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FEBRUARY 4, 2007 · FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We Believe in God the Father

Households of Faith Festival

February 2007

Sessions:

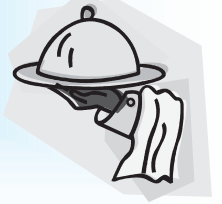
- Sun., February 4, from 12-2:30 PM
- Wed., February 7, from 6-8:30 PM

Schedule for Each Session:

Dinner
Community Activity
All Ages Learning Session
Age-Based Learning Session
Reflection Activity
Closing Prayer

In this session, participants will examine their concepts of God and their images of God: two things that shape their relationship with God and their understanding of the Christian life. We will consider a variety of images of God from the Old Testament and will reflect on the implications of believing in and completely loving the one God with all our being – heart, mind, and soul.

The meal this month will be
Turkey Casserole
Green Beans
Red Jello
Dessert



Question of the Week



Reading I: Here I am! Send me.

Reading II: The grace of God is with us.

Gospel: The apostles were called, and so are we.

Adult: When recently did God call you to do something that was difficult?

Children: What is a way that you can follow Jesus?



MASS INTENTIONS

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2/3	Gene Carstens	5:15 PM
2/4	Rita T. Claeys	8:00 AM
2/4	People of the Parish	10:30 AM
2/10	Bill & Dorothy Snyder	5:15 PM
2/11	People of the Parish	8:00 AM
2/11	Howard Cronkleton	10:30 AM

FINANCES

PARISH INCOME NEEDS:

Average Weekly Budget Needs\$ 7,161
 Received 1/28/07 -4,860
 *Under budget.....(2,301)

02-04-07 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings:

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3 - 8; I Corinthians 15:1 - 11; Luke 5:1 - 11



Spiritual "Net Working"

It is interesting the multiple ways the word "net" is used. There is the fishing net of today's Gospel. There is such a thing as a "safety net." And there is the net that many of us use every day, the "Internet." All of those "nets" imply some type of gathering up, whether collecting the fallen tightrope walker or weaving together a vast amount of information. Today's Gospel, with Jesus' final injunction to Simon about catching something other than fish, is often interpreted as a vocation message. It can be that. But it can also be seen as a call to all of us to help gather people into the community of faith.

Next Weekend's Scriptures:

Jeremiah 17:5 - 8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16 - 20; Luke 6: 17, 20 - 26

A Note From Fr. Ebel



Hello from San Antonio Texas, where I am participating in Ministry to Ministers Sabbatical Program. There are 24 participants in this program: half priests and brothers and the other half sisters. Since this is an international program, we have people from England, Ireland, Canada, Zambia, Nigeria, Congo, and Haiti, as well as others from Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, New Mexico, California, Texas, Wisconsin, Rhode Island, and Nebraska.

Since my arrival here, we have learned more about the meaning of sabbatical time. The word "sabbatical" comes from the word Sabbath, the seventh day of creation, when, according to Genesis, "God rested from all the work he had undertaken." Because our culture has largely lost the meaning of Sabbath rest, we all need to try to restore some sense of Sabbath rest in our own lives. So far, we have been involved in orientation to nutrition, physical fitness (I have chosen water aerobics), an introduction to the athletic complex at St. Mary's University and an introduction to the faith sharing and spiritual direction aspects of the program. We spent a day touring some of the original Spanish Franciscan missions, Mission San Jose, and the Cathedral of San Fernando. In our time off, I have also been to San Antonio's famous River Walk. Today, as I write (Mon., Jan. 29) we begin four days of a journaling workshop, which will be followed by a session on ecumenism and inter-religious dialog.

I continue to pray for all of you each day and ask that you do the same for me. Special thanks for all who are filling in for me in my absence, especially those preparing for the kick-off celebration and debt retirement campaign: Completing Our Parish Dream.

Help Fight Cancer through Daffodil Days

Every spring, people across the country join in the fight against cancer through participation in the American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days. A brochure in the office explains the bouquets, which start at \$10 for a bunch of daffodils in a vase. Place orders through Erika in the office until February 9. Flowers will be available for pick-up in the foyer March 10-11. This year, give the gift of hope and brighten someone's day with daffodils.



Help Needed for 4th and 5th Grade Lock-in on March 30

Any adults interested in helping with the 4th & 5th grade Lock-in (March 30) please contact Maggie. Responsibilities: spend the night, drive, cook & serve breakfast, serve snacks Friday night, and help with Friday night activities.

Nursery Volunteers for HoF

We need 1 adult and 2 teens for each session! Sign up on the kiosk or call Melissa Brimeyer (285-5288).

Christian Experience Weekend

Ladies, still thinking about attending CEW? We have a few spots left on the women's weekend (March 2-4). We'd love to see you join us. Mail your application today!

Men, our weekend (March 16-18) is beginning to fill, too. However, we have a few more spots open than the women.

Don't delay in mailing your application.

~The CEW Team



Other CEW News

If you are a member of the CEW community and would be willing to make a monetary or food donation, please visit the table outside the Great Hall after all Masses the weekends of Feb 10/11 and Feb 17/18 or contact the kitchen chairs: Kelly Greenleaf 285-8380, Darla Zrostlik 285-6064, or Bill Briggs 285-9724.

Sacramental Team Meeting

We'll meet on Monday, February 5, at 7 PM in the FF Office to prepare for the upcoming workshop.

Mid-Winter Bake Sale is Coming Up!



Don't forget about St. Ann's Altar and Rosary Guild's Mid-Winter Bake Sale in the foyer of the center on February 17 & 18.

In Case of Inclement Weather

If Mass is ever canceled due to inclement weather, we will broadcast this information on KWQC-TV6.

Workers and Equipment Needed

The Buildings and Grounds Committee needs equipment to complete a tree trimming project: wood chipper, chain saws, hand saws, wagons with sides, skid loader or utility tractor with bucket, trucks, trailers, and semis (for hauling). Project date: February 24, from 8 AM to 12 noon (weather permitting). If you can help, call Scott Youngbauer at (285-6335) or anyone from Building and Grounds.

5th & 6th Grade Project for Iraq

Until Feb. 25, 5th & 6th graders are collecting supplies to Iraq: band-aids, bandages, gauze pads, ace wraps, Tylenol, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc. Items can be put in the box by the faith formation office. Contacts: Julie Suhl 285-7475 or Maggie Liske 285-9417.



Pastoral Care

If you need pastoral services while Fr. Ebel is gone, please call the office, M-F: 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM.

Elementary HoF Team Meeting

We will meet on Monday, February 12, at 6:30 PM to plan the March *Households of Faith* session.

PreK/K Announcements

Book order forms are available from the Catholic Family Book Club. If you need forms, please call Pat (285-4389). Orders are due by February 11. Also, due to the Bishop's arrival, we will have our PreK/K session on February 18 instead of February 25.

Building Security

The building is now more secured than in the past. If you have plans to use the building after normal hours, speak with the secretary to determine which doors will be unlocked for your group.



Your Invitation is on the Way!!

Just a quick notice to let you know that we have been working very hard in the organizing of our big event scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 25! Your family will be receiving an invitation in the mail any day now to the "**Bishop Martin Amos Welcome and Kickoff Event**" beginning with 10:30 AM Mass and followed by Sunday brunch and program in our Great Hall. Please reserve this date on your calendar now!! It's going to be a great day as we welcome the new leader of our diocese and begin the final effort to complete our parish dream!

~ Father Stephen Ebel

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Cinnamon Rolls - will be on sale after all Masses next weekend, February 10 and 11. Proceeds go to our National Catholic Youth Conference Team.

Mission 2007 "Take Stock in Our Teens" Fundraiser - To help defray the costs of our teens going to New Orleans this summer, we are again selling stock for \$10 on each of our young people after all Masses through the end of March. There are currently 26 teens and adults signed up for this mission. We need your prayers and financial support to make this trip, and continue the work of rebuilding New Orleans. We are grateful for the generosity of our St. Ann's Family.

All-Night Skiing - Faith Lutheran Church in Eldridge has invited our high school teens to come along with them when they go All-Night Skiing at Sundown Mountain on February 9 and 10. You must complete their medical release form found at "faithlutheraneldridge.com" to participate. Call Ann at 285-4370 for more info.

High School Youth Group - will be meeting again on Wednesday, Feb. 14, from 7-8:30 PM. This will be our Mardi Gras Celebration, so be sure to be there!

TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) - is the Diocesan based retreat for Catholic juniors and seniors. This year it will be held in Muscatine at the Bishop Hayes School February 17 through February 19 (Saturday through Monday). TEC is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on your life and relationship with God, as well as a lot of fun meeting teens from the Diocese. See Ann for more info.

Confirmation Service Retreat #5 - There has been a change of date on this, our final Confirmation Service Retreat. It will not be March 3, as previously stated. Teens and sponsors signed up for this retreat should see Ann to reschedule.

Cleaning supplies/paper goods - The Confirmation Class will be collecting these items for Humility of Mary Housing. Please leave outside the Youth Ministry Office in the parish center.

Mission 2007 - Don't forget to sign up by Ann's office for your fundraising shift.

Looking ahead.....Important Dates for High School Youth Ministry

February 3 and 4 - Souper Bowl Sunday collection at all Masses

February 11 - 10:30 Mass - Rite of Enrollment for Confirmation Group

February 14 - Youth Group - 7-8:30 PM (Mardi Gras Celebration)

February 17, 18, and 19 - TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) Retreat for Juniors/Seniors

SACRAMENTAL NEWS

Congratulations and welcome to our **new candidates**: Doyle Cone and Jeremy Timmerman and to our **new catechumens**: Sean Cronkleton, Jeremy Gesling, Jason Gesling and Joshua Gesling. We look forward to your reception into the Church on Easter Vigil. ~The members of St. Ann's

The Sacramental Workshop "*Liturgy of the Eucharist*" for sacramental candidates (**First Communion**) and their parents will be on Sunday February 11, from 8 to 10 AM. All participants will gather for prayer in the Great Hall.

The Rite of Enrollment for the Confirmation Candidates will be at the 10:30 AM Mass next Sunday, February 11. Confirmation teens and their sponsors will be meeting at 9AM in the Day Chapel to prepare for this ritual. Parents are asked to meet in the Day Chapel at 10:15AM, before Mass.



The Party's Here

All Middle School youth are invited to a party!!! This is being offered by the Davenport Diocese Youth Ministers on the last Friday of the month. Each month will have a different theme and a different site. February's theme is *Valentine's Day*. This will be fun night of activities at the YMCA on February 23, from 8 to 10 PM. Dressing up is optional, but if you choose, you can wear something red for Valentine's Day.

Future dates:

- March 23 at Holy Family (wear something green for St. Patrick's Day)
- April 29 Jr High Youth Rally
- May 25 DJ dance night (dress to impress)

Costs are \$5.00 in advance or \$7.50 at the door.

For more information and permission slips see Maggie.

Middle School Winter Youth Night

This is part of *The Party's Here Youth Nights* above. Cost is \$5.00. Registrations due Feb 21 (limited space available). Get a group together to attend. Parents will drive to and from the "Y." Bring your swim suit, towel, water bottle, and a snack to share.

HoF "PLUS"

HoF "PLUS" will be on Sunday, February 25, from 9:00 to 10:15 AM in rooms #20 & # 21 (#18 for 5th & 6th graders). All elementary-aged children are encouraged to attend and to bring a friend. Special thanks to all the junior high leaders who make each session a success.

Health News from the Parish Nurse

Create a personalized family health history report from any computer with an Internet connection and up-to-date Web browser. Information you provide creates a printable family tree drawing and a chart of your family health history. Used in consultation with your healthcare professional, your health history can help you review your family's health history and develop disease prevention strategies. See your parish nurse for instructions and a worksheet in personalizing your health history or go to <https://familyhistory.hhs.gov>.

Bring your Palms

The Liturgy Committee asks that you bring your palms to church no later than February 18 to be used to create ashes for Ash Wednesday.

HoF Leaders Meeting on Monday, February 26

This meeting is advance preparation for the March *Households of Faith* session.

HoF and Diocese Curriculum Guidelines

Information showing how our Households of Faith model of Faith Formation meets the Diocese of Davenport's Curriculum Guidelines is available in the resource center.



**Weekly
"Home"work**

February 4, 2007

Read Psalm 103 (in its entirety) together as a family.

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits-
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love
and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long
as you live
so that your youth is renewed like
the eagle's.*

Psalm 103 is a priceless treasure. It has 4 main parts:

1. personal blessings from God (vs. 1-5)
2. universal blessings from God (vs. 6-14)
3. our dependence on God (vs. 15-18)
4. all creation praises God (vs. 19-22)

You may want a different person to read these parts.

Use this psalm as a guide for writing your family's own psalm, a prayer of praise to God. Write your psalm in 4 parts. Make sure each family member has added their ideas to the family psalm. Discuss how it feels to offer God praise and how you can use your family's psalm at home.

W e l c o m e

DON'T GET LOST! If you're new in our area or just have not taken the time to register, please fill in the form, drop it in the mail or the collection basket or bring it to the church office. **GOOD FEELING TO BELONG!**

If you are moving out of our parish or have a change of address, please fill in the form also, so we can keep our census listings accurate. Many thanks...

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____ PHONE: _____
 NEW _____ MOVING _____
 CHANGE OF ADDRESS: _____
 WELCOMING INFORMATION: _____
 PREFERRED CONTACT HOURS: _____
 MASS PREFERENCE TIME: _____