also called to care for the gift of God's creation. Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl supports agriculture programs in Haiti and around the world that teach farmers effective and ecologically sensitive growing methods which allow them to get the most out of their land while preserving it for future generations.

### **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 .

### **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.



### **RE HAPPENINGS**

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 night, March 18 at 7:30 and on Saturday night, 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 on Saturday evening, as it is part of their Confirmation requirements.

The second grade Eucharist Activity is scheduled for April 10 from 10:00-12:00 in the church social hall.