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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am

Weekdays Mon- Fri 6:30 am

Mon-Sat 7:30 am

Thurs 8:15 check school calendar

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday 4:00, 7:00, 8:00

in the Adoration Chapel

Saturdays 3:45 & 1/2 Hr before

Sun Masses *in church*

Sat 7 pm *in Adoration Chapel*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION

Wednesdays in Lent, 7 pm *in church*

EVENING PRAYER

Daily in Lent, 5:15 pm *in the Adoration Chapel*

Natural family planning information: 1-800-255-6226

Catholic Radio WKBH 1570 AM

Blessed Sacrament welcomes new parishioners at any time. Contact the rectory to make an appointment.

To arrange for a wedding, contact the rectory at least six months in advance.

To arrange for a baptism, contact the rectory for Baptismal class information.

Anointing of the Sick: Those who are seriously sick or have been ill for a long period of time should receive the Sacrament of the Sick and Holy Communion. Call the parish office to make arrangements.

If you are home-bound because of illness and would like to be visited, please call the parish office.

March 25, 2007

OFFERING FAMILIES

March 31/April 1

4:30 Kevin and Helen Roop & family

7:30 Ann Lounsbrough family

9:00 Nick and Kathy Nicks & family

10:30 Tim and Ahna Clason family

PETITION READERS Mar 31/Apr 1

4:30 Mary Roop

9:00 Jackie Gerke

10:30 Olivia Curti

BL. SAC. WEEK FOR MOBILE MEALS

April 16 - 22

March 25, 2007
5th Sunday in Lent

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
March 26 - April 1, 2007

On Wednesday morning early the word got passed around that a priest had died. Fr. Tom Abraham had been sickly for some time, but he was still pastor of a parish in the northern part of the diocese. He was far from the oldest of the pastors in the diocese. Pray for Fr. Abraham. He was a good man, a great priest, and a good friend.

This leads into the topic of a meeting at Holy Cross Center this past Thursday evening. All the parishes of the deanery were represented. Parish finance and pastoral councils along with parish staff members were present. Obviously it was heavy stuff that was before the house. The heavy stuff in summary was the lengthy presentation of a diocesan pastoral plan looking toward the year 2020 when the best guess is that we will have slightly more than 80 priests in the diocese. If that is alarming I hasten to add that number does not include priests who might come to us from other countries. Presently we have about 30 priests from other countries working in our diocese. We hope and pray that priests and bishops in foreign lands will continue to live the missionary spirit which prompts them to leave home and family to live and work among us. They are a very special blessing to our church and diocese.

Whatever becomes of the pastoral plan discussed this past Thursday one thing should certainly come from the heavy deliberations: a renewed effort to support in every way every young man or older who has thoughts about entering the seminary. In our day it takes courage and deep faith to make such a choice. Every one of us concerned about the future of the Church needs to pray daily that the Lord of the harvest will provide workers for the vineyard.

RCIA CORNER

The season of Lent is about turning away from sin and turning to God. This past week in our RCIA session we discussed how turning toward God and deepening our relationship with Him aids us in fulfilling the universal call to holiness. We are called to truly become what we are, adopted sons and daughters of God. Please continue to pray in a special way in the next few weeks for all those preparing to receive sacraments this Easter.

Mon, March 26 Annunciation

6:30 +Richard Trimble
7:30 +Arnold Meyers
Servers: Sam Scheidt, Chris Cavadini

Tues, March 27 Lenten Weekday

6:30 +Mary Virginia Drake
Server: Bill Arnold
7:30 +Lillian Wagner
Servers: Eliza Skemp, Calie Fuchs

Wed, March 28 Lenten Weekday

6:30 +Mary Jane Marx
Server: Jason Hutzler, Dave Allen
7:30 +Edward Landskron
Servers: Kristina Neve, Aly Steingart
5:15 Evening Prayer & Benediction
Server: Dan Bagniefski

Thurs, March 29 Lenten Weekday

6:30 +Robert Fleming
Server: Dan Skaff
7:30 +Lorraine Erickson
Servers: Nick Shankey, Simon Leslie
8:15 +Dr. H.H. Mueller
Servers: Lizzy Knothe, Anna Schuttenhelm

Fri, March 30 Lenten Weekday

6:30 **Special Intention**
Server: Pete Fiorini
7:30 +Dave, Mary & John Boland
Servers: Jacob Thesing, Riley Campbell

Sat, March 31 Lenten Weekday

7:30 **Intention of Patsy & Joe Gibbs**
Servers: Collin Schell, Sam Scheidt
4:30 +Joseph Ginter
Servers: Kate Riley, Erin Roop, Alexa Roubik

Sun, April 1 Palm Sunday

7:30 +Elaine Lee
Servers: Jason & Zach Hutzler, Colin Lounsbrough
9:00 **For the People of the Parish**
Servers: Peter Coppola, Joey Francksen, Josh Lenth, Riley Reinhart, Fritz Wiggert
10:30 +Edward Chow
Servers: Ryan Rademacher, Bobbie Reinhart, Charlie Soldner, Alex Bahr, Dan Chamberlain

Looking ahead: Sun, April 8

7:30 Carson Schneider, Matthew Brannon, Dan Bagniefski
9:00 Josh Alexander, Patrick Campbell, Casey Cooper, Mitchell Degenhardt, Mike Guggenbuehl
10:30 Michael Oney, Matt Coppola, David Linhart, Tim Clements, Joel Reinhart

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MASS

Mon Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38
Tues Num 21:4-9; John 8:21-30
Wed Dan 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42
Thurs Gen 17:3-9; John 8:51-59
Fri Jer 20:10-13; John 10:31-42
Sat Ezek 37:21-28; John 11:45-56
Sun Isaiah 50: 4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

Know someone who is very sick or needs prayers? Call the office so our ANGELS OF MERCY prayer group can be notified. Join us in praying for the sick and frail elderly.

AROUND THE PARISH

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to purchase flowers in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone, pick up a slip from the Narthex and drop it off with payment in the parish office or the collection basket, or just call the office at 782-2953. Lilies: \$14; hydrangeas: \$18.

Holy Week Services

Your help as usher, server, reader, Eucharistic Minister is needed. Call the office at 782-2953 to sign up.
Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00
Good Friday Services 12:15 & 2:00
Holy Saturday Easter Mass 8:30 pm

To prepare for the holiest of weeks
join us for church cleaning
Mon, Mar 26, 6:30 pm.
Bring your bucket & a friend.
Questions? Call Barb at 784-6974.

Young adult and singles group Meetings Mondays, 7:00

*The group is studying John Paul II's Theology of the Body.
For more information call John at 780-5328.*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday, April 15. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at noon; hourly rosary recited; confessions heard until 2:30. Divine Mercy Devotions begin at 2:45, followed by Benediction. St. James Parish.

Something very special for your Friday evenings

There are openings in our Adoration Chapel 9-10:00, 10-11:00, and 11-midnight on Fridays. What a great way to end the work week and begin a weekend! Call Lloyd and Florence Koenig to reserve your time, 782-3834. He's waiting for you. Stop in for a chat.

WELCOME

Irmgarde Drier

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1-10

Wednesday, March 28, 6:30-7:45

Students in grades 3 - 10 will have the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

PARISH SUPPORT

COLLECTIONS UPDATE July 1, 2006-June 30, 2007

Needed each week: \$17,400.00

Received 3/18 \$16,978.00

Updated Bible according to the USDA:

"Man does live on bran alone."

COMING UP

- Mar 26 Young adult & singles group, 7 pm
- Apr 1 Donut Sunday, hosted by Wed. 1:00 Faith Alive Study Group
- Apr 3 Baptism Class, 6:30
- Apr 9 Men's Club Meeting, 7 pm
- Apr 15 Mercy Sunday, Services at St. James Church
- Apr 22 First Communion, noon
- Apr 28,29 Anniversary Weekend
- Apr 29 Cornish Hen Dinner sponsored by Men's Club

MUSIC NOTES

FAMILY FOLK GROUP will sing at 9:00 Mass next Sunday. Warm-up at 8:45.

ADULT CHOIR will practice Thursday, 7-8:00, in the loft. The Choir will sing for Palm Sunday 10:30 Mass and the services of Holy Week, plus Easter Sunday at 10:30.

REST IN PEACE

Bill Craig, father of David

Kathleen Coady, mother of Joan Gazeley

Tracy Schneeberger

\$crip News

With the price of gas creeping up, be sure to use \$crip so a portion of your fortune spent on gas goes toward CCS tuition expenses.

SAVE FOR BEAUTY BAGS FOR NEW HORIZONS

Shampoo, combs, antiperspirant, disposable razors, toothpaste and brushes, soap, new washcloths. Drop off in the Narthex in the marked box. Thanks!

CONNECTING WITH THE BISHOP weekly radio show is hosted by Bishop Listeki. It can be heard on Relevant Radio on 1570 AM at 9:00 Fridays, noon on Saturdays, and 9:00 Sundays. Tune in.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS & BENEDICTION

Wednesdays, 7 pm during Lent

+Bishop Listecki, Dr. Pavela, and Dr. Ujda put on a great evening on the topic "Moral Issues in the Care of the Dying." They substituted for Dr. Diamond who could not leave Chicago because of a health problem. His stand-ins were outstanding. We pray the esteemed Dr. is well.

+It's always a joy to see people at prayer in our chapel.

+So very close but still so very much to be proud of. The Aquinas boys basketball team afforded all the satisfaction of a long and uninterrupted string of wins. You were great even when you hit a bump at the very end of the road. Rick, assistant coaches and players: Thank you for a great season.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING, March 19, 2007

Msgr. Hundt opening the meeting with a prayer. Present: Scott Doberstein, Steve Flottmeyer, Tom Kieffer, Marcia Kolaczowski, Jeff Reinhart, Mike Vanderploeg, Mike Watunya, and Susan Fukuda. Tom Kieffer reported that the official papers of acceptance have been sent to our Sister City in Tanzania. Discussion was begun on the possibility of starting a sister city relationship with Kerala, India. Marcia Kolaczowski reported on attending a meeting about "Wisdom," an Ecumenical effort for churches to work together. The Council's main discussion focused on the Lexicon for Pastoral Planning being initiated by the Diocese. All Council members will be attending an informational meeting on March 22 at the Diocesan Center. Msgr. Hundt spoke about the "We Belong to Christ" campaign that will be implemented here in the parish this August. The meeting ended with a blessing by Msgr. Hundt.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER FOR PEACE will be held in the Marian Chapel of the Cathedral Tues, March 27, 7:00. Led by Fr. Gorman of the Cathedral, Ft. Patrick Augustine of Christ Episcopal church, and Pastor Kent Johnson of English Lutheran.

LENTEN ORGAN RECITAL March 25, 3 pm, Christ Episcopal church, 9th and Main. Mary Larson, organist.

SMELT FRY at St. Joseph Ridge Parish Fri, Mar 30, beginning at 4pm. Carryouts available.

CHICKEN-QUE by the KCs on Palm Sunday to benefit seminarians. 1/2 chicken, all the fixings, bake sale, carry-outs. \$7.00; children under as \$4.00 at the door. Mark your calendar.

ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS Please join us Mon evening, April 2, to pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and marriage. It is held in the Crypt Chapel of the Diocesan Center, 7-8:00. All ages are welcome.

DO SOMETHING NICE FOR YOUR SOUL during Lent. Join Fr. Sam Martin on the Saturdays of Lent at 9:30 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. His conferences will focus on the classic *THE SPIRITUAL LIFE* by Tanqueray, which you can order from the Bookstore at the Shrine. On March 31, a Spirituality Day will provide time for Confession, conferences on Examination of Conscience, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction, lunch. Cost: \$15. Reserve seating only. Call 782-5440. The Marian Catechists are especially encouraged to attend.

ADOPTION INFORMATION meeting, sponsored by Catholic Charities, will be held Tues, March 27, 6:00, South Community Public Library, 1307 South 16th St. Topics: options for adoption, length of time involved, fees, agency infant program, and international adoption programs. For more information or to make a reservation call Rhea Newman at 782-0710, ext 210, or 608-769-1493.

MINIATURE REPLICA OF POPE JOHN PAUL II memorial sculpture by Timothy Schmalz can be seen in the parish office. Copies may be purchased. April 2 is the anniversary of the Holy Father's death. Sculpture cost: \$40.

MOTORCOACH TOUR OF WASHINGTON DC, sponsored by the Catholic Order of Foresters, April 17-23. Details in the Parish Office.

ON-LINE AUCTION, sponsored by St. James Parish, will begin Sunday, March 25. To view or bid on items, go to www.sellitalonline.com, click on "auction," then click on "Charity Auctions." then scroll to "St. James the Less Catholic Church." Proceeds will help fund the remodeling of the church.

TAX-FREE TRANSFERS OF IRA FUNDS TO CHARITY are possible because of the Pension Protection Act of 2006. The transferred funds are not counted as taxable income; they do not count toward required minimum distributions; they are not subject to the rule limiting charitable deductions to 50% of AGI. Contact your financial advisor for more information.