

**From the
Pastor's Desk**

Dear Parishioners,
The theme for the liturgy for this fourth Sunday of Lent is that of going from blindness to sight as we hear in the gospel about how Jesus restores sight to the man who had been blind from birth. As St. John reports this event in his gospel, this conveys to us the historical happening of one of the miracles of Jesus, which can be understood at a symbolic level as well. Jesus desires to remove any spiritual blindness from us so that we can see clearly with the eyes of faith. In his Message for Lent, Pope Benedict XVI comments,

The Sunday of the man born blind presents Christ as the light of the world. The Gospel confronts each one of us with the question: "Do you believe in the Son of man?" "Lord, I believe!" (*Jn* 9: 35. 38), the man born blind joyfully exclaims, giving voice to all believers. The miracle of this healing is a sign that Christ wants not only to give us sight, but also open our interior vision, so that our faith may become ever deeper and we may recognize him as our only Savior. He illuminates all that is dark in life and leads men and women to live as "children of the light".

It is through the lens of faith that we are to "see" that Jesus is God who is with us, God who loves us so much that he died for us, and that nothing else matters as much as having a personal, living relationship with Jesus through his Catholic Church. Faith gives us the proper perspective of this life, this world: it is passing, not permanent. Therefore Jesus has to be the rock foundation of our lives because he leads us to the life that will never pass away, the

eternal life of Heaven. If we do not see this, then we are as good as blind. We will stumble through life never knowing the true meaning of life, never discovering true happiness. So, during this fourth week of Lent, we are challenged to let Jesus open our eyes to the reality that we need him as our Savior and to allow Jesus to remove our blind spots that keep us from realizing that our relationship with Christ and participation in the life of the Catholic Church has to be the number one priority of our lives.

Have a wonderful and blessed week.

God bless, Fr. Gutowski

**MASS
INTENTIONS**

APRIL 4 THRU APRIL 10

Monday	Bill Biernbaum
Tuesday	Con Kwapnioski
Wed. 8:00 a.m.	Catherine Heimes
6:00 p.m.	Hugo Belter
Thursday	William Roth
Friday	Michelle Heimes
Saturday	Ray Heimes
Sunday	People of St. Joseph

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR MOWING!

A sign-up sheet calendar has been placed on the table at the rear of the church for mowers to pick their mowing dates. The starting date is April 1 and the ending is Nov. 1. We may or may not need mowing so early or so late. Please sign up at least two people per week. The shed key is on a wooden key holder hanging on the side of the office mailboxes.