

**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, Edith Kantor

**ACTIVITIES IN THE PARISH**

Tuesday, April 5, No Bible Study

Wednesday, April 6, RE, 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY APRIL 9 5:00 P.M.**

Lectors: Harold Starks-Bob Kennedy  
 EME: Deacon Christensen-JoAnn Shepler-Julie Masters  
 Servers: Mollie Kohlbek-Cheyenne Goens  
 Greeters: Brandon Goens-Blake Goens  
 Music: Bob Litz-Mary Iverson

**SUNDAY APRIL 10 9:00 A.M.**

Lectors: Teresa Belter-Sharon Carrasco  
 EME: Ron Cacka-Claudia Burchard-Dorothy Foged  
 Serves: Taylor Partusch-Whitney Pratt  
 Greeters: Iro & Mary Johnson  
 Music: Junior Choir-Candy Connery

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

March 26 & 27	\$ 4342.06
Black & Indian Mission	\$ 221.00
Japan's Tsunami	\$ 1088.61

**FISH FRY**

Please join us for the remainder of our wonderful fish fry dinners. The remaining dates are April 8 and 15.

**PLATTEVIEW CELEBRATE SAFE AFTER PROM**

Saturday, April 9

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Platteview High School

Public Open House to preview the After Prom

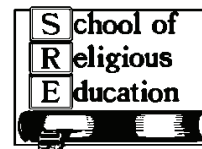
PartyHere's a chance to win a Tom Osborne/Bo Pelini autographed football! The Springfield Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest for any student in grades 3 through 6 who live in the South Sarpy School District #46 or who attend St. Joseph Catholic Church in Springfield. We hope everyone eligible will enter! Every entry received by November 16<sup>th</sup> will get a chance to win the football. The **judging and drawing** will be held at the Springfield Elementary School gym on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 p.m. Entry forms and 11x17 paper can be picked up at Springfield Elementary School, Westmont Elementary School, St. Joseph Church and Springfield Library.

**THANK YOU**

Ralph and Theresa Meister would like to thank all of the members of St. Joseph Parish family who sent us cards and shared their thoughts and prayers for our family in our time of the loss of my Mother. A special thanks to Father Matt for coming to West Point and celebrating the Funeral Mass at St. Mary's church, and also to our friends who came to the wake services and her Funeral Mass. It really made us feel proud of St. Joseph's Parish. Ralph and Theresa

**WANTED: YOUNG MEN**

The St. Joseph Knights of Columbus are always looking for good Catholic men over the age of 18 to join our council. As you have seen in our inserts in the bulletin the last couple of weeks we are very active not only in the local area but across the world. If you are new to the parish or have been a parish member forever and are interested in learning more about the Knights contact one of the officers or myself Ralph Meister Membership Director @ 402-253-8301. Thank you your Knights!

**RE HAPPENINGS**

Training for servers starts on April 6 at 7:30 in the church.

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

Reconciliation for grades 2-8 is on April 13.

We are doing something different this year in RE on the Wednesday of Holy Week (April 20.) We are having an Easter Outreach involving RE children and any other children that wish to join us. The evening will start with games and refreshments from 5:30-7, an Easter Egg Hunt provided by the Knights from 7-7:30, and a Mass from 7:30-8. More information will be sent home with the students as well as emails to the families. If you have any questions, please email Sherry at [shuntwork@msn.com](mailto:shuntwork@msn.com).

### **DEVELOPMENT OF AN UNBORN CHILD**

#### **Week 1**

Today I was conceived in my mother's womb. If you could see into my chromosomes, you could tell if I am a boy or a girl. I am very, very tiny, because my body has only one cell. As tiny as I am, my single-celled body contains DNA in my 46 human chromosomes and 20,000 to 25,000 protein-coding genes. The data in my DNA contains a lot of information – over 750 megabytes, enough information to fill a 33-volume encyclopedia, five times over. The amount of information contained in the cell that tells the cell what to do with this data is astronomical.

While my body has just one cell, scientists call me a "zygote." About two or three days after conception, my one celled-body will divide into two cells. Next, one of my two cells will divide again, so I will have three cells. Then, one of these three cells will divide, so I will have four cells. After that, all of my cells will split in two, so the number of my cells will increase from four, to eight, to sixteen, and so on. At the 16-cell stage, scientists will call me a "morula."

As a "morula," I am taking my first trip, traveling through one of my Mother's fallopian tubes, heading for the uterus, or womb, where there will be food and shelter. The womb will be my home for the next nine months, where I can safely grow and develop. About four to five days after conception, scientists will call me a "blastocyst."

**Week #2** – My body now has hundreds of cells inside a protective covering called the "zona pellucida," which

begins to attach, or implant, in my mother's womb. After I attach myself to the inside of my mother's womb, I won't be a "blastocyst" any more. I will be called an "embryo." My body is making a protective hormone so that my body and my mother's body can live together, even though our bodies have different chromosomes and genes.

### **OPERATION RICE BOWL - SEE AS GOD SEES**

In today's Gospel, Jesus recognizes the blind man as one who has been made in God's image and likeness. Jesus demonstrated God's goodness to all by healing the blind man. By giving to Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, we support health programs in Honduras and around the world, which continue the healing work of Jesus and demonstrate God's love for all of our human family.

### **NEW REVISED LENTEN SCHEDULE**

Please note that there is an insert in the bulletin with a newly revised schedule for Lent. There was some confusion over the Wednesday Mass times and we also changed the Easter Day masses to 8a.m. and 10 a.m. This conforms with prior years. EME's, Lectors, and Servers should adjust the times on their schedules.

### **SPRINGFIELD BLOOD DRIVE**

The Springfield Community Blood Drive will be Sunday April 10th, 9:00 A.M till 1:00 P.M. at the Springfield City Office. To signup online, go to : [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call Ralph at 402-253-8301. Sponsored by St. Joseph Knights of Columbus.