

ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MARCH 18, 2007 · FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

St. Ann's Staff

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Executive Committee

Lonnie Behnke..... Pastoral Council President
 Kelly Greenleaf Pastoral Council Vice-President
 Pastoral Council Secretary

Committee Chairs

Building and Grounds

Scott Youngbauer.....285-6335

Church Life/Family Life

Melissa Brimeyer.....285-5288

Faith Formation

Maggie Liske285-9417

Liturgy

Lorie Rathje285-8077

Social Action

Kurt Miller285-5681

Altar Server Coordinators

Kelly Greenleaf.....285-8380
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Parish Nurse

Kathy Kinmonth.....285-2935

Administrative Management Team

Loras Schafer.....285-4663 Judy Loussaert.....285-9269
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 Jerry Noel.....285-8162

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 8:30 AM—3:00 PM
 Bulletin Deadline Monday noon

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:15 PM
 Sunday..... 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Morning Prayer Schedule

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday.....8:30 AM

Reconciliation

Saturday4:30 PM to 5:00 PM

Sacraments

Preparation is needed for all celebrations: marriage and baptism. Please call the office for assistance.

Victim Assistance Coordinator to Report Abuse:

Alicia Owens
 Phone: 563/349-5002

Question of the Week



Reading I: They ate the land's produce.

Reading II: We are reconciled with God through Christ.

Gospel: The lost son came back home.

Adult: This week, how will you love someone you don't like?

Children: Who is the person you most need to say, "I'm sorry" to in your family?



MASS INTENTIONS

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3/17	Frances Proud	5:15 PM
3/18	Tom Cronkleton	8:00 AM
3/18	People of the Parish	10:30 AM
3/24	Gerry Saladino	5:15 PM
3/25	Bob Klostermann	8:00 AM
3/25	People of the Parish	10:30 AM

FINANCES

PARISH INCOME NEEDS:

Average Weekly Budget Needs\$ 7,161
 Received 3/11/07- \$5,316
 *Under budget..... (\$1,845)

Nursery Help Needed!

The Nursery is in need of volunteers for the 10:30 Mass. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Nursery if you can help. Thank you. We are also currently looking for volunteers for the nursery during our Passover Supper celebrations. We need an adult and 2 teens for each dinner. If you would be willing to help with 1 of these times please call Melissa Brimeyer (285-5288).

4th & 5th Grade Lock-in - March 30

Permission Forms due by March 18!

Check out the bulletin board on the kiosk for permission forms and information. Teen leaders and adult helpers are needed. Teens will be active as group leaders. They will participate in all activities. There will also be designated "down" time for teen leaders. Adults are needed to spend the night, drive to outside activity, cook & serve breakfast, serve snacks Friday night, and to help with Friday night activities. Permission forms for both 4th/5th grade students and also teen leaders are on the bulletin board. Also note the schedule for the night and specific needs for parents who are willing to help.

Annual Diocesan Appeal Monthly Payment

Our A.D.A. monthly payment of \$4,922 is now due for February. This monthly payment is based on a yearly goal of \$59,069. We are currently \$1,600 short. We need everyone's help to make these monthly payments, or we are forced to take the shortfall from our general operating fund, which is already being taxed to the limit. Please help out if you possibly can. Thank you.

Flowers for the Altar for Easter

Now is the time to submit your money for the Easter flowers memorial. Use the designated envelope. The names of your loved ones will be printed at Easter. Deadline is Palm Sunday (April 1).

03-18-07 Fourth Sunday in Lent

Today's Readings:

Joshua 5: 9a, 10 - 12; 2 Corinthians 5: 17 - 21; Luke 15: 1 - 3, 11 - 32

Our Loving Heavenly Father

Today's Gospel is one of the best known and most loved of all of the parables of Jesus. The story of "The Forgiving Father" or "The Prodigal Son" (depending on which name you want to use) is so much a part of our Christian milieu that even the youngest of us can share some aspect of the story if asked. What is often missed about the parable is that the listeners can be many of the characters. We can be the prodigal son. We can be the elder son. We can be the servant who answers to the father's commands. But regardless of our roles, God is always faithfully the loving father who forgives.

Next Weekend's Scriptures:

Isaiah 43: 16 - 21; Philippians 3: 8 - 14; John 8: 1 - 11

From the Building and Grounds (B&G) Commission...

Thanks to the following who gave their time, efforts, and equipment on Saturday March 10, to thin and trim out the West wind break system and clean up the damage from the recent ice storm: Chris Hoeger, Brian Murphy, Dave Sheridan, Mike Bolton, and Dan Urmie. Thanks also to Sandy Sheridan and Nancy Youngbauer for serving coffee and donuts.

The parish no longer has use for approximately 45 feet of 4" diameter PVC pipe. It is available to any parishioner, free of charge. Contact Scott Youngbauer (285-6335) if you are interested.

Volunteers are needed to help with the spring clean-up of St. Ann's grounds and cemetery on Saturday, April 7, from 8 AM to 12 noon, weather permitting. Please bring your own rakes, gloves, shovels, wheelbarrows, etc. If you have personal items in the cemetery that you don't want moved, disturbed, or removed, notify a member of the B&G Commission.

Invitation to the Chrism Mass

This year the Church of the Diocese of Davenport will gather to celebrate the Chrism Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Davenport on Tuesday, March 27, at 4:00 PM. All are invited to celebrate as Bishop Amos blesses and consecrates the holy oils to be used in parishes throughout the coming year, and as our priests renew their commitment to priestly ministry.

Upcoming Commission Meetings

Tuesday, March 20, 7:00 PM: Liturgy Commission
 Wednesday, March 21, 7:00 PM: Stewardship Commission

"Completing Our Parish Dream"

We are off to a great start for our capital campaign! As of Monday, March 12, we have secured :

21 pledges and gifts totaling \$159,870

(15 are increases over their 2002 commitment!!!)

Thank you very much for these "early" commitments! During the next several weeks, all families of our parish will be contacted to set up a 15 minute appointment from one of our nearly 40 volunteer families. Please agree to this short visit (as it best fits into your schedule) to answer your questions and hand-deliver a confidential envelope from Father Steve. Thank you for your prayerful consideration,

***Jim & Dorothy Beck, Lonnie & Chris Behnke,
 Joe & Peggy Ragona, Loras & Kathleen Schafer,
 Randy & Pat Siemsen, Jerry & Diana Vollbeer, Dave & Betty Zimmer
 General Chair Families***

Pastoral Care

If you need pastoral services while Fr. Ebel is gone, please call the office, M-F: 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM. We will put you in contact with the person who can serve your needs best.

Building Security

The building is now more secured than in the past. If you have plans to use the building after normal hours, call the secretary to determine how you will have access to the building.

St. Alphonsus Fish Fries

Friday nights in Lent, St. Alphonsus in Davenport will serve fish fries from 4-7 PM. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$3 for children.

New and Improved Website Coming Soon!

St. Ann's updated website is coming soon. Watch the bulletin for a launch date and web address.

Thank You for Your Generosity!

Thank you to all who contributed to the 5th & 6th graders service project to collect medical supplies to send to Iraq. We collected 3 large boxes of supplies and have shipped them to Iraq.

North Scott Food Pantry Needs for March

We need hot/cold cereal & pancake/baking mix.

Long Grove Lions Club Pancake Breakfast

The Breakfast will be March 18, from 7 - 11 AM at the Long Grove Civic Center. Pancakes, eggs, sausages, orange juice, coffee, and milk will be served.

Food Baskets for Easter

If you, or someone you know, could have a happier Easter by receiving an Easter food basket from the North Scott Food Pantry, please call (in confidence) Erika, our secretary, at 285-4596 and provide the name and address of the person to receive the basket. You do not need to identify yourself. If you would like to volunteer to help with the assembly and delivery of baskets, also call Erika and let her know.

Operation Rice Bowl

During Lent, families may bring their rice bowl donations weekly, placing them in the basket in the front of the church during the offertory.

Holy Week Choir Practice

A special practice will be held Tuesday, April 3, at 7 PM in the church. Our next Sunday practice is April 1.

Upcoming Protecting God's Children Sessions

5/6/07 Assumption H.S. - Davenport 3:00 PM
5/15/07 St. Joseph - Dewitt 6:30 PM
8/21/07 St. Joseph - Dewitt 6:30 PM

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Café John Lewis - A group of our Confirmation teens will be serving the evening meal on Sunday, April 1. We need your help in providing food for this outreach. Please sign up on the kiosk in the commons for food donations. All food should be delivered to the church kitchen by 2 PM on Sunday, April 1.

Mission 2007 "Take Stock in Our Teens" Fundraiser - To help defray the costs of our teens going to New Orleans this summer, we will again be 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. We will sell stock through the end of March.

High School Youth Group - will be meeting again on Wednesday, March 21, from 7-8:30 PM. Ninth, tenth and twelfth graders are reminded to bring their dried soup item for our service project.

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

Tuesday mornings, 7:10-7:40 AM - Breakfast Club at Faith Lutheran Church in Eldridge

March 21 - Youth Group 7-8:30 PM

April 1 - Confirmation Service Retreat #5 - 2:30 PM at St. Ann's - meal at Café John Lewis

May 19 - Confirmation at 5:15 PM Mass

May 20 - Baccalaureate Service for seniors and their families at North Scott High School - 7PM

May 27 - Graduation Liturgy - 10:30AM Mass

SACRAMENTAL NEWS

The **RCIA** First Rite of Enrollment (re-scheduled because of the weather on February 24) will take place March 18, at the 10:30 Mass. Please support our candidates as they continue their faith journey.

The **RCIA** Rite of Scrutiny (originally set for March 11 but rescheduled due to weather) will now take place on March 25 at the 10:30 Mass. Please continue to pray for our candidates.

Sacramental candidates for **First Holy Communion** and their sponsors will be having a Bread Baking Retreat at 2:30 PM on Saturday March 24. Parents are asked to arrive at 3:45 PM to join the candidates and sponsors and to plan to attend the 5:15 Mass. The Rite of Enrollment for the First Communion candidates will take place during the 5:15 Mass.

