

**PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE WEEK**

For the sick: Joyce Cockerill, Kathy Ewing, Pauline Washtek, Joseph Fibich, Robert Hamlicek, Tom Middleton, Helen Stepanek, Robert Weiler, Ray Heimes, Rita Hansen, Mitchell Warnke, Connie Middleton

**ACTIVITIES IN THE PARISH**

Wednesday, Dec. 22, No RE

Monday, Dec. 20, Communal Penance Service, 7 p.m.

**FRIDAY CHRISTMAS EVE 5:00 P.M.**

Lectors: Erin Patera-Harold Starks

EME: Mike & Kathy Dineen-Michelle Parr

Servers: Abbey Patera-Annie Parr

Greeters: Mike Patera-Mick Kreifels-Joe Kreifels-Paul Barta

Music: Junior Choir-Candy Connery

**CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS**

Lectors: Lindsay Long-Kathy Long

EME: Bill & Susan Smith-Karen Strasheim

Servers: Garrett Long-Tommy Dalton

Greeters: Steve Murphy-Terry Hughes

Music: Kathy Kaiser-Brenda Jones-Joanie Kolar

**CHRISTMAS DAY 9:00 A.M.**

Lectors: Amy Green-Becky Herman

EME: Mary Johnson-Dorothy Foged-Sophie Davey

Servers: Cheyenne Goens-Maddie Erhart

Greeters: Steve Murphy-Bob Iverson

Music: Men's Choir-Mary Iveson

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 26 9:00 A.M.**

Lectors: Jeff Manzer-Larry Vacek

EME: Leigh Ann Amerine-Debbie Vacek-Ron Cacka

Servers: Tommy Dalton-Taylor Partusch

Greeters: Dan Schram-Rod Jeck

Music:

**EME'S, LECTORS & SERVERS**

Please pick up your first quarter schedules from the table in the entryway. We appreciate not having to mail them.

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

December 11 & 12	\$ 2541.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 185.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 674.15
Christmas	\$ 25.00

**STEPHENS' CENTER**

There is a sign-up sheet in back of the church for volunteers for the Stephens' Center for 2011. We have 12 monthly chairpersons, but we need people to call on for help serving or making a dessert or other dishes that may be needed. Please be generous with your time for this worthy project. Questions? Call Carol Rath at 331-9010 or Gayle Hughes at 253-2919.

**FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITY**

As Father said in his column, if you are looking to make a donation to our building fund as well as receive a year-end tax benefit, please contact Father Matt. We will not close our 2010 books until January 9th, 2011.

**DEVELOPMENT OF AN UNBORN CHILD**

Week 39 – I weigh about seven pounds and I am about 21 inches long. Mom is getting ready for me to be born soon, and so am I! When I am ready, my body will release hormones to start my Mom's labor. Both of us can't wait for me to be born, but we have to, just a little while longer!  
 Week 40 – For 40 weeks I have been growing in my mother's womb, and last night I was born! Hello world! It's me!

**HELP WANTED**

JoAnn Ostarnsky has been keeping a scrapbook or we should say scrapbooks and history of St. Joseph Parish since its birth. She has put in countless hours doing a remarkable job. But as all good things must come to an end, JoAnn has turned in her books. We cannot possibly thank her enough for her time, energy and tenacity at getting the information she needed and doing such a wonderful job. Anyone may view the books as they are now in the church office. Is there someone who could carry on the job JoAnn worked so hard on for so long. If you have time, you qualify. We desperately need someone. If you (or a team) can help, please notify Fr.

Matt or Sharon. Thank you.

### **VFW PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Springfield VFW Post 9558 extends an invitation to join them for the monthly community breakfast. Held at the Legion Hall in Springfield, breakfast is served from 8:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. the last Sunday of the month from October through April. The cost is \$6.50 (\$5 for breakfast and a donation of \$1.50) for adults and kids aged 5 to 12 eat for \$3.00. The breakfast includes pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs, hash browns, ham and sausage (links and patties. Also included is coffee, orange juice and milk.

**Here'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.**