

**From the
Pastor's Desk**

Dear Parishioners,

Each week please note in our bulletin our parishioners who are sick and include them in your daily prayers. If ever a family member becomes seriously ill, is going to have surgery, or is hospitalized, please let me know. I know that hospitals are no longer allowed to contact parishes to let them know who has been admitted unless a patient explicitly requests such. I am happy to make hospital visitations. I want to be sure that anyone who is seriously ill has the opportunity to receive the sacraments, especially the Sacrament of the Sick, and, if needed, the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you know that you are going in for surgery, please request of me to administer these sacraments to you, if you so desire. Also, Sharon VanTassell and I are developing a plan for anytime that there is an emergency, such as someone being taken to Emergency at a hospital or who is in immediate danger of death, for me to be contacted to get to the person as soon as possible. With my duties to the Catholic Faith Formation Office, which means I am not always at the parish, I want to be contacted for emergencies. Next week, I hope to fill you in on what this procedure will be.

This coming Saturday, September 25, Candy Connery and I will be attending a convocation, "Preparing to Welcome the Roman Missal: Forward Together," that Archbishop Lucas has required all pastors to attend with at least one musician or liturgist from each parish. Since Candy coordinates our music and choirs, I asked her to attend this with me. This is the first of several events that the Archbishop's Worship Office will be offering in preparation for the implementation of the new English translation of the *Roman Missal*.

Here is the final FAQ on the new English translation:

What opportunities does the new *Missal* offer the Church? Implementing the new *Missal* will give the Church an opportunity to take a fresh look at its liturgical practice and to renew its celebration of the Sacred Liturgy, which is the "source and summit" of Christian life (Second Vatican Council, *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church [Lumen Gentium]*, no. 11). The faithful, encountering the Liturgy anew in the new text, can deepen their sharing in Christ's sacrifice, offering their lives to the Father as they worship "in Spirit and in truth" on 4:23).

To this end, as we prepare for the implementation of the new *Missal* we will be looking at how we can ourselves be renewed in the celebration of the Holy Mass. I will be offering ways that we can spiritually be renewed and I and the Parish Council are looking at other aspects of the Sacred Liturgy, such as how we might update the church sanctuary and building as a whole to facilitate our worship of our Lord according to current liturgical directives. As a plan for these things gets, I will be letting you know what we will be doing.

Finally, as we enter the season of fall this week, let us keep in our prayers all of those involved in agriculture, especially that there will be the kind of weather that is conducive to the harvesting of crops.

God Bless, Fr. Gutowski

RCIA

If you or someone whom you know is not Catholic, but is interested in becoming Catholic, whether he or she is not baptized or is already baptized in another Christian denomination, please have him or her contact Fr. Gutowski at the parish phone number or email him at mjgutowski@archomaha.org. If you are already Catholic and are interested in being a sponsor for someone considering entering the Catholic Church, please also contact Fr. Gutowski likewise. If there are enough who are interested, we can provide an RCIA program beginning this fall. Also, Fr. Gutowski is willing to provide individual instructions in our Catholic Faith as well.

**MASS
INTENTIONS**

SEPTEMBER 20 THRU SEPTEMBER 26

Monday	Ray Heimes
Tuesday	Priest's Intention
Wednesday	Hattie Alex
Thursday	Ray Heimes
Friday	Priest's Intention
Saturday	Edward Hayes
Sunday	People of St. Joseph

FAITH BITES

Another adult faith formation opportunity is a discussion of various topics of our Catholic faith that is led by Fr. Gutowski called "Faith Bites." This will be in church from 6:00 to 6:55 P.M. and repeat the same topic from 7:05 to 8:00 P.M. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, as the CCD calendar allows, on the following dates:

2010: September 8; October 13; October 27; November 10
 2011: January 12; January 26; and February 23.

Anyone in the parish is encouraged to attend, but it is a wonderful opportunity for the parents who bring their children for religious education on Wednesday evenings to stay and refresh themselves in the knowledge of our Catholic faith so as to be better teachers of the faith in the home. There is no need to sign up for this, but, if you choose to come, please put on the sheet provided in the entry of the church, e-mail Fr. Gutowski at mjgutowski@archomaha.org, or call the rectory and let him know which questions you have about the faith and which topics you would like him to address and discuss.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

There is still time to sign up for the Great Adventure Bible Timeline study. It consists of 24, one-and-a-half hour sessions, which center around viewing a DVD video of a presentation by Jeff Cavins, and then I will facilitate a discussion. There is no particular cost to participants, but free-will offerings will be accepted. You can invite family and friends from outside of the parish, Catholic or not, to participate also. It will meet on various Tuesdays in the social hall, from 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M., during the coming year on the following dates:

2010: September 21; September 28; October 12; October 19; October 26; November 9; November 16; November 23; November 30; December 14

2011: January 11; January 18; February 8; February 15; February 22; March 8; March 15; March 22; March 29; April 12; April 26; May 10; May 17; May 24

Please sign up for this Bible study by September 7 on the sheet that is provided on the table in the entry of

the church, e-mail Fr. Gutowski at mjgutowski@archomaha.org, or call the rectory.

Be a Blood Donor

Mark your calendars: The Springfield Community Blood drive, sponsored by the St. Joseph Knights of Columbus, will be on Saturday, September 25 from 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Springfield City Office. To make an appointment call 932-1436 and ask for Jeremy or Janet.

WAY TO GO!

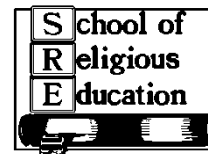
"Congratulations to Julia and Libby Cronican, Miriam, Faith and Isaiah Cacka, Emily Knott and Cole Kessler, winners of the Knights of Columbus Scholarships for Catholic Education"

JUNIOR CHOIR

The St. Joseph's Jr. Choir is open to all 5th - 8th graders who enjoy singing. It's a great way to serve your church and become familiar with the hymns of our faith.

We meet before Religious Ed classes from 6:15 - 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Our first mass will be October 10, so we will begin practices on Wed., Sept. 29.

This year's choir schedule will usually be the 2nd Sunday and 4th Saturday of the month. We hope to see lots of new faces on Sept. 29th at 6:15 p.m. Candy Connery



We need help from the music ministers! We would like to have music at the RE Masses that we have on some Wednesday nights. The calendar for RE that shows which nights we have Mass and their times is on the RE door and the RE bulletin board. If you are interested in playing, please contact Sherry at 332-3369 or email at shuntwork@msn.com.

There will be a Mass for grades 2-4 on September 22 at 6:05.

There will be a Confirmation Informational meeting on September 22 at 7:05 in the church and all Confirmation candidates and a parent need to attend.



ST. JOSPEH

SPRINGFIELD, NE.

ATTENTION USHERS

All ushers are asked to put the money from the collections into the bank bags after Mass. The bags can be found in the usher's closet. See Father Chuck to find out where to put the bags.

MINISTERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Attention Lectors, Servers and EME's
Your new schedules for the first quarter
of 2008 are on a table at the back of the
church. Please pick up your copy.**