

On Saturday, January 24th after the 7:00 p.m. Mass, Deacon Adam McMillian will be training those age 4th grade and up, who would like to become a Mass server.

Mass Intentions

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., – NO MASS
Friday – 2:00 p.m. Ed & Bernadine Klecker † (chapel)
Saturday –7:00 p.m.– Joe & Ag Deml †
Sunday – 10:30 a.m – George & Roman Renchin †

SATURDAY – 7:00 P.M.

Lec – Clarence Horejsi
EM – Bob Prokopec
Cup – Jill Kubicek
Servers – Hunter Henderson & Kara Kubista
Gifts – Randy & Lisa Borchert
Ushers – Bob Prokopec & Joe Wondra
Singing – Combo
Rosary – Marcella Jenó

SUNDAY – 10:30 A.M.

Lec – Rose Ann Kubicek
EM – Al Rysavy
Cup – Marie Kubicek & Janet Miller
Servers – Sara Noble & Kendra Boecker
Gifts – Tom Boecker Family
Ushers – Scott Kubicek & Gordy Spinler
Rosary – Don Kasper

January 11 – Adult - \$447, Off. - \$33, Decorating - \$95

School News:

On Saturday, January 31st at the 7:00 pm Mass St. Isidore School will have a bake sale to benefit our sister parish in Mozambique. Pick up some goodies in the back of church and help our friends in Mozambique build their church!

We received a check for \$416 this week from **Box Tops for Education!** Your clipping makes a difference – *thank you!* Any more Box Tops can be put in the back of church – we collect all year long. (same with Milk Moolas, Campbell's UPC codes, Kemps milk tops, etc.)

Learn about our sister parish in Mozambique!

Matthew Rysavy spent 2 years in Mozambique as a teacher with the Peace Corp, and he will be sharing his experiences on Thursday, Jan. 22nd at 8:30 a.m. in the Activity Room of St. Isidore School. Please come see photo slideshow, listen to the music of Africa, hear about life in Africa and understand better the needs of our sister parish. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring a friend!

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 6th, 7th & 8th grade students meet each Wednesday from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. in the church basement. The 9th & 10th 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.

From Your Pastor ~

What's going on with your pastor? Over the past couple of weeks I have been feeling short of breath when I would exert myself, even modestly. At night I would often gasp for breath and was unable to sleep. I went to the Owatonna Clinic a week and a half ago, received some medications and was working on a plan of testing. However, on Friday and Saturday the difficulty breathing became increasingly worse and I decided to go to the emergency room to get it checked out.

The initial thought was a blood clot on my lungs. My sister died of this at 16 so I was not about to take it lightly. The local team wished to do a specific test but my kidney function was not 100% so they did not want to risk it. They made the decision to send me to St. Mary's where the test could be done. On arrival the team began their procedures and soon began to focus on a condition I have had since I was young.

My heart puts in an extra beat, a kind of pre-beat. I do not feel it and it is something doctors have commented on since my 20s. My heart was adding a lot of these beats and some came in groups of 2 to 4. As the cardiology team continued the diagnosis it was learned that I was in congestive heart failure. My heart was enlarged, it was not pumping strongly enough and there was fluid around my heart. Further tests were done and I came home on Wednesday night with a bag full of medications.

I am feeling well now. My shortness of breath has abated and I am beginning to get energy back. I will have to modify my diet, attend to the way my body feels and be careful of the amount of fluids I drink but the doctors feel confident that they will be able to manage this. The first attempt will be to see if the heart will strengthen itself naturally with the help of the medicines.

Thanks to all of you for your prayers and for covering for me over the last several days. Thanks especially to Fr. Mountain and Fr. Kulas who covered Mass for me last weekend. Thanks to Deacon Adam, Paula and Teresa for covering and rearranging my schedule and to the Faith Formation leaders for working on getting priests to help with First Reconciliation. I am deeply grateful. I must say that I was never fearful, knowing I was in good hands and good prayers, but I also know that I need to be more careful and attentive to my health.

I am on a low sodium diet so if any of you have favorite recipes, send them my way.

...Fr John Sauer

SEWING will start on February 4th. More info next week.

A Faith Formation teacher is needed on Wednesday night 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. Call Terese Sisler.

Thank you to the Women's Council for the Christmas Basket of goodies.
...Don Kasper

Owatonna-Waseca Area Council of Catholic Women meetin has been canceled. It was scheduled for January

Afternoon of Art – will be held Sunday, Feb. 8th at 2:00 p.m.
at Blooming Prairie High School. Featuring the 1 act play.
Admission is \$5

Blooming Prairie KC News - Congratulations to Francis Jenó, George Svatos, Bobby Noble and Billy Noble for celebrating 50 years in the Blooming Prairie KC's.

The Litomysl Pastoral Council and the Litomysl Finance Council members are asked to attend a "Strategic Planning for the Future" meeting on Tuesday, January 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Deacon Justin Green from the Diocese will be the presenter and discussion will follow the presentation.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Pancake Breakfast here at Litomysl, Sunday, January 25th, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., put on by the Holy Trinity Catholic Aid Council #328, with religious education at St. Isidore's School receiving the proceeds. Cost is \$6 with children 5 and under free. The Catholic Aid will match funds up to \$1000.

There will be a 10:30 a.m. Mass here that Sunday, as it is the last Sunday of the month.

Matthew Rysavy, working with the musicians from our sister parish in Mozambique, has put together a CD recording of some of their liturgical music. They will be available at a cost of \$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.

"ARE YOU HAPPY?"

Jeff Cavins will come to Sacred Heart on February 15. He is recognized both nationally and interationally 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.

Gary Richards Benefit, Sunday, February 1st from 8:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the American Legion in New Richland, MN. There will be a Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction. Gary was diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease), as this time there is no cure. Gary, who is 44, has farmed his entire life in the New Richland area and due to the progression of the disease this was his last harvest.

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.

Bulletin News Deadline ~ Please have your bulletin news in by no later than Wednesday. Thank you.

If you are unable to get a bulletin each week the new bulletins are put inside the black mailbox on the west side of the house each week.

Did you remember to pick up your Adult Envelopes from the back tables in church? Please use them each week as you thank God for His Blessings that week. (Write the amount on the outside of the envelope.)