

February 14th, 2010

Ash Wednesday Masses will be this Wednesday, February 17th, at 8 AM and 7 PM. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence from meat. Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

FYI - Weekly bulletins will now be available in the entryway to Father's sacristy on the West side of the church or at the parish office for those needing one.

The Parish Office will be **closed** on Monday, February 15th, in observance of the holiday.

Congratulations to these Seneca Cub Scouts: Gabriel Bishop, Hunter Feldkamp, Austin Gerety, Dominic Hammes, Cole Kramer, Garrett Randel, Caleb Schmelzle, Dalton Schmelzle, and Jonathan Stallbaumer who were awarded the "Light of Christ" medal. The receiving the "Parvuli Dei" medal were: Colten Hammes, Collin Feldkamp, Anthony Esslinger, Cameron Feldkamp, Matt Feldkamp, Trey Holthaus, and Bryant Stallbaumer. The medals were given to them at the 9 AM Mass last weekend.

Congratulations to Bob & Millie Bair, celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary this Sunday, at 11 AM Mass.

The **flower arrangement** in front of the main altar this weekend is dedicated in loving memory of Jim O'Connor, from Lana, Judd and Amy and their families; the flowers on the Blessed Virgin altar are from Bob & Millie Bair, in Thanksgiving, for their 50th Wedding Anniversary; and flowers on St. Joseph's altar are for Emily Anne Hammes, from Grandpa, Grandma & family.

In Memoriam - A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, February 13th, for Allen Eaton. Let us remember him and his loved ones in our prayers.

The **Children's Choir** will sing this Sunday at 9 AM Mass.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Everyone is invited to pray the **Chaplet of the Divine Mercy** each Thursday during Lent, at 7 PM, in the church. This devotion is based on the visions of the Polish nun and canonized saint Sr. Faustina Kowalska, known as the "Apostle of Mercy". The service consists of prayers said with the aid of a rosary. Consider making this one of your Lenten observances.

Hospitality Sunday - Please join us for donuts, juice, coffee, and conservation following the 7 & 9 AM Masses this Sunday in the church basement. The host this weekend are the Knights of Columbus. The host next Sunday, February 21st, is the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

FYI - Please bring Best Choice and Campbell's UPC codes, and Box Tops for Education points to the school office or put them in the marked drop boxes in church as soon as possible as they are sending in an order at the end of February. Please continue to save them for the school. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Sts. Peter & Paul Preschool is taking registrations for the 2010-11 school year. The following sessions will be offered: Monday/ Wednesday/Friday, 4-5 year olds, AM & PM sessions, Tuesday/Thursday, 3-4 year olds, AM session and possible PM session. **Scholarships are available.** Please call the school office, 336-2727, to register your child or for more information.

Sts. Peter & Paul Preschool and Kindergarten Screenings for 2010-2011 is Thursday, March 11th. Please call the school office, 336-2727, to schedule a screening time for your child.

St. Bede's Church, Kelly, annual **Pancake Breakfast** this Sunday, serving pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice and coffee from 7 AM 12:30 PM, in the church basement. Free Will Donation.

St. Dominic's Church, Holton, **Pre-Lenten Breakfast**, sponsored by their K of C, this Sunday serving pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee and juice, from 7 to 10:30 AM, in the church hall. Free Will Donation.

FYI - There will be **no** bus service, band or special services for SPPS students on Monday, February 15th.

St. Ann's Church, Hiawatha, 35th annual **Soup Day** Tuesday, February 16th, in the church basement.

Chili and chicken noodle soups, sandwiches, desserts and drinks will be served for lunch, 11 AM - 1:30 PM, and for supper, 5-7 PM. Raffle items. Free Will Offering.

SPPS **Talent Show** Tuesday, February 16th, beginning at 1 PM, in the auditorium. All parents and grandparents are welcome to attend.

SPPS Jr. High students will participate in a **Scholar Bowl**, Tuesday, February 16th, at Centralia, at 4 PM.

Adult Choir practice Tuesday, February 16th, at 7:30 PM, in church.

No CCD classes Wednesday, February 17th. All students are asked to attend the Ash Wednesday Mass, at 7 PM, with their parents.

HS Choir will sing Ash Wednesday, February 17th, at 7 PM. They will practice at 6 PM, in church, before Mass.

SPPS Jr. High students will participate in the **Scholar Bowl**, at Onaga, Thursday, February 18th, at 4 PM.

The Seneca Community **Blood Drive** is Friday, February 19th, from 8 AM to 2 PM, at the NM County Community Building. For an appt.

please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or online www.givebloodgivelife.org.

Contributions this Week: Parish Envelopes-\$12,011.70; School-\$3,416.50; Plate-\$435.32; Ash Wednesday-\$20.00; for a total of \$15,897.52. Your generous sharing of your treasure helps us meet our weekly budget of \$15,000. Thank you for accepting the financial responsibility for our Parish & School.

The yearly payment of \$18 for the **Leaven** is due:

Total amount due - \$10,422.00
Collected to date - \$ 4,440.00
(Still needed) - \$ 5,982.00

If you have not paid for your subscription, please make your payment as soon as possible. The parish must cover the expense for those that do not pay.

Is the Lord calling you to one hour of prayer

weekly? Adorers are needed for Saturday, 10-

11 AM, 11 AM-12 Noon, and 8-9 PM; Sunday, 1-2 PM;

and Monday, 1-2 PM. Please call Sue Haug, 336-2297, if willing to take an hour.

Needed - Lay ministers are needed to provide communion services at the nursing homes. If you would be available to help please call John & Diane, 336-3320.

Everyone is asked for their cooperation and help in **picking items up** in the pews when Mass has ended. *Thank you!*

FYI - Please note that Fr. Mike will be serving as a chaplain for a group traveling to Egypt, Jordan, and Israel from

February 6th to February 19th. In his absence, Fr. Ron Livojevich will be here from February 13th thru the 20th. In the event of an emergency, please call the office during business hours, 336-2128, or 336-2208 after office hours.

Thank you to Ken and Margaret Rethman for donating the new vacuum for use in the church.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date Change - The SPPS PTO meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, February, 22nd, at 7 PM, in the parish hall.

The annual **Men's Pancake Feed**, sponsored by the Bern United Methodist Church, will be held Wednesday, February 24th, from 4:57 to 7 PM. Free Will Offering.

Finance Council meeting Wednesday, February 24th, at 7 PM, in the Educational Room, located in the Jr. High Building.

The Jr. **High Youth Rally** for 6th - 8th grade is Sunday, February 28th, from 9 AM - 4 PM, at Prairie Star Ranch. This is a fun spirit-filled say, with music, prayer, speakers, activities and Mass. The cost is \$10 and registration will be taken thru Wednesday, February 17th. For more information or to register call Susan, 336-2685.

A Soup Day Benefit, sponsored by the Corning K of C, Centralia Volunteer Firefighters, Eisenbarth Plumbing, 1st Nat'l Bank of Centralia, Corning, Seneca, and Vermillion, is Sunday, February 28th, at the Corning Community Center, serving chili, chicken noodle, vegetable beef, and potato soups, ham sandwiches, relishes, desserts, coffee and tea, from 11 AM to 3 PM. If you would like to make a donation for a silent auction please contact, Jerry Feldkamp, 785-799-5165 or Sylvester Schmitz, 294-0908. Proceeds will go toward an education fund for the children of Jason and Laura Adams.

The Apostles of the Interior Life, along with Fr. Steve Sotiroff, will host a **Spiritual Pilgrimage** to Italy, June 11th- 21st, 2010. Cities to be visited include: Rome, Orvieto, Assisi, Siena, Florence, and Loreto. The cost is \$2,799.00, (double occupancy), which includes airfare, hotels, daily breakfast, dinner, and sightseeing tours. Registration and deposit is due by March 1st. For more info. or to book a reservation, contact Adriatic Pilgrimages, 800-262-1718, or at www.adriatictours.com.

Prayer to St. Valentine

O St. Valentine,

lover of Christ and of the Church,

we ask your intercession

**that we may learn how to love God above all things,
and to selflessly love one another.**

**O glorious St. Valentine, pray for us, that we too
may have the steadfast faith of the martyrs.**

"Happy Valentine's Day!"

