

Mass Intentions

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., - NO MASS
Holy Thursday - 7:00 p.m. - Albert & Elizabeth Rysavy †
Good Friday - Service at 3:00 p.m.
Holy Saturday - NO MASS
EASTER SUNDAY - 9:30 a.m. - Hattie Jirele †

Sunday - April 5: 7:00 p.m. Annual Ham Bingo
Monday - April 6: Chrism Mass @ St. Joe's, Owatonna

Holy Thursday - 7:00 p.m.

Lec - David Miller
Em - Bob Prokopec
Cup - Marie Kubicek & Janet Miller
Servers - Michael Skala & Kendra Boecker
Gifts - Marie Kubicek & Mary Starman
Ushers - Chris Deml & Scott Kubicek
Singing - Combined Choir

Good Friday - 3:00 p.m.

Lec - Janet Miller & Marie Kubicek
EM - Bruce Kubicek
Servers - Al Rysavy & Eliot Rysavy
Ushers - Bob Prokopec & LeRoy Schroeder
Singing - Combined Choir

Easter Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

Lec - Clarence Horesji
EM - Bob Prokopec
Cup - Ed & Sharon Skala
Servers - Kelson Titus & Randi Kremer
Gifts - Dennis Sisler Family
Ushers - Todd Kubicek & Kevin Noble
Singing - Combined Choir

Members of the Combined Choir

Rehearsals will take place 1 hour before each service on Palm Sunday (on Saturday), Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Easter Sunday.

3-29-09- Adults-\$893, Youth - \$7.95,
Off - \$339, Bldg Fund - \$75

Tuesday, April 7th (note date) The Litomysl Pastoral Council will meet at 6:00 p.m. and the Litomysl Finance Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement.

Everyone is invited to the Annual Ham Bingo tomorrow Sunday, April 5, at 7:00 p.m. (note time) in the church basement. 20 games for \$3 with a free door prize. Pop & popcorn sold throughout the evening. Invite your friends & relatives. Men, please come at 6:45 p.m.

You are invited to the annual Spring Fair Dinner Sunday, April 19, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. Columbanus Church, Bl. Prairie. Menu- Pork Roast Dinner & all the trimmings - Pies & Cakes for dessert.
Quilt Raffle ~ Bake Sale ~ Silent Auction

SEWING of quilts Wednesday, April 8 at 9:00 a.m. with a potluck lunch at noon. Please come and join us!

From The Pastor ~~~~

As we enter this **holiest of weeks** we dedicate special time to prayer, celebration and reflection. I encourage you to attend our Triduum liturgies on Thursday night, Friday and Saturday as well as Easter Sunday. This is a wonderful way to get into the spirit of the season. Please pray for Sara Klecker from Holy Trinity who will be received into the Church.

I will be available for **Confessions** at Sacred Heart at the following special times: Tuesday evening from 7 p.m. until all are heard, Wednesday at 12 noon until all are heard, and Wednesday night at 7 p.m. until all are heard. Please note that there are no scheduled confessions after Thursday or on Saturday.

I am taking the opportunity of a lighter week to **get away during Easter Week** (from April 13 - 17). I will be going to New York to visit classmates there.

We continue to receive gifts and pledges toward our **Annual Diocesan Appeal**. To date we have reached \$1,695 or 34% of our goal from 15 people. Those who have not yet made a pledge or contribution should have received a mailing from the Diocese. Please respond as soon as possible so we can achieve our goal.

The "Fathers of the Church" who were ancient thinkers and writers provide us with some wonderful and imaginative reflections on the various rites and feasts of the Church. In the eighth century, Andrew of Crete wrote the following about **Palm Sunday**.

It is ourselves that we must spread under Christ's feet, not coats or lifeless branches or shoots of tree, matter which wastes away and delights the eye only for a few brief hours. But we have clothed ourselves with Christ's grace, with the whole Christ - "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ" - so let us spread ourselves like coats under his feet.

...Father John Sauer

During Holy Week God gathers us together to remember the events that constitute the paschal mystery of our Savior, Jesus Christ: his life, passio, death, and resurrection. Experience the mystery first-hand in Word, Sacrament, prayer, song and silence. On Holy Thursday, beginning at 7:00 p.m. we will enter the Triduum with an evening liturgy with Father Jon Moore. The evening liturgy will continue until 10:00 p.m. when one may stay to pray a while. On Good Friday at 3:00 p.m. with Deacon Pat Fagan, we will gather and listen to Scripture, including the Passion from the Gospel of John. On Easter Sunday at 9:30 a.m. liturgy (note time), baptismal promises will be renewed and the Paschal Candle will be lit to remind all that the risen Lord is the Light of the World. Everyone is most welcome to come to these Holy Week events.

School News:

**St. Isidore Giving Calendar winner –
April 5 – David Wunderlich, Owatonna**

St. Isidore School Board will meet Tuesday, April 7th
(note date) at 4:15 p.m. in the school library.

It's time to register for the 2009-10 school year! St. Isidore's Catholic School offers a strong academic program for preschool through 5th grade, small class sizes, and the opportunity to learn about the Catholic faith. St. Isidore's Preschool is on Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00-11:00 for 3 year olds, and Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9:00-11:30 for 4 year olds. St. Isidore's Kindergarten is all day, Monday/Wednesday/Fridays. Check out our website at www.stisidoreschool.webs.com, and then call 451-5876 for more information or to schedule a visit. You'll be glad you did!

St. Isidore School will be selling Butter Braids, Caramel Rolls, and World's Finest Chocolate candy bars from March 19th through April 15th. The Chocolate Bars are \$1 each. The Butter Braids & Caramel Rolls are \$10 each and will be ordered for delivery on April 22nd. Please be sure to stop in the back of church after mass to get some delicious goodies or call the school to place your order.

First Communicants receiving their First Communion on Saturday, April 18 are: Jalen Aaseth, Luke Kubicek, Caleb Kubista, Joe Larkin, Brett Motl, Makenzi Rhoades and Gabriel Rysavy. Please keep them in your prayers.

The first Festival Planning Meeting **will be Monday, April 20th at 7:00 p.m. All parishioners are welcome and all chairpeople are encouraged to attend. The Litomysl Summer Festival will be July 26th. All parishioners are needed to help that day.**

Ellendale Lions Club Pancake Breakfast (all you can eat) Sunday, April 19, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Ellendale Community Building.
\$6 – Four and under free

Sunday, April 19, River Bend Nature Center will host a Maple Syrup Pancake Brunch from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Pancake Brunch is an ideal family outing, and proceeds will benefit educational programs at River Bend. There will also be a 5K fun run and 1 mile walk on River Bend trails. For more info, including costs for the brunch and run, please call 507-332-7151 or visit www.rbnc.org

All-Teen Retreat~~

April 18-19 – (Saturday, 8:00 a.m. and Sunday 10:30 a.m.)
For grades 6-12 – Bring a Friend.
Cost - \$20 (includes food and lodging)
Sign up by April 8th
For more information or to sign up, please call Troy Anderson at 363-1701 or e-mail him at yorte21@hotmail.com or Leona Suchanek at 583-7591

Catholic Daughters Court #1180 will meet at Sacred Heart Parish Center Wednesday, April 15th at 7:00 p.m. starting with the rosary. During the meeting there will be reception of new members. Guests are welcome to meet, work and pray with dedicated group of Catholic Women.

Why Go to Church?

A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of the newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:
I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!

When you are DOWN to nothing... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!

Remember –
FAITH MAKES THINGS POSSIBLE, NOT EASY!