



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

March 28, 2010

Pastoral Ponderings.....

HOLY WEEK BEGINS

Schedule of Masses

Monday	7:00 a.m.	+H. I. King Sr.
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	+Mercedes Volk
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	+Rose Goebel
	12:10 p.m.	+Bernard King

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday

Solemn Prayer Service - 7:00 a.m.
 Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 p.m. Int. Donna Ryman
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight

Good Friday

Solemn Prayer Service - 7:00 a.m.
 Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3:00 p.m.
 Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday

Solemn Prayer Service - 8:15 a.m. (no anointing Mass)
 The Easter Vigil Mass - 8:00 p.m. Int. JoAnn Hinman

Easter Sunday

Sunday	7:30 a.m.	For Our Parish
	9:30 a.m.	+Frank Mangan
	11:30 a.m.	LOTW

Fasting and Abstaining from meat: Good Friday, Apr. 2nd

Holy Week Confessions

Sunday, Mar. 28th Communal Penance Service at St. Mary's - 1:30 p.m.

Monday (Mar. 29th) and Tuesday (Mar. 30th)

12:00 - 1:00 p.m., 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., and 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday (Mar. 31st)

4:30 - 5:30 p.m., and after 6:00 pm Living Stations

Holy Thursday (Apr. 1st)

12:00 - 1:00 p.m., 4:00 - 5:00 and after Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday (Apr. 2nd)

12:00 - 1:00 p.m., and 4:00-5:00 p.m. and after 7:00 p.m. stations

Holy Saturday (Apr. 3rd) No confessions

LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

For the weekend of April 3rd and April 4th

Saturday	8:00 p.m.		Special Schedule
Sunday	7:30 am.	Paul Hoerner	See Schedule
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Cherie Heinz	See Schedule
Sunday	11:30 a.m.	Rory King	See Schedule

ALTAR SERVERS

For the weekend of April 3rd and April 4th

Saturday 8:00 p.m. Special Schedule

Sunday 7:30 a.m. Jodi/Andrew Artz, Austin Bierle

9:30 a.m. Kate/Nathan/Grace Allen

11:30 a.m. Dominic King, Brady Lacher, Mary Merxbauer

VAN DRIVER THIS WEEK

Sun., Apr. 4th - Dennis Goebel - 225-9636

Traveling Icon for Vocations.

Shirley Bahde will have the icon Mar. 28th - Apr. 3rd. Patty Raugutt will have the icon April 4th - 10th.



The week between Palm Sunday and Ester Sunday, Holy Week, is the most sacred time of year for Catholic Christians. During this special time, we enter into the passion of Christ - his crucifixion, death, and resurrection - through liturgical celebration and personal conversion. While the season of Lent is a very important time in the Church, it is helpful to remember that our Lenten practices (prayer, fasting, and almsgiving) are meant as preparation for the three days of the Triduum. The Second Vatican Council returned emphasis to the Triduum - Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday - as the center of our faith.

We read in the General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar, No. 18: "Christ redeemed us all and gave perfect glory to God principally through his paschal mystery: dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life. Therefore the Easter Triduum of the passion and resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire liturgical year."

The three days of the Triduum are counted as the Hebrews counted their days, from dusk to dusk. Lent officially ends and the Triduum begins at dusk on Holy Thursday and continues through dusk on Easter Sunday. Because we cannot separate Jesus' death from his resurrection, the Church teaches that the Triduum is really one celebration that lasts for three days. We do not spend all of the three days in church, of course, but at various times during these days we are called to gather together at church to celebrate and remember the saving action of Christ.

Ways to Celebrate Holy Week:

- 1 - Give yourself and family the gift of quiet time for prayer and reflection in church early in the morning or late at night, attending the various services if at all possible.
- 2 - Meditate on passages from scripture and listen for how God is calling you to change by making a good confession.
- 3 - Keep the crucifix in a prominent place in remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.
- 4- During Holy week, turn off your radio, TV, or computer and pray silently.
- 5- Make a special effort to donate to the rice bowl and pray for all those people for whom fasting is not a choice.

Fr. Ed Pierce

Note: Fasting/abstaining is required on Good Friday. Catholics are to take in only one full meal (smaller than a regular meal and substituting fish for meat) in solemn remembrance of our hunger for Christ and his everlasting sacrifice on the Cross.

GREETERS

For the weekend of Mar. 27th and Mar. 28th

Saturday 5:00 pm. Carmen Morrison, Kathy Lovaas, Pat Derzab

Sunday 7:30 am Chris/Cindy Mitchell, Dot/Don Meyer
Andy/Mary Raile

9:30am Darin/Tamera Kucker, Tom Werlinger, Irma Mork

11:30 am. Vickie Haiar, Kathy Schulz, Stacey Lewno

On **Good Friday**, our parish will take up the annual collection for the Holy Land. We ask you to be generous. Your financial contribution will support the works of the Catholic Community in the Middle East and to protect the Holy Places and Christian shrines.

PARISH OFFICES will be closed Good Friday and Easter Monday in observance of the Easter Holiday. Thank you and May God Bless all of you!

STEWARDSHIP

Last Week's Collection	\$11,216.09
Youth envelopes	\$49.50
CFSA Pledged	\$78,934.00
CFSA Paid	\$57,215.00
Geo-Thermal	\$467,581.35
Amount paid	\$410,817.68

So close but so far away. Our Geothermal projects are nearly done! This month we will make the final payment on our rectory geothermal. Funds for this have been reserved in our now depleted Sioux Falls Expansion Fund so our regular account is unaffected. **We still, however have a critical shortfall this month.** To meet our remaining obligations for March will take \$68,000.00 more than we have. This does not take into consideration any payments on our debt. We are praying through the intercession of Our Lady of Good Remedy that we will be able to meet this shortfall. Please take time and join us in our prayerful efforts that we will be blessed with the funds to meet our responsibilities.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, March 28

Breakfast will be served by the Youth Group after the 7:30/9:30/11:30 a.m. Masses.

Youth Groups: Grades 7-12 meet from 7-9 pm in the parish hall

Monday, March 29

Bible Study w/Deacon Kelley 5:30-6:30pm; parish hall

Tuesday, March 30

RCIA First Reconciliation at 6:30 pm. in the church

Wednesday, March 31

CCD/Living Stations at 6 pm. in the Church

Thursday, April 1

Band 8 will meet next week Apr. 8th due to Holy Thursday

Adult Faith Formation

RCIA—Mar. 31st – First Reconciliation (at the Communal Penance Service). Practice for Easter Vigil (Sponsors attend).

Living Stations of the Cross - will be Wednesday, March 31st at 6:00 pm in the church. Everyone is invited.

Divine Mercy Novena - Starting on Good Friday the Divine Mercy Novena will be said in the small chapel at 9pm everyday until Divine Mercy Sunday. (except the Easter Vigil – Novena will follow). All are welcome to join us.

Family Faith Formation – MAR. 28th

Theme: Jesus shows us how much He truly loves us.

Listen to the Word: As you hear this reading, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart? What lingers in your memory?

Question for Children: In your own words, what does the suffering and death of Christ mean to you?

Question for Youth: How can you spend time with each member of your family this week in a way that will communicate your love for them?

Question for Adults: In your own words, what does the suffering and death of Christ mean to you?

RONCALLI (this week)

Mon. Mar 29 Music in Our Schools Concert – 5:30 at RHS

Tues. Mar 30 Living Stations at RHS – 10:20 a.m..

Wed. Mar 31 RES Mass – 12:10 p.m. – Sacred Heart
Large Group Music Contest at NSU

Thu. Apr 1 RPS Mass – 12:10 p.m. – St. Mary's
Grades 7-12 No Uniform – Dress Up Day

Fri. Apr.2 NO School – Good Friday

Parishioners, anyone willing to donate items to the (K-6) **Roncalli School Carnival Silent Auction**, please contact Elizabeth Gors before Apr. 16th at 262-0227. Thank you from the Silent Auction Committee.

The Knights of Columbus are holding a membership drive the month of March. They will be present at the church entrances after all Masses the weekend of Mar. 27th & 28th. Please consider joining us in our charitable works.

Another reason to join the Knights of Columbus: It is an integral part of the world's largest and most dynamic Catholic fraternal organization and you will be united with more than 1.7 million brother Knights in over 13,000 local councils in the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Philippines, Poland, Central America and the Caribbean. Contact Scott at 229-5668 for membership.

SUPPORT AND HELP

Project Rachel is for women and men who suffer from the pain of previous abortions. Call 1-800-700-7867.

Natural Family Planning Classes: Learn more about a way of responsible parenthood that is supported by the Catholic Church. Call 226-2232 or Sacred Heart at 225-7065.

Annulments: A possible 2nd chance for marriage in the Catholic Church. For more info, call Sacred Heart 225-7065.

Catholic Family Services: Call 226-1304.

Marriage Encounter: to make a good marriage better!

Web site is www.wvme.org or call 362-0924.

Retrouvaille: Help for hurting marriages. Call 988-3763 or 988-3776 or 2021@retrouvaille.org for more information.

Pregnant? Alone? Afraid?: Call BIRTHRIGHT at 229-0258 or toll-free 1-800-550-4900.

INTER-PARISH

Family Rosary – Tue., Mar.30th at 7:00 pm—at St. Mary’s.

TOUR OF TABLES!! Sunday, April 25

It isn’t too late to become one of this year’s Hostesses for the Tour of Tables!!! This is a wonderful event and you don’t have to be in a Band to get involved. Hostesses will pick a theme to decorate their tables by and invite 5 other ladies to be her guests. The cost is \$10 a person. The money raised will be used to help in the continuing efforts to renovate the Sacred Heart Rectory. Some ladies will recruit a friend to help serve as a co-hostesses. Call Kala Heller to reserve your table. Carmen Meyer will be our featured speaker this year. Her talk is titled “Celebrating Life’s Challenges”.

Make plans to attend the 31st annual **Roncalli Ball** ‘A Night in Morocco’ on Saturday, March 27 at the Ramkota Hotel.

Don’t miss your chance to win a 4-day cruise to the Bahamas! You’ll be able to bid on a number of fantastic live and silent auction items & dance the night away to the music of Power Play.

Join us as we celebrate the Aberdeen Catholic School System. You will dine on worldly cuisine, discover luxurious treasures and there will be plenty of spirit, dancing and merriment! Call 226-2100 today to buy tickets – we will see you there!

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE THEOLOGY OF THE BODY: Holy Spirit Church, Sat. Apr. 24th – 9:30 am-3:30 pm. This presentation is for anyone searching for their ultimate purpose in life, as it addresses the most basic truths and questions of human existence. Christopher West reveals that the Church’s teaching on sexuality and marriage makes sense. It resonates with the deepest yearnings of the human heart. Registration \$40 per person \$75 per couple. Send to: Kathy Davis, Holy Spirit Church, 3601 Dudley Land, Sioux Falls, SD 57103. April. 15th.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon. Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1-3,13-14 Jn 12:1-11
Pray that we may model the faithful of St. Joseph
- Tue. Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-4a,5-6ab,15,17 Jn 13:21-33,36-38
Pray for our ill parishioners speedy Healing of mind, body and spirit.
- Wed: Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10,21-22,31,33-34 Mt 26:14-25
Pray that our youth may grow in their faith.
- Thur: Ex 12L1-8,11-14 Ps 116:12-13,15-16bc,17-18
1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15
Pray for married couples and their families.
- Fri. Is 52:13-53:12 Ps 31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25
Heb 4:14-16;5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19,42
Pray that all siblings may live in harmony & peace.
- Sat. Gn 1:1-2:2 Ps 104:1-2a,5-6,10,12-14,24,35c
Pray for the safety of those in service to our country.
- Sun. Act 10:34a,37-43 Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23
Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9
Pray for peace in the world and a Happy Easter.

As we continue our journey with **Operation Rice Bowl** this week, we need to **pray** that the Holy Spirit will give us the courage to recognize Christ’s Passion in the sufferings of the people around the world and even here in the United States who are poor. Our pangs of hunger brought on by **fasting** help us identify with those who experience hunger in our cities and countryside and throughout the world. Our **almsgiving** assists people in need here in the United States as well as in the poorest countries on this earth.

Spring Cleaning time is here...please remember to save your “good stuff” for the **Sacred Heart Rummage Sale** to be held on June 4th.

ENTHRONEMENT PACKETS are available in the parish office for a \$10 donation.

RONCALLI NEARLY NEW:

This week our large selection of Easter items is ½ price. Come in and check them out. We are open Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Sat from 12-4 p.m. at 220 N Main. Thank you for your support and donations.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Lent is a wonderful season to commit more time to prayer. A beautiful place is available in front of the Blessed Sacrament exposed 24/7 at Avera St. Luke’s Chapel. Open hours are: 11 p.m. Sundays, 7 a.m. Mondays, 5 p.m. Saturdays. Please call Theresa Russell 226-0838 or Mary Mohr 225-6001.

EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

We invite those who wish to make donations in honor of loved ones during the Easter season to please do so. Dedications may name one person, a couple, or family group. All names will be printed in the church bulletin. Members may be living or deceased. Please use the form below to send your gift to the parish office, or drop in the collection.

EASTER FLOWER DEDICATION

Enclosed is my gift of _____, to be used for the Easter flowers at Sacred Heart:

In memory of: _____

From: _____

With dedication to: _____

From: _____