

**From the  
Pastor's Desk**

Dear Parishioners,

Beginning this weekend, a permanent deacon of the Archdiocese, Rev. Mr. David Christensen, will assist at a couple of Masses each month, either at the 5:00 P.M. Saturday Mass or the 9:00 A.M. Sunday Mass. He will be helping me with some of the matters that only a priest or deacon is allowed to do, such as changing and purifying the ciborium in the tabernacle, which should be done every couple of weeks (numerous consecrated particles of the host accumulate over time and with my gluten allergy I am not able to consume the amount that accumulates, so Archbishop Lucas asked me to have a deacon do this for me). I ask you, thus, to give Dave and his wife Linda a warm welcome when they are present here at St. Joseph with us. Please keep Dave and Linda in your prayers, specifically that Dave will be able to find employment since he lost his job several months ago.

With our nation having observed Veterans' Day this last week, we salute and ask God to bless all who have served our country in the Armed Forces, especially those who are members of our parish. Thank you for the contribution that you have made to our nation's well-being and security. Also, let us remember in our prayers all who are serving our country currently in the Armed Forces, especially praying for the safety of those who are currently deployed in dangerous assignments, such as those who are in Afghanistan and Iraq. I ask that you place the names of parishioners, family members, and anyone else you know who is currently serving in the Armed Forces on the sheets that have been placed on the tables in the entrance of the Church so that we as a parish know for whom in particular to offer prayers.

Finally, I and the parish council will soon be presenting to the parish the proposed plan for renovating the church sanctuary as well as a plan for other proximate and future needs in terms of facilities for the parish, especially such

a thing as the addition of classrooms, which are sorely needed for our religious education (CCD) program. So, continue to keep all of this in your prayers that we will accomplish this all for God's glory and the benefit of the spiritual good of all of us here at St. Joseph, especially for the education and formation of our children and youth in our magnificent Catholic Faith. Have a great week. God bless,  
Fr. Gutowski

**MASS  
INTENTIONS**

**NOV. 15 THRU NOV. 21**

Monday	Willard Bowers
Tuesday	Bob Washtak
Wednesday	Ray Heimes
Thursday	Conrad Kwapnioski
Friday	Priest's Intention
Saturday	Frank Kolar Sr.
Sunday	People of St. Joseph

**THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

The Knight of Columbus Council at St. Joseph once again is sponsoring our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for needy families and persons. Please place nonperishable food items in the barrels that are provided in the entry area of the Church. Thank you for your generosity in contributing items.

**COATS FOR KIDS**

The Springfield Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Winter Coat give away for needy children in the area. The coats are new and range in sizes 8-18 for Boys and 6-17 for Girls. There is a limited number available and will be distributed on First come bases. This is a totally Confidential project. Call: 707-8426 or contact the Elementary Counselor at Springfield Elem. School or Westmont School.

**FROM THE LADIES' GUILD:**

*POTLUCK DINNER - The Ladies Guild and Knights of Columbus Potluck will be on December 5 at 6:30 p.m. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. Ham, turkey, dressing, potatoes and gravy will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert.*

*THANK YOU - Thank you for all the donations, food, and service hours that were provided for the Soup Supper. The Ladies' Guild could not have a successful fundraiser without your help!*

*HEARTLAND FAMILY SERVICE - Heartland Family Services is an organization located in Papillion that helps families with a variety of needs. Barrels are located in the back of the church for collecting donations. Items needed: clothing, toiletries, diapers, dishes, etc.*

**THE WORD AMONG US - ADVENT**

With Advent soon starting up, please take a few minutes a day, maybe five minutes, and use The Word Among Us (or Five Minutes with the Word) to grow closer to the Lord before Christmas. Spending just a few minutes a day reading The Word Among Us (or Five Minutes with the Word) magazine will dramatically change your experience during Advent from one of commercialization to spiritual openness. Copies are provided by the parish and are located on the tables at the church exits. Please pick one up for your family and start a new Christmas tradition!

**DEVELOPMENT OF AN UNBORN****BABY**

Week 34— When I move my foot or my hand, Mom can feel it, and sometimes Dad can even see a bump move across Mom's tummy. That's my foot making that bump!  
Week 35— I'm growing more and more hair and even my fingernails and toenails are getting longer! My lungs are also well developed

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

It is with great pleasure and pride that St. Joseph's Parish and Duchesne Academy recognize Emily Knott with highest honors for her outstanding academic achievement. Way to go, Emily!

**MOUNT MICHAEL OPEN HOUSE**

On Sunday, November 21, from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Mount Michael Benedictine School in Elkhorn will have its Open House for 5th - 8th grade students and high school transfer students. Yong men and their families are welcome to come and learn more about Mount Michael's college prep curriculum, extracurricular/athletic activities and its boarding/day programs. For information, call Mr. Eric Crawford, at 402-253-0946 or [ecrawford@mountmichael.org](mailto:ecrawford@mountmichael.org).

**TODAY'S READINGS**

Today's readings about the end of the world are sobering, and yet we do know that we will someday leave this earth. What do we want to do before that time? How do we want to be remembered? What do we want to leave behind? Let us pray for wisdom and confidence and the presence of mind to live each day as a precious gift.

**MUSIC MINISTERS**

Please plan to meet on Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. to plan our Advent Masses and schedule for Advent and Christmas.