

**From the  
Pastor's Desk**

Dear Parishioners,

Last week I promised that I would inform you of the process for contacting me and the parish for your various needs. Since I have to divide my time between the parish and the Catholic Faith Formation Office, obviously I am not always available at the parish. So, here are the procedures:

- **For any of your inquires about sacraments (such as for baptisms, weddings, etc.) and other parish business, please first call 402-253-2949 during the office hours** that Sharon Van Tassell or Sherry Huntwork are available to take calls. On Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays, these hours are 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. On Wednesdays and Thursdays, these hours are 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. For any messages that need to go to me, they will see that I receive these. If you cannot possibly call during these times that someone is in the parish office, then call 402-253-2889 and, if this number is not able to be answered, please leave a message when asked to do so.
- **If there is an emergency (such as someone is taken to the emergency room, someone is in danger of death, etc.), please call 402-253-2889 first.** If you are prompted to leave a message, you may do so, but **then call 402-689-1708.** Most often it will be Sharon who will answer this latter number and then she will work on contacting me. As I might be in a meeting or some event associated with my work in the Catholic Faith Formation Office, it could take me awhile to be able to respond, but if I cannot be contacted by phone, a text message will be sent to me. I will try my best to be able to attend to the emergency as quickly as is possible. If all else fails, and there is urgent need for a priest immediately, you may always try to contact one of the priests at nearby parishes.

I appreciate your patience anytime that I cannot immediately respond to your calls. I hope that this process will facilitate your being able to take care of business with the parish and to be able to reach me in times of emergency.

Again, as I mentioned last week, please let me know

when anyone is seriously ill, is going to have surgery, and/or is in the hospital for more than a brief stay. I do want to attend to those who need the sacrament of the sick and the other sacraments in these situations, and, especially when someone is seriously ill, I know that they already have been prepared sacramentally when someone is suffering from a terminal illness. There obviously are cases where this is not possible to do so, such as in the case of a serious accident, but, if I can attend to those who are seriously ill and give them the support of the sacraments during their illness, this is what I desire to be able to do.

Also, by the way, the chairs in the entry area of the church are from the estate of Msgr. Robert Gass, an archdiocesan priest who passed away last June. Knowing that I had been assigned with Msgr. Gass at Christ the King and was a friend of his, those taking care of his estate offered furniture from his house for use here at St. Joseph. They also gave to the parish for use in the rectory a number of various furniture items and artwork. Please remember the repose of Msgr. Gass' soul in your prayers as we are grateful for being blessed with these items from his estate.

Have a great week.

God bless,  
Father Gutowski

**MASS  
INTENTIONS**

**SEPTEMBER 27 THRU OCTOBER 3**

Monday	Hattie Alex
Tuesday	Bud Burchard
Wednesday	Paul Wenzl
Thursday	Ray Heimes
Friday	Priest's Intention
Saturday	Francis & Margaret Kennedy
Sunday	People of St. Joseph

**STEPHENS' CENTER NEWS** St. Joseph Parish again prepared and served dinner at the Stephen's Center. Approximately 88 men, women and children were served. Thanks to Claudia Burchard, Peggy Lindquist, Carol Rath and Gayle Hughes. In October the team will be organized by Bob & Suzanne Carmichael. St. Joseph Parish again prepared and served dinner at the Stephen's Center.

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### **RE HAPPENINGS**

**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](mailto:shuntwork@msn.com).**

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.

There will be Mass for grades 5-6 on October 6 at 7:10.

There will be NO RE or Christmas Play practice on October 20 due to school parent/teacher conferences.

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### **ANNUAL SOUP SUPPER**

The Ladies' Guild will hold their annual Soup Supper and Raffle on November. Please start making or acquiring items for the raffle. More information to follow. Thank you.

### **HELP THE LADIES' GUILD**

The Ladies' Guild is asking for empty cool whip containers and cottage cheese containers. The kitchen has run out and they are needed frequently to send leftovers home after funerals and for storage. Please put them in the kitchen. Thank you.

### **LIFE CHAIN**

The annual Life Chain is being organized for the corner of Highway 50 & Platteview Road. Please join us on Sunday, October 3rd from 2:00 - 3:00 pm. Please feel free to bring your headphones and listen to KGBI. You are welcome to bring a chair if needed. Signs will be available to hold. If you have any questions, please feel free to give Ron a call at 597-6706.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MASS & DINNER**

“ Saint Joseph’s Knights of Columbus are having a Mass and dinner for the Knights and their wives on October 5th at the Holy Family Shrine, Mass at 6:30, dinner to follow. If you are interested in joining the Knights this is an excellent opportunity to meet the Knights of the parish and find out what the Knights are about and what they do for the parish. Please notify Tim Ihry at [tihry@cox.net](mailto:tihry@cox.net) if you plan on attending”.

### **“KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOCCER CHALLENGE”**

**ATTENTION SOCCER PLAYERS AGES 10-14**  
All boys and girls age 10-14 (as of September 1) are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2010 Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge. The local competition will be held Saturday, September 25 at Noon at the Springfield Soccer Complex. In the event of inclement weather a rain date is set for Sunday, September 26 at 5:00 P. M. The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district and state competitions.

International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based in New Haven, CT, on scores from the state-level competitions.

All boys and girls 10 to 14 years-old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event.

**Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent.** For entry forms or additional information contact Larry Vacek 253-2462. Registration forms are also available on the SSAP web site [www.SSAP.org](http://www.SSAP.org).

