

**From the Pastor ~~**

**Congratulations** to the school staff for their successful Catholic Schools Week. I enjoyed seeing the pictures in the newspaper about their various activities. Well done!

In **staffing news**, we have placed an ad in anticipation of hiring a Pastoral Associate. With the departure of Deacon Adam we are in need of additional pastoral staff. This is the position that Deacons George Anderberg and Jim Hunt filled. I foresee this as a shared position between the parishes, which will allow both of parishes to improve our pastoral outreach. We will be finalizing the job description in the next few weeks. If you know of anyone who is interested in the position, please have him or her contact Paula at the parish office.

**Thanks** to those of you who have asked about my health. As I have said, "When the heart is doing what it is supposed to everything else falls into place." Aside from tiredness I feel quite well. I am faithfully taking my medication and am diligently trying to learn how to eat a low-sodium diet. I will be meeting with my doctors in the coming days and will give an update if there is any new development.

**Father Sauer**

On **Ash Wednesday**, February 25<sup>th</sup>, Father Sauer will offer **Mass at 7:30 p.m.**, and beginning at **6:00 p.m.** the 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> grade Faith Formation students will provide a **Soup Supper and Bake Sale** to benefit our sister parish in Mozambique, Africa. Everyone is invited!

**Mass Intentions**

**Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., – NO MASS**  
**Friday – 2:00 p.m. (school chapel) – Lillian Jackson †**  
**Saturday – 7:00 p.m. – Rest Home Residents**

**SATURDAY – 7:00 P.M.**

**Lec – Rose Ann Kubicek**  
**EM – Al Rysavy**  
**Cup – Ed & Sharon Skala**  
**Servers – Sara Noble & Randi Kremer**  
**Gifts – Joe Wondra Family**  
**Ushers – John Styndl & David Miller**  
**Singing – Combo**  
**Rosary – Marie Kubicek**

**February 1 – Adult - \$429, Off. - \$17**

**If you have not given to the Fall Collection yet, you may still do so by putting your donation in the Sunday Collection and mark it Fall Collection. Thank you so very much!**  
**Thanks to all who have been so generous in giving to this collection and to those who did the collecting.**

**School News:**

**The St. Isidore School Board** will meet on Thursday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 p.m. (note time) in the school library.

We wish to **thank everyone who** helped to make last Saturday's Bake Sale a huge success, generating \$156.50 for our sister parish in Mozambique, Africa. They will be using this money to help build their church.

Thanks also to Holy Trinity Parish for their wonderful support of St. Isidore School.

...St. Isidore Students and Staff

**Faith Formation** – The 5 year old through fifth grade students meet each Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. in St. Isidore School. The 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students meet each Wednesday from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. in the church basement. The 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grade students preparing for Confirmation meet each Wednesday from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the church basement. **Confirmation will be Friday, May 1 at Sacred Heart.** All students are encouraged to attend each week.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade First Holy Communion** will be Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

**SEWING of quilts Wednesday, February 11<sup>h</sup> at 9:00 a.m. with a potluck lunch at noon. We need material we can use for backs, tops, or in betweens please bring them anytime and put them in the basement. We had a group of 6 last week and we put together 36 quilts!! Please come and join us for this worthwhile quilting project. We sure did have a good potluck and also there was a lot of laughter and fun while working. Even if you can't stay all day come for a little while.**

**Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>** the Litomysl Pastoral Council will meet at 6:00 p.m. (note time) and the Litomysl Finance Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement.

**The Holy Trinity Catholic Aid Council #328** gave the following donations:

\$200 to St. Isidore School for the Giving Tree items  
\$100 to Seminarian Jason Kern  
\$50 to Caring and Sharing Hands  
\$50 to NET Ministries

Here are the two Thank You notes they received:

"Thank you for your \$50 gift in support of NET Ministries' work with Catholic young people. We are grateful for your partnership in challenging young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the church. The 91 NET Team members have led over 350 life-changing retreats in 35 dioceses. Please pray that God will strengthen them as they share the Gospel with another 40,000 young Catholics before summer. Our prayer for you is that our Lord will deepen in your heart and mind an awareness of the tremendous gift of love and mercy Christ offers us Have a Blessed 2009!" Signed: James A. Hastings, Director of Development

"Thank you Catholic Aid for your monetary donation to our classroom. It will be used to enhance our classroom learning: signed: Ms Benz and students

**Pancake Breakfast Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>** from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the First Lutheran Church of Hope. Price \$5 Adults, ages 5 and under free. Sponsored by Thrivent

**Catholic Daughters Court Owatonna #1180** will benefit from the Lenten Fish Dinner on Friday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Owatonna KC Hall, 820 South Elm. Tickets -\$8 and kids 6 and under are free. Fried fish (all you can eat) or Baked Fish Plate. Tickets will be available after Mass starting next weekend. Excellent hot food! Come and bring a friend.

**Sledding Party** \_ Sunday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2 – 5:30 p.m. We'll meet at the church parking lot at 2:00 p.m. and carpool to the Owatonna Country Club. After sledding, we'll come back to church for supper (\$1/person). Parents will need to sign a permission form for kids under 18, so please contact Troy Anderson if interested in attending at 363-1701, or e-mail [yorte21@hotmail.com](mailto:yorte21@hotmail.com)

**Afternoon of Art – will be held Sunday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** at BI Prairie High School. Featuring the 1 act play. Cost is \$5

Fr Tom Cook will give a talk entitled, **"In Search of St. Paul."** On Sunday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church. This is part of "The Call To Be Catholic" speakers series. Fr Cook, pastor of 3 parishes in the western part of our diocese, is well known to many in Owatonna as a very knowledgeable and dynamic speaker. His talk is very timely, since the pope has declared this year to be "the year of St. Paul," in celebration of St. Paul's 2000<sup>th</sup> birthday. Free will offering suggested.

**Blooming Prairie KC's** are holding their meeting and chili supper Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.. Wives are invited to come. There will be a guest speaker.

#### **St. Valentine's Day Spa**

Inviting all ladies ages 18-118 to be "LOVED & LIFTED" on Saturday, Feb. 14, 8:15 a.m. – noon at St. Edward's Church, Austin. \$15 includes breakfast, fellowship, speaker and chocolates.

Registration forms available online at [www.austincatholic.org](http://www.austincatholic.org)  
Register by Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, e-mail: [Jtanderson7@fmwildblue.com](mailto:Jtanderson7@fmwildblue.com)

#### **"ARE YOU HAPPY?"**

Jeff Cavins will come to Sacred Heart on February 15. He is recognized both nationally and internationally as an exciting public speaker who has a deep love for Jesus Christ. Over the past several years, Jeff has developed an extremely useful and practical interactive Bible Timeline study. This study has been offered to parishioners over the past several years here at Sacred Heart and St. Joseph's Parishes.

Please place this date and time on your 2009 calendar: February 15, Jeff Cavins 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church. Social Justice Valentine dinner to follow.

**The Advisory Board of Directors** of the Boys & Girls Club of Blooming Prairie invites all to attend our Annual February fundraising auction Saturday, February 21, at the Blooming Prairie Servicemen's Club beginning at 6:00 p.m.

#### **Owatonna-Waseca Area Council of Catholic Women**

The Area CCW will be holding their next meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart, Owatonna. Coffee will be served at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting will start at 9:00 a.m.

We are asking that at least one representative from each parish attend. There is some news that is a concern for our area. We would like input from each of the parishes.

Thank you and hope to see you there!

**T.E.C. Retreat – Adrian will host** Pathways TEC #52, Feb. 14-16<sup>th</sup>. The 3 day TEC retreat is open to people ages 16 and up. Adults are encouraged to attend. It begins on Friday morning & ends Sunday afternoon. The 3 days unfold an exciting presentation of the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ, as participants journey through DIE Day, RISE Day, and Go Day. contact Troy Anderson if interested in attending at 363-1701, or e-mail [yorte21@hotmail.com](mailto:yorte21@hotmail.com)

#### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**

Marriage is a journey! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your marriage and add some pizzazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Weekend may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. Upcoming weekends will be held Feb. 13-15, at Shalom Hill Retreat Center near Windom or March 13-15, in Marshall. For more information or to register contact Jeff & Rondi Kodet at 507-644-3523 or [jrek@redred.com](mailto:jrek@redred.com) or visit our website at [www.wwmeSection8.org](http://www.wwmeSection8.org)  
How about giving this to your spouse for Valentine's Day?

**Matthew Rysavy**, working with the musicians from our sister parish in Mozambique, has put together a CD recording of some of their liturgical music. The cost is \$8 with \$5 of that to be forwarded to benefit our sister parish. If you would like a CD contact Peggy Rysavy at church or call 451-2978.

**Children's envelopes are available on the table in the back of church. Encourage your children to use them each week.**

**Did you remember to pick up your Adult Envelopes from the back tables in church?**

**The Adult individual year end statements are also available on the table in the back of church.**

**Do you know someone who cannot attend Mass because of age, illness or infirmity? Please tell them about the Sunday Televised Mass, a service of the Diocese of Winon's Communications Office. The Mass may be seen on KTTC-TV, Channel 10 in Rochester at 9:00 a.m. or KEYC-TV, Channel 12 in Mankato at 7:30 a.m. Consult your local cable listings for cable channel numbers.**