

January 24th, 2010

Catholic Schools Week activities will begin next Sunday, January 31st, at the 9 AM Mass. The 2010 Distinguished Graduate will be honored at this Mass. A variety of activities are planned for

Catholic Schools Week (January 31st to February 6th). More information will follow in next week's bulletin.

Thank you for your contribution to the Haiti relief effort. \$7,135.00 was collected last Sunday. Donations are still being accepted. If you would like to contribute, please place your donation in an envelope marked "Haiti Relief" and place it in the Sunday collection or mail it to the office. All donations will be given to the Catholic Relief Agency.

Contribution statements for 2009 will be mailed upon request. If you would like to receive your statement, please call the parish office at 336-2128.

This weekend the **flower arrangement** in front of the main altar is dedicated in memory of Bob Haverkamp, from his family, flowers on the St. Joseph's altar are in memory of Daniel Frehe, from his family, and flowers on the Blessed Virgin altar are in memory for Loretta Otting, from the Otting children.

Hospitality Sunday - Please join us for donuts, juice, coffee, and conversation following the 7 & 9 AM Masses this Sunday in the church basement. The hosts this weekend will be the CCD students and their parents. There will be no **Hospitality Sunday** next Sunday due to the St. Ann's Altar Society Pancake Breakfast.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Finance Council **meeting** is this Tuesday, January 26th, at 7 PM, in the Educational Room, located in the Jr. High Building.

Adult Choir **practice** Tuesday, January 26th, at 7:30 PM in church.

CCD classes are Wednesday, January 27th. K-8th grade will meet at 6:45 PM, in the parish hall. HS students begin at 7 PM. Monitors this week are Gary & DeeAnn Fangman and Steve & Kate Sperflage. **Parents, please inform your child's teacher if they are unable to attend class.**

The **Mass** in honor of Our Lady of Medjugorje is Wednesday, January, 27th, at Sacred Heart Church, 312 Freeman, Topeka. Rosary at 6:30 PM, with Mass at 7 PM, followed by Benediction. Confessions will be heard before Mass begins. Please contact Evelyn Hamilton, 785-640-3384, for more information.

SPPS **Basketball** is Thursday, January 28th, with NVMS, beginning at 4 PM in the SPPS gym.

Is the Lord calling you to one hour of prayer weekly? **Adorers needed** for Sunday, 1-2 PM; Friday, 8-9 AM; Saturday, 10-11 AM; 11 AM-12 noon; and 8-9 PM. Please call Sue Haug, 336-2297, to take an hour.

Contributions for this Week: Parish Envelopes - \$10,190.85; School - \$11,966.50; Plate - \$481.00; Cemetery - \$520.00; Christmas - \$5.00; First Offering - \$63.00; Solemnity of Mary - \$16.00; for a total of \$23,202.35. Your generous sharing of your treasure helps us meet our weekly budget of \$15,000.00. Thank you for accepting the financial responsibility for our Parish and School.

The yearly payment of \$18.00 for the **Leaven** is due:

Total amount due - \$10,422.00
Collected to date - \$ 4,350.00
(Still Needed) - \$ 6,072.00

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. Thank you.

If you donated a **poinsettia** for Christmas and would like to take it home, please pick it up following the 11 AM Mass.

Needed - the Mission Center is in need of clothes hangers. If you wish to donate some, please bring them to the Mission Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Ann's Altar Society annual **Pancake Breakfast** is Sunday, January 31st, in the parish hall. Serving is from 7 AM to 1 PM. If you wish to donate items, please call Shelly Schmelzle, 336-3352. Please leave a message if no one is available.

The **K of C Stag Feed** is Monday, February 1st, beginning at 6:30 PM, at the K of C Hall. If you have mountain oysters you want to donate, please contact Dennis Henry, 336-2217.

Camp Kateria/Tekakwitha registration begins on February 1st, (for 7th-12th grade), and February 8th (for 5th and 6th grade). This camp offers both recreational and spiritual experiences including: horseback riding, hiking, canoeing, Catholic prayer experiences, Bible studies, Mass, and many more activities. Campers that attend are always excited to return again! For registration forms or more information contact Susan Stallbaumer, 336-2685.

A Pillar's of Faith - Catechist Rally Workshop, for all who teach the faith, is Saturday, February 6th, at the Savior Pastoral Center, in Kansas City, KS, from 9 AM - 1 PM. The cost is \$15 per person. This workshop is for all individuals that teach religious education classes to any age group. Anyone interested in attending please call Susan Stallbaumer, 336-2685, by Monday February 1st.

St. Mary's Church, St. Benedict, **Soup - R - Bowl Sunday Lunch**, Sunday, February 7th, serving chili, chicken noodle, and vegetable beef soups, relishes, pie, coffee and tea, from 11 AM - 2 PM. Free Will Offering. *Come and enjoy!*

St. Ann Catholic Church, Hiawatha, 35th annual **Soup Day** is Tuesday February 16, in the church basement. Chili and chicken noodle soup, sandwiches, desserts and drinks will be served for lunch, from 11 AM - 1:30 PM, and for supper, 5 - 7 PM. Raffle items. Free Will Offering.

Feeling alone in your marriage? -Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue...or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriage. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the February program beginning with a weekend on February 26th-28th, please call 1-800-470-2230, or online at www.retrouvaille.org.

Each year the church celebrates the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**. This year we will celebrate this feast on February 2nd. It brings to our consciousness the truth that Simeon uttered to Mary and Joseph when the child Jesus was presented to God - Jesus is the "Light to the Nations." The church has a long-standing custom of blessing candles on this day. The day is sometimes referred to as *Candlemass Day*. We invite all families to attend the 7 AM Mass on Tuesday, February 2nd, and bring a candle. The candles will be blessed at this Mass. Candles may be placed on a table in the sanctuary. Please attach your name to the candle. The blessed candles should be placed in a safe place and be lit at special family times: meal, prayers, birthdays, etc. When we light the candle may it remind each of us that we belong to a family of believers and that we are called to witness to Jesus as "the Way, the Truth, and the Life."