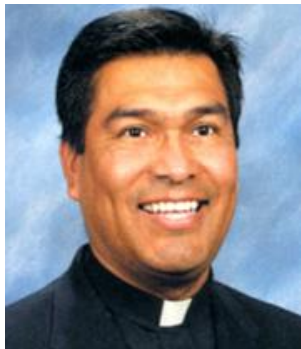


FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



“THIS IS MY CHOSEN SON; LISTEN TO HIM”

The gospel of Luke presents to us a beautiful “EPIPHANY”, which means a manifestation or revelation of God! With this revelation to St. Peter, St. John and St. James, God the Father has a message to all of us: **“This is my chosen Son; listen to him”**. To listen to God’s voice will bring us some suffering, because it implies a radical change for the goodness of the person and the community. To listen to Jesus implies the discovering of the Father’s will and it is an invitation to continue working for the Kingdom of love that the Lord Jesus Christ began many centuries ago.

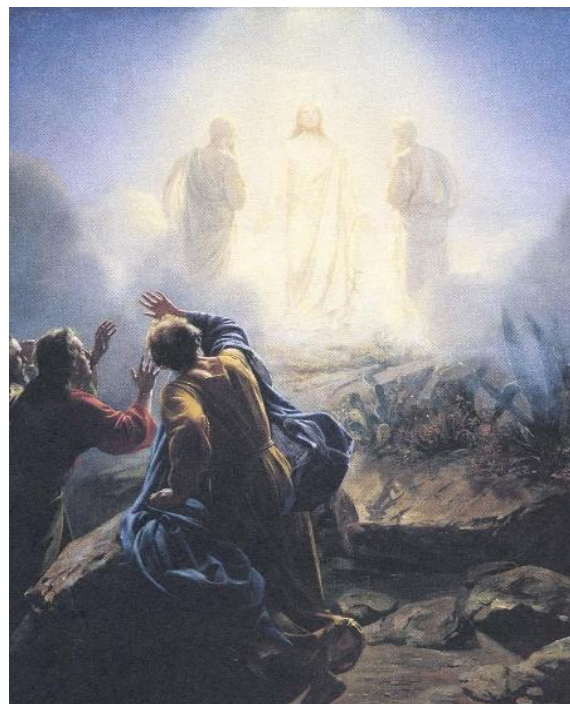
If we want to listen to Jesus and his message, it will be necessary to empty our hearts from all the bad feelings that cause damage in our lives. It is necessary to make room for God’s word and his promises of eternal life. In others words, it means: make space in our hearts and in our life to give God the opportunity to enter in and change our lives... **He can do it!**

“Listen to Him” implies also a spiritual attitude. It is necessary to keep internal and external silence to give ourselves the opportunity to listen to the Lovely Father that speaks to our hearts. We need to avoid all kind of “noises” that interrupt our communication with God. There, in the middle of silence, God will comfort us from all distress. He will heal us from all kinds of wounds that indifference and selfishness can cause.

All of us we are called to listen to the Lord Jesus Christ, because Jesus is the one who will reveal the Kingdom of true love to us. God the Father has a reason to ask us to listen to his beloved Son: our eternal salvation!

It is my hope that our participation in this Sunday Mass renews our strengths, our faith and our desires to become a better person and Christian. It is my prayer that through the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, all of us may become men and women that accept the gospel’s challenges to build the new civilization of love.

Fr. Daniel Robles-Carvajal



NEWS FROM OUR PARISH

FEBRUARY 27th-28st - THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT Liturgies This Week

Saturday	02/27	4:00 pm	People of Haiti
Sunday	02/28	9:30 am	Shannon & Andrew Litchy
		12:00 pm	
		6:00 pm	
Monday	03/01	8:00 am	No Mass
Tuesday	03/02	8:00 am	+Nina Lindsay
Wednesday	03/03	8:00 am	Blessings – Litchy Family
Thursday	03/04	8:00 am	
Friday	03/05	8:00 am	Special Intentions – Litchy Family
Saturday	03/06	4:00 pm	Bishop & All Priests
Sunday	03/07	9:30 am	
		12:30 pm	
		6:00 pm	

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

--Catholic Home Missions Collection

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

--Catholic Home Missions Collection

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

--Youth Group Meeting, 6:00 pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

--Soup and Stations, 6:00 pm – Choir

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

MONDAY, MARCH 8

--Parish Council Meeting, 6:00 pm

--Fr. Daniel to Mexico thru March 19

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

--Youth Group, 6:00 pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

--Soup and Stations, 6:00 pm – Fundraising

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

MARCH 6th/7th

4:00 pm: Lector: C. Bynum Ushers: L. Kellner, H. Pohl Server: S. Michael
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Terry, A. Griesemer, Judy Hulse, Jim Hulse **Mass Captain:** Otradovec

9:30 am: Lectors: S. Murphy, K. Berry
Ushers: T. Bowmaker, T. Murphy **Servers:** A. Murphy, M. Murphy **Eucharistic Ministers:** R. Hornback, K. Krudwig, K. Latham, E. Olson, J. Francka **Mass Captain:** Frey

SOUP AND STATIONS



On Friday evenings during Lent, we will again have our traditional "Soup and Stations." It is always nice to gather in fellowship for a light meal before entering the Church for the Stations of the Cross. The dinner will start at 6:00 pm followed at 7:00 pm by the Stations. Please plan on joining us during this time of Lent, we always have wonderful soups, breads, crackers, etc. The dates are: March 5 (Choir), March 12 (Fund(Fun)Raising), March 19 (Parish Council), and March 26 (Hispanic Committee).

OUR GIFT TO GOD FEBRUARY 21st/22nd, 2010

Envelopes: \$886.00 Plate: \$581.58
 Maintenance: \$105.00 Other Gifts: \$711.00
 Capital Campaign: \$625.00

Youth Activities

The next youth group meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 3, at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. All high school age youth (grades 9-12) are invited to participate.



Please come and join in the fun with Fr. Daniel, Ellen Chindlund and Molly Michael. We look forward to seeing you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE



Fr. Daniel will be leaving for Mexico to visit with his family from Monday, March 8 through Friday, March 19.

We will not have the 8:00 am morning Masses during those

two weeks. Fr. Bob Landewe will celebrate the 8:00 am Mass on Wednesday, March 10 followed by the Senior's Breakfast. On Wednesday, March 17, the Mass will be at 11:00 am followed by a St. Patrick's Day Luncheon. On March 13, we will have the Saturday 4:00 pm Mass and on Sunday, March 14, we will have the 9:30 am, and 12:30 pm Mass. **We will not have a 6:00 pm Mass on Sunday, March 14.** We will have a visiting priest during that time. We wish Fr. Daniel and safe trip and an enjoyable time with his mom, siblings and friends.

FUND(FUN)RAISING BREAKFAST



Thanks to everyone who helped to make the breakfast such a huge success. Thanks to the people who ordered the food, the cooks, cleanup crew, helpers, and to all our parishioners and those from

other parishes who attended and who helped to make this such a memorable event. Because of each of you this year we made \$379.99. Last year we raised \$253 so this year was quite a bit more. Thanks again to all who participated in any way.

NEWS AROUND THE AREA

Saint Joseph Catholic School, Springfield



St. Joseph School is now accepting applications for enrollment in our full-day Montessori Pre-school (ages 3, 4, and 5) and Kindergarten through 8th grade. Potential preschoolers must be at least 3 years old by August 1. Kindergarteners must be 5 years old by August 1. Applications are available from the office at 866-0667. **St. Joseph is going thru the transition from a system-run school to a parish school.**

SCHS PROJECT GRADUATION 2010



Project Graduation is a parent sponsored all-night celebration funded entirely by donations. To help with the fun night for our 76 seniors, please consider making a tax-deductible donation payable to SCHA Project Graduation and mail it to Project Graduation, Springfield Catholic High School, 2340 S. Eastgate, Springfield, Mo. 65809. If you have any questions, please contact Gerri Dielhofner at 887-1946 or 849.6794. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

ATTENTION ALL SCOUTS



Catholic Scout Awards

Religious awards for all Boy and Girl Scouts need to be received by March 15. Completed applications and other information should be sent to Ben Francka, 829 W. Rockwood Street, Springfield, Missouri 65807. Questions may be directed to Ben at 861-8847.

ST. AGNES PCCW LENTEN RETREAT



Spiritual

Retreat

St. Agnes PCCW is hosting their annual Women's Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 6th. Women of all area parishes are invited to hear our guest presenter, Sr. Bernadette Goessling, SSDN. Mass is available at 7:30 a.m. in the Cathedral, followed by breakfast in the school cafeteria, then registration at 8:30 a.m. The retreat concludes with lunch at noon. Suggested donation is \$5 to help cover cost of food. **Babysitting** for ages 1+ is available. Please RSVP by March 1 either by email at pccw_stagnes@hotmail.com or by calling 831-3565.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH CHILI COOK-OFF



St. Joseph Church will hold their Chili Cook-off on Sunday, March 7th after the 10:30 am Mass. The cost is \$5 for adults; \$3 for children 6 to 12 and free for children 5 and under. For more information, please call Matt Fletcher at 889-9896.

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND
RETREAT**



Are you single due to separation, divorce or widowhood? Beginning Experience offers a weekend away for a lifetime of change. It is a Christian based retreat, open to persons of all faiths. The Retreat is held at Maranatha Retreat Center in Everton, Missouri, and begins on Friday, April 9 at 7:00 pm and concludes on Sunday afternoon, April 11, at 4:00 pm. It is presented by a team of people who have suffered the loss of a loved one and are willing to share their own experiences to help others. Cost for the entire weekend, including lodging and meals is \$80. For more information, or to register, please call Don Eiken at 358-0235 or Holly Graham at 880-3298.

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE SPAGHETTI DINNER



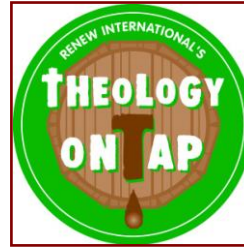
Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Branson will sponsor their 48th Annual Spaghetti Lunch and Dinner on Tuesday, March 9 from 11:30 am to 7:30 pm at the Parish Center. The chef will be Chris Jordan, owner of Luigi's Pizza Kitchen. The Menu will be Spaghetti, Fresh Baked Bread Sticks, Salad with Luigi's House Dressing, Delicious Desserts, Coffee, Iced Tea or Milk. Music will be provided by Dow from Dow Escalante Ministries and George Krisofferson. Special entertainment for the evening will be provided by the Hispanic Dancers. Cost for the dinner is \$7.50 for adults; \$4.50 for children ages 6 thru 12 and free for children 5 and under.

SINGLES REACHING OUT



SRO presents "Wearing and Eating of the Green" Game and Volleyball Night on Saturday, March 13th at 6:30 pm at Holy Trinity Parish. The cost for the evening is \$5 and a green snack to share. Green is the color of the evening. Special music for the evening will be by the "Galloway Crossing." For more information please call Carolyn at 882-4754 or visit their website at SinglesReachingOut.org.

Theology-on-Tap (ToT)



TOT is a series for Catholic singles and couples in their 20s and 30s to learn more about faith, make connections to everyday life, and enter into conversation with your peers. Each session will include a guest speaker and informal follow-up discussion. The 4th session one will be held Tuesday, March 9th **[please note the time change]**. We will begin at 6:00 pm upstairs at Ebbets Field, 1027 E. Walnut. Full bar and menu service are available. Fr. Fergus Monaghan, Pastor, Holy Trinity parish in Springfield will speak about Lenten reflections. For more information, feel free to contact Amy LaHay at 343-2141, Natalie Dosch at 838-2447, or Catherine York at 844-2212 or visit the website at www.holytrinity-catholic.com.

**Mary's Way of the Cross
A Lenten Night for All Women in the Area**

The PCCW at Immaculate Conception Parish invites all women of the area to walk the Stations of the Cross with Mother Mary, on Tuesday, March 16, at 6:00 PM, in the church. The "Angel Voices Group" will lead us in music during the evening as we "Walk with Mother Mary." This night gives us the opportunity to feel the pain and sorrow that Mother Mary felt. Our main speaker is Sister Pauline Nugent, PhD. Margarita Gagliardi will share her faith journey, and Amy Dykman will share her faith walk. Fr. Lewis will close this special evening with a blessing. We are inviting all women of the area to attend this special night. As women we feel Mother Mary's pain. This is a special time to share it. For more information call Noreen Penn at 881-1234.



**WALKING WITH CHRIST: LIVING THE
BEATITUDES
Monday, March 15, 6:30 PM
St. Joseph the Worker, Ozark**



This evening will focus on integrating the Word of God and the Church's teaching into our daily lives. Presentor: Father Abraham Orapankal, Missionary Priest known for his deep spirituality and countless jokes. All are welcome; there is no charge and no need to register.

CAMP Re-NEW-All



This is a diocesan sponsored camp for Catholic young people or those interested in the faith and who are going into the 5th through 9th grade following the camp season. There will be eight sessions of camp this year. Applications are available in the Gathering Space. Deadline for camper applications is April 15. There is a need for high school and adult camp staff members. Staff applications are due by March 15. For more information contact Rosie at 866-0841 or check the website at www.dioscg.org.

MISSOURIANS FOR ALTERNATIVES TO THE DEATH PENALTY



The Springfield Chapter of the Missourians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty will meet on Monday, March 1 at 7:00 pm at Holy Trinity Catholic Church at 2818 E Bennett. We will learn short, informative and meaningful responses to questions about the death penalty. Please join us in this important pro-life work to establish a study commission and moratorium on the death penalty in our state. For additional, please contact Donna at 459-2960 or go to www.madpmo.org.

THE 13th ANNUAL JERRY BETTLACH/JIM TRIMBLE MEMORIAL BENEFITING THE KITCHEN



The 13th Annual Jerry Bettlach/Jim Trimble Memorial benefiting The Kitchen will be March 3rd-9th at all five Harter House locations (Springfield, Strafford, Kimberling City and Hollister). Harter House will donate 5% of store sales to The Kitchen. Please shop with Harter House for this worthy cause. Call Kippie Kutz at 837-1500 for more information.

**Please turn off cell phones
when you come into the Church
for Mass. Thank you.**

GENERAL

HELP US



Please help us keep our Prayer List updated. Please call the office when someone's name needs to be added to our list or can be removed from our weekly listing. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Fast and Abstinence from Meat – *Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.* There is a limit of one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59, inclusive.



Days of Abstinence – *All Fridays in Lent.* All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY



Deacon Ed Ellman, Paul McKim, Marilyn Swisher, Eleazar Robles, Joe & Joellyn Reuter, David Pease, Maryann Jennings, Pat Lohmeyer, Ervin Meyer, Pauline Thomas, Joan Lehar, Mary Bridges, Mel Sinderman, Mary Lawson, Charles Turner, Joe & Marion Petersen, Joe & Martha Miller, Ruth Adams, Carol Shaw and Richard & Marian McNabb. Elpidia Gonzalez. *May they experience God's grace and healing power.*

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL



Please pray for the following friends and family of Sacred Heart in the military: Chris Michael, Michael Kellner, Aaron Kellner, Aaron Belt, Carlo Lorge, Don Bowmaker, Will Hornback, Ken Austin, Jason Jennings, Susan Kerr, Jenna Murphy, Emilio Valdez, David Lukansky, Daniel Newsome, Donald Moor, Kathy Pohl, Peter Pohl, Ben Grote, Heath Jennings and Thomas J. Peebles.

Altar Supply Sponsor for the Month:
Matthew & Sandy Ogle
And Family

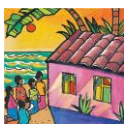


OPERATION RICE BOWL



Jesus' transfiguration was a moment of hope for the disciples, giving them the strength to endure the future sacrifices they would make as they formed the early Church. As we continue our journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, let us be mindful that our Lenten sacrifices help to give hope to our brothers and sisters in need. Operation Rice Bowl is about Lenten sacrifice and has global dimensions. Catholic Relief Services is the official International Humanitarian Agency of the US Catholic community with offices and services in places across the world. Use the calendar that comes with each rice bowl to connect with our brothers and sisters overseas through prayer, fasting, learning and giving in solidarity with those in need. Pick up your Rice Bowl today.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL



This year, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal is focused on youth ministry, an essential component of the life and vibrancy of the Church. In youth ministry programs, young Catholics grow in faith and gain valuable leadership skills. Without this appeal, poorer dioceses in the United States cannot sustain vital youth programs. Thank you for your support of the Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

HEART TO HEART RETREAT



Save the date for the Heart to Heart Women's Group Retreat at St. Scholastica in Fort Smith, Arkansas, April 23-25, 2010. The fee is \$150 per person and will include room and meals. The Retreat will be facilitated by Sr. Macrina Wiederkehr and the theme will be the "Sevensacredpauses." These retreats are refreshing and spiritual, a lot of fun, and are always enjoyed by the ladies who attend. Don't be left out, contact the office today.



SPRINGFIELD AREA LENTEN
COMMUNAL PENANCE
SERVICES FOR 2010

The Sacrament of Penance is a prayer of praise and worship. This sacrament is a powerful sign through which Jesus forgives our sins. We know we are reconciled to God and to our church community. We receive God's help to do God's will, to avoid all forms of sin, and to live as God's people. For this reason, we celebrate Reconciliation even if we do not have serious sin. Please join us for this special time of healing as we await the resurrection of Jesus, Son of God.

Immaculate Conception - Tuesday, March 2 - 7:00 PM
Holy Trinity (Aurora) - Sunday, March 7 - 4:00 PM
Sacred Heart (Bolivar) - Wednesday, March 10 - 7:00 PM
Our Lady of the Cove - Sunday, March 14 - 4:00 PM
St. Agnes Cathedral - Monday, March 15 - 7:00 PM
Our Lady of the Lake - Wednesday, March 17 - 7:00 PM
St. Francis of Assisi - Wednesday, March 17 7:00 PM
Catholic Campus Ministry - Saturday, March 20 - 8:30 PM
St. Joseph the Worker - Sunday, March 21 - 4:00 PM
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - Monday, March 22 - 7:00 PM
Sacred Heart - Tuesday, March 23 - 7:00 PM Bilingual
Holy Trinity (Springfield) - Tuesday, March 23 - 7:00 PM
St. Joseph (Springfield) - Sunday, March 28 - 7:00 PM
Our Lady of the Ozarks - Tuesday, April 13 - 6:30 PM



Anne Fearman will deliver food to The Kitchen for **My Brother's Keeper** Program during the month of **February**. Thank you for your continued support.

YOUNG AT HEART ST. PATRICK'S DAY
CELEBRATION



On Wednesday, March 17, we will have an 11:00 am Mass. We will not have an 8:00 am Mass that morning. Following the Mass, the Young At Heart Seniors will be having their St. Patrick's Day Celebration. Meat, bread and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share and join in on the fun. Fr. Bob Landewe will celebrate the Mass and will join the group for lunch. Come and enjoy the fellowship and spend some time with Fr. Bob.

SPRINGFIELD CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



Springfield Catholic Preschools are now registering students for the 2010-11 school year. Children must be 3 years old prior to August 1, 2010 to be eligible for the three-year old program and 4 years old prior to August 1, 2010 to be eligible for the four-year old program. Preschool programs vary among the schools. Please call the individual school of interest for further information.

Springfield Catholic Elementary Schools are now accepting applications for registration for the 2010-11 school year for grades K-8 at Immaculate Conception, and St. Agnes Schools and grades K-5 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School. If you are interested, please contact the school.

Springfield Catholic High School – For information regarding SCHS, please contact Mr. Tim Dilg, Principal, or Mrs. Jodi Samsinak, Academic Advisor, at 887-8817.

Emerald Evening XVI – “EMERALD ISLE” raffle drawing will take place on Saturday, March 20 at the Doubletree Hotel in Springfield. The raffle tickets sell for \$100 each for a cash grand prize of \$8,000 or a “Hearts on Fire” diamond pendant. You need not be present to win. All proceeds support Springfield Catholic Schools. Call the Central Office at 865-5567 for further information or to purchase raffle tickets. **This event is SOLD OUT.**

“Catholic Schools – Dividends for Life” – Annual Fund Campaign 2009 – This year’s Annual Fund Drive is in full swing. Please give prayerful consideration to your support for quality Catholic education for children in the Springfield Catholic School System. If you have not received a mailing about this year’s campaign or would like more information, please call the Central Office at 865-5567. The thanks and blessings of all our students go out to you.

Springfield Catholic Schools “Pot of Gold” Coupon Books contain 100+ coupons/discounts to LOCAL businesses with values of over \$2,000 and sell for only \$20 a book. Many of the coupons are EXCLUSIVE to this book. Proceeds support the operating budget of Springfield Catholic Schools. If interested, books are available at the Central Office (417-865-5567).

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS



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Monday–Daniel 9:4b-10;
Psalm 79:8-9, 11, 13;
Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday– Isaiah 1:10, 16-20;
Psalm 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
Matthew 23:1-12

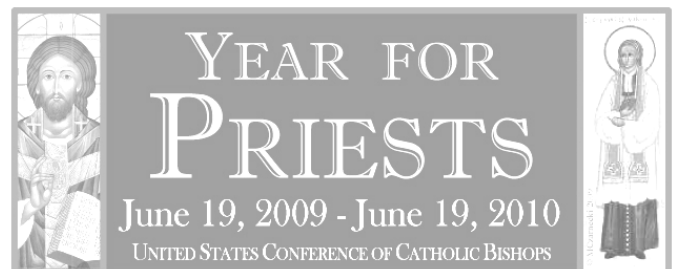
Wednesday–Jeremiah 18:18-20;
Psalm 31:5-6, 14-16;
Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday–Jeremiah 17:5-10;
Psalm 1:1-4, 6;
Luke 16:19-31

Friday–Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a;
Psalm 105:16-21;
Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday–Micah 7:14-15, 18-20;
Psalm 103:1-4, 9-12;
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday–Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15;
Psalm 103:1-4, 6-8, 11;
Matthew 4:17



Peter, James and John wanted to build a “booth” for Jesus and just stay on the mountain where His transfiguration took place. But the Son of God, the Chosen One, knew that He must instead keep moving toward His Crucifixion. We, too, must rise from worship and do what we can to hasten the coming of the Kingdom.