

***Mass Intentions***

**Mon., Tues., Thurs., Friday – NO MASS**  
**Wednesday – 11:30 a.m. – For Catholic Schools**  
**Saturday – 7:00 p.m. – Marie Pirkl †**

**SATURDAY – 7:00 P.M.**

**Lec – School Children**  
**EM – Bruce Kubicek**  
**Cup – Tom Wencil**  
**Servers – School Children**  
**Gifts – School Children**  
**Ushers – School Children**  
**Singing – School Children**  
**Rosary – Al Rysavy**

**January 18 – Adult - \$236, Off. - \$26**

**School News:**

**On Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>** 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!

**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 will start on February 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**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

**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.

**A Short Dictionary of Humor ~~**

\***Alarm Clock** – A small device used to wake up people who have no children  
\***Middle Age** – When a man is warned to slow down by his doctor instead of a policeman.  
\***Doctors** – God heals and the doctor collects the fee.

**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.)**

**Everyone is invited to the Pancake Breakfast in the church basement on this Sunday morning (Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>) serving 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., put on by the Holy Trinity Catholic Aid Council #328. Cost is \$6 with children 5 and under free. The Catholic Aid Association will match funds up to \$1000.**

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.

**"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.

**Gary Richards Benefit**, Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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)

**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)

**"Rachael mourns her children; she refuses to be consoled because her children are no more..." (Jeremiah 31:15)**

If you or a loved one have had an abortion, you may be feeling overwhelmed and burdened. Whatever the pain, you are not alone and there is hope. PROJECT RACHAEL can help. You will be provided with sensitive, confidential counseling to share your grief and receive support and healing. Call Catholic Charities at Owatonna – 455-2008.

## **St. Isidore's to celebrate Catholic Schools Week**

"Celebrate Service" is the theme for this year's Catholic Schools Week. Catholic School's Week at St. Isidore School of Litomysl will be celebrated January 25th through January 31st, 2009. It will be a time for teachers, students, and parents to celebrate their Catholic school, and a time to let the whole community know what a great place St. Isidore School is to learn. The mission of St. Isidore School is to educate students in the Catholic faith, to promote academic excellence and foster a life-long love for learning and service.

Anyone interested in enrolling their child at St. Isidore School - preschool through fifth grade - is welcome to call St. Isidore's School at 451-5876. Everyone is most welcome to come and join the Catholic Schools Week festivities.

On Sunday, January 25th, Catholic School's Week will begin with a Pancake Breakfast with the students helping. The menu includes: delicious pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham, milk, orange juice and coffee. The Breakfast, open to the public, will be served from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Holy Trinity Church basement. The Breakfast is sponsored by the Holy Trinity Catholic Aid Council #328 as a Matching Grant Fundraiser, with proceeds going to religious education at St. Isidore School. Everyone is welcome!

There is no school on Monday, as it is a teacher in-service day.

Tuesday is "Service and Teacher Appreciation Day". The students will enjoy games at the West Hills Gym and Running Track from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. From 10 a.m to 11 a.m. they will go to the Countryside Senior Living Community in Owatonna, where they will play board games with the residents, as they continue to keep in contact with them during the school year. Tuesday is also Pajama Day, and the students will watch a movie about Africa in the afternoon.

"Family Day" is the theme for Wednesday, where everyone will dress their best. All family members and friends are invited to join the students for Mass in church at 11:30 a.m. with the Rev. Wm. Kulas as the celebrant. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy lunch with the children in the church basement after Mass. At 12:45 p.m. the students will put on a Talent Show, and after the Talent Show they will play some games of chance in the church basement. Catholic Schools prepare each child to become happy and successful individuals with the help of parents, grandparents and friends, and the students hope to show them their appreciation, as they join them this day.

Thursday's theme is "Service Day" and school spirit day with everyone wearing their St. Isidore clothing. From 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. they will serve lunch at the Blooming Prairie Senior Place and they will also entertain the seniors. From 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. they will enjoy a tour of the Blooming Prairie Library, with stories and crafts included.

Friday is "Student Appreciation" Day. It is the day the students are shown how much they are appreciated for all of the hard work they do. Just as Catholic Schools appreciate the parents, grandparents, teachers, staff, and volunteers who make their school an excellent learning facility, they also appreciate the students. On Friday, students, faculty and adult chaperones will go to the Packer Arena in Austin and ice skate. After the skating they will be enjoying pizza and bowling at the Echo Lanes in Austin. Friday is also "Crazy Hair Day."

Saturday, January 31st, the students will be "Reaching out to Others" as they will do the liturgical roles for the 7 p.m. Mass at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. After Mass they will have a Bake Sale with the proceeds going to Holy Trinity's sister parish in Mozambique, Africa. The parish "Immaculate Conception" in Nhamatanda is in need of funds, so the students and faculty will have a three week fundraiser for them. The fundraiser will begin on Thursday, January 22nd when Matthew Rysavy will give a presentation, after being a teacher with the Peace Corps there in Africa.

The teachers at St. Isidore School are Ms. Ann Benz teaching the 3rd, 4th & 6th graders, Miss Erin Olson teaching the Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd graders, and Mrs. Tammy Harber teaching the preschoolers, with Mrs. Jenny Deml as the Director. With the dedication of St. Isidore's fine teachers, director, staff, and volunteers, the students learn the values of truth, compassion, hard work and respect for self and others.