

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 3, 2008

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Feb. 4	8:30 AM (SP)	+Nellie Carson
Tuesday	Feb. 5	8:30 AM (SP)	+John Rowan
Wednesday	Feb. 6	8:30 AM (SC) 7:00 PM (SP)	St. Catherine C.C.W. St. Patrick C.C.W.
Thursday	Feb. 7		NO MASS
Friday	Feb. 8	8:30 AM (SP)	+Harold & Ed Schmitt
Saturday	Feb. 9	5:00 PM (SP)	+Richard Beuch
Sunday	Feb. 10	8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	+Ardis Hoen Parishioners, Guests, Visitors

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday at noon. (notices can be mailed, faxed to 952-492-6290, or put in the black box on the side of the rectory) Save the counting ladies time: write your name & amount of donation on your Sunday envelope. Thank you! Going out of town? Won't be at mass next weekend? Call the parish office in advance and ask for a parish bulletin to be mailed to you. Keep up on parish events!

**READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2008
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**



First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19
Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR
FEBRUARY 6, 9 & 10, 2008**

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	2/6	Jan St. Aubin, Dan Cervenka, Everett & Joan Nelson
	2/9	Ron & Rosie Ryan, Dave Roach
	2/10	Don Pesta, Ted Jirik, Leo & Gloria Jacques
Lectors	2/6	Religious Education Children
	2/9	Annette Frawley
	2/10	Shelley Shepherd
Acolytes	2/6	Religious Education Children
	2/9	Joe & Tom Frawley, Andy Roach
	2/10	Kayla & Alex Shepherd, Lily Schulte
Ushers	2/6	Religious Education Children
	2/9	Melvin Gregory, Leonard Sticha
	2/10	Pat Puncochar, Norm Sticha
Greeters	2/10	Ted & Mary Jirik

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	2/6	Volunteers
	2/10	Connie Svoboda, Joel Vochoska, Gordy & Julie Giles
Lector	2/6	Volunteer
	2/10	Pat Schroeder
Acolytes	2/6	Volunteers
	2/10	Matt Novak, Cassie Timm
Cross Bearer	2/6	Volunteer
	2/10	Gordy Giles
Ushers	2/6	Volunteers
	2/10	Rick Sirek, Ken Svoboda
Greeters	2/10	Frank & Cathy Simons

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Feb. 6 6:45 PM Religious Education, grades 1-10.
Wed. Feb. 13 6:45 PM Religious Education, grades 1-10.
Wed. Feb. 20 6:45 PM Religious Education, grades 1-10.

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY: *Jeff & Harriet Paul, Laura Patch, Don & Elaine Pesta, Jesse Pexa, Jessika Leubner, Roger & Jackie Pomije, Loren & Mary Pumper, Jack & Amy Puncochar, Rob & Jodie Puncochar, Connie Putnam. Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

SAVE YOUR USED POSTAGE STAMPS: The C.C.W. is collecting used postage stamps. Proceeds will help to broadcast the word of God in South America. Stamps need to be trimmed leaving a 1/4 inch border of the envelope or they will not be able to peel them off properly. A box marked "Used Postage Stamps" will be left in the back of church or you may drop them off at the parish office during regular office hours.

ST. PATRICK FESTIVAL 2008: If you want to donate toys for the festival, please call Cathy Theis @ 461-2636.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection January 27, 2008

Received this week.....\$ 1,417.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,598.00

ST. CATHERINE



CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY: Joel & Deanna Vochoska, Bruce & Debbie Efta, Gordy & Julie Giles.

A CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL: If you are a visitor you are invited to sign the welcome book in the entry way and come and worship with us again.

ST. CATHERINE PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Mark your calendars, Sunday, February 10th, 9:00 AM-12:30 PM. Everyone is invited to lend a hand to make this a successful fund raiser for our parish. There is a sign-up sheet for helpers and flyers in the back of church. Contact Robert Grams or Sue Kempf @ 952-447-5426 for additional information.

NEW MARKET FOOD SHELF NEEDS OUR HELP: The Church of St. Nicholas in New Market Food Shelf has an urgent need for our help. The C.C.W. has set a basket in the back of church to collect non-perishable foods and personal and baby care items. A suggested list of items is posted by the basket.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”
Sunday Collection January 27, 2008

Received this week.....\$ 658.55
 Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,070.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES:

Tom Shea (son of Rosetta Shea), Peter Nytes, Benoit Stepka, Fr. Leo Huber, Debbie Pfannes (daughter of Joe & Nellie Carson), Dick Chodek, Sister Zaccheus Ryan, Joe Scheffler, Jim Lerschen, Fred Cross (father of Dan Cross), Darlene Delaney (aunt of Dan Cross), Lisa Baker (cousin of Dan Cross), Robert Lonergan (father of Vickie Cross), Gloria Wagner Joe Carson, Jerry & Audrey Dickie, David St. Aubin (brother of Doug St. Aubin), Stanley Moravec, Florence Jesberg.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL: Thank you to those who returned pledge slips for the Annual Catholic Appeal today. If you were unable to return yours, please take the time to prayerfully respond and bring your pledge slip to mass next weekend. Your response is needed and greatly appreciated!

LENTEN SCRIPTURE STUDY: The **Book of Revelation Bible Study** will meet at 7:00 PM on Thursday evening in the St. Patrick Social Hall.

ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE PRAYER LINE:

If you would like to join the prayer line please call Mary Jirik @ 758-3791 or Laura Ryan @ 758-2413.

VOCATION PRAYER CARD: The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women is asking us to pray for those on their journey to ordination/final vows. Please call the ACCW office @ 651-291-4545 or contact alliec@archspm.org for a Vocation Prayer Card.

**Blessed
 are the
 peacemakers**



Jan. 25, 2008 Message from Our Lady of Medjugorje:
 “Dear Children! With the time of Lent, you are approaching a time of grace. Your heart is like ploughed soil and it is ready to receive the fruit which will grow into what is good. You, little children, are free to choose good or evil. Therefore, I call you to pray and fast. Plant joy and the fruit of joy will grow in your hearts for your good, and others will see it and receive it through your life. Renounce sin and choose eternal life. I am with you and intercede for you before my Son. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

WHY DO CATHOLICS PUT ASHES ON THEIR FOREHEADS?

Job’s contemporaries would have immediately recognized the meaning of some of his behaviors that seem strange to us today: tearing his cloak, shaving off his hair, prostrating himself on the ground, sitting amidst ashes (Jb 1:20-21; 2-8). Many ancient cultures interpreted all these actions as gestures of mourning. They were an exterior form of expression for an interior grief.

Sometimes the mourning ritual reflected sorrow over personal loss, as it did at first in Job’s case. He had just received terrible news about several calamities, including the sudden death of all his children (Jb 1:13-19).

At other times, these were gestures of remorse—that is, of sorrow over sin. In this case, the wearing of sackcloth and ashes in particular became a common ritual of penance before God and petition for his forgiveness and help (Dn 9:3). Job later used ashes in this way as well, when he felt sorrow for questioning God and decided to “repent in dust and ashes” (Jb 42:6).

The Catholic Church maintains a token of this moving ancient custom as an element of the rite for Ash Wednesday. On this day, the first day of the penitential season of Lent Catholics express remorse for their sins. The blessed palm branches used in the festive Palm (or Passion) Sunday procession of the year before have been dried and burned, and the ashes are then blessed. Joy gives way to sorrow, as the priest imposes the ashes on each penitent’s forehead—a form of sacramental.

Why are ashes such an appropriate expression of penance? Because they are “dirty.” They humble us by reminding us that however proud we may be of ourselves, our accomplishments, and our possessions, in the end, we are dirt, and to dirt we shall return (Gn 3:19). At the same time, having dirty faces reminds us that sin stains us, and we need to be cleansed of it through God’s grace (Ps 51:3-5, 11-12).

LENTEN REGULATIONS

The Christian faithful are to do penance through prayer, fasting, abstinence, and by exercising works of piety and charity. All Fridays through the year, and especially during Lent, are penitential days.

ABSTINENCE

All who have reached their 14th birthday are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays during Lent.

FASTING

All those who are 18 or older, until their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Only one full meal is allowed on days of fast. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one’s need: but, together, they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. The obligation does not apply to those whose health or ability to work would be affected seriously. People in doubt about fast or abstinence should consult a parish priest or confessor.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Married Couples Retreat, Feb. 8-10 at Franciscan Retreats in Prior Lake. For more information, call 952-447-2182.

World Wide Marriage Encounter, Feb. 8-10 at Kings House Retreat Center in Buffalo. For more info, call 612-840-7630.

All You Can Eat Fish Fry, Fri. Feb. 15, 4:30-7:30 PM at the K.C. Hall in New Prague. \$10/adult, \$6/child, under 5 free.