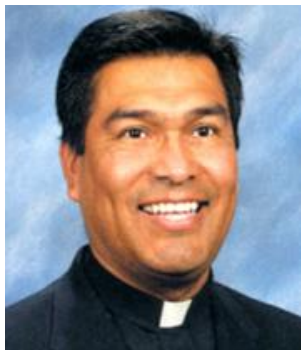


FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

—We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God...” (2 Corinthians 5:17-21). Saint Paul has a request

to the Christian community of Corinth, the same request that God has for each of us during this Holy season of Lent. God has an invitation and also he has the resources available to support us in his invitation: Sunday Mass, the sacrament of reconciliation, the sacrament of Holy Eucharist, bible study groups (Why Catholic?), the Youth Group, RCIA, PSR, Eucharistic Minister, Choir, PSR Teachers, RCIA Teachers, Ushers, Lectors, Knights of Columbus, Hispanic Ministry, Heart to Heart, the Fund(FUN)raising Committee, Financial Committee, Parish Council members, School Board members, volunteers. All these groups and activities mentioned above are the expression of our desire to be reconciled with God and serve him through active participation in our Christian community. WHERE ARE YOU? In which group are you participating?

The Gospel of Luke presents to us the figure of God as “lovely father”, the father that waits for his son’s return. The father receives his son with love and compassion no matter what he did. The father embraces him with love, respect and dignity because he loves him.

In the same way God is waiting for us, he wants us to be reconciled with him and he wants to share his great love with us. We are going to have a great opportunity to answer God’s invitation through active participation and involvement in church activities and in the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will celebrate our Parish Penance Service on Tuesday March 23rd at 7:00 pm. I would like to see you there and celebrate together the GREAT LOVE of God through the forgiveness of sins. Then with a clean heart, and strengthened by God’s love, all of us will be able to continue, with a joyful heart, serving our brothers and sister in the different organizations that serve Sacred Heart Church.

Have a great week.

Fr. Daniel Robles-Carvajal



The stewardship message in the parable of the Prodigal Son is that it is never too late to become a good steward. Blessed is the elder brother who had been a good steward all along, but blessed, too, is the prodigal who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he’d been given.

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH

MARCH 13th/14th - THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT Liturgies This Week

Saturday	03/13	4:00 pm	+Ellsworth Domer
Sunday	03/14	9:30 am	+Frank & Angie Pohl
		12:00 pm	
		6:00 pm	
Monday	03/15	8:00 am	No Mass
Tuesday	03/16	8:00 am	No Mass
Wednesday	03/17	8:00 am	+Nina Lindsey
Thursday	03/18	8:00 am	No Mass
Friday	03/19	8:00 am	No Mass
Saturday	03/20	4:00 pm	+Joan Lehar
Sunday	03/21	9:30 am	
		12:30 pm	
		6:00 pm	

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

- Catholic Relief Services – Second Collection
- No 6:00 pm Mass

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

- Spanish Baptismal Class – 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

- No 8:00 am Mass – Mass at 11:00 am
- Followed by Young At Heart Luncheon
- Youth Group, 6:00 pm

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

- Second Collection – Youth Trip
- Respecto Meeting, 11:00 am

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

- Second Collection – Youth Trip

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

- Communal Penance – Sacred Heart, 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

- Youth Group, 6:00 pm

MINISTERS SCHEDULE MARCH 20th/21st

4:00 pm: Lector: M. Terry Ushers: J. Sebek, Julie Sebek Server: A. Fearman
Eucharistic Ministers: B. Horton, A. Griesemer, M. Michael, S. Michael **Mass Captain:** Otradovec

9:30 am: Lectors: L. Beuerlein, N. Nutting
Ushers: D. Brown, T. Beier **Servers:** S. Siegismund, A. Beier **Eucharistic Ministers:** D. Pease, M. Pease, R. Reed, G. Reed, A. Latham
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 19 (Parish Council), and March 26 (Hispanic Committee).

OUR GIFT TO GOD MARCH 6th/7th, 2010

Envelopes: \$1,554.00	Plate: \$564.23
Maintenance: \$945.00	Other Gifts: \$1,350.00
Capital Campaign: \$135.00	

Youth Activities

The next youth group meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 17, 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. *We will be having a second collection after all the Masses on March 20 and 21 to help defray the cost of the Youth Conference in West Plains.* Please help the youth of our Parish attend the conference on March 26-28. Thank you for your help.



IMPORTANT NOTICE



Fr. Daniel has left for Mexico to visit with his family. He will be gone through the evening of Friday, March 19. **We will not have the 8:00 am morning Masses during those two weeks. Fr. Bob Landewe will celebrate Mass on Wednesday, March 17th at 11:00 am. The Mass will be followed by a Young at Heart St. Patrick's Day Luncheon. We will not have a 6:00 pm Mass on Sunday, March 14.** We wish Fr. Daniel and safe trip and an enjoyable time with his mom, siblings and friends.

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.**

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL EDUCATION FAIR



You are invited to the St. Joseph School 2nd Annual Education Fair on Thursday, March 18, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Come view student projects in every subject area and at all grade levels, Pre-school through 8th grade. St. Joseph is located at 515 W. Scott Street. New this year—a snack shop will be available. Also, Friday, March 19 is the feast of St. Joseph. You are invited to join the faculty and students of St. Joseph in a feast day Mass at 8:30 am. Our celebrant will be Bishop Johnston.

SCHS TRIVIA NIGHT



Join in the fun and support SCHS Home and School on Saturday, March 27th. Doors open at 6:15 pm with trivia starting at 7:00 pm. Get together a table of 8 for \$80 or pay \$10 per person. Decorate your table and bring refreshments. Prizes for high and low score and best theme will be awarded. Reserve your table by calling Susan Camey at 881-6072 or Julie Mullen at 724-9685. This is an **ADULT ONLY EVENING.**

CONTEMPLATIVE OUTREACH



Join the Annual Contemplative Outreach United in Prayer on Saturday, March 20th at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Mass is at 8:30 am in the chapel. At 9:00 am we will gather in the Adult Education Room. This day celebrates the worldwide network of Contemplative Outreach, Ltd., united in a single bond of Centering Prayer around the world. They will feature an inspiring video discussion by Fr. Thomas Keating. There will be time for silent prayer, community sharing and refreshments. Donations are requested to help defray the expenses.

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. Beginning Experience also conducts a 10-week Rebuilding Program in the summer scheduled to begin June 7, a 6-week Coping with Life Alone series beginning August 6 for 6 weeks and a Fall Retreat Weekend on October 22-24.

Encounter with God's Call



Young Men's
Retreat

April 17-19, 2010

Conception Seminary College

Encounter with God's Call is a discernment retreat for young men 16 and older who are considering the vocation to Priesthood. This visit is **free** and an excellent opportunity to meet the Seminarians as they share their stories of responding to God's call. For more information, please contact Fr. Patrick Nwokoye, Director of Vocation Promotion at 573-335-3899 or by email at pnwokoye@dioscg.org. You can also contact Fr. J. Friedel at jfriedel@dioscg.org.

Mary's Way of the Cross

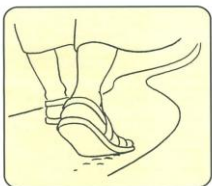
A Lenten Night for All Women in the Area



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. Presenter: 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



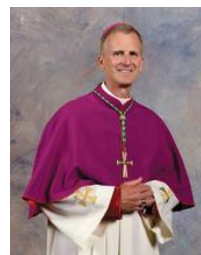
This is a diocesan sponsored camp for Catholic young people or those interested in the faith and who are going into the 5th through 9th grade following the camp season. There will be eight sessions of camp this year. Applications are available in the Gathering Space. Deadline for camper applications 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.

ATTENTION ALL SCOUTS



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.

PROJECT ANDREW DINNER WITH BISHOP JAMES V. JOHNSTON, JR.



The diocesan Office of Vocations extends an invitation to all Catholic men, ages 14-35, to attend the Project Andrew Dinner on Sunday, April 25, 2010. The dinner will be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Springfield with Bishop Johnston and priests who will give witness to how they heard God's call. The evening begins at 6:00 p.m. and will conclude by 8:00 p.m., following Evening Prayer. If you are interested in participating in this event, contact Fr. Daniel, the Office of Vocations at 866-0841, Father Patrick Nwokoye at fatherpatrick@ccmin.org or by phone at 335-3899, or Monsignor Tom Reidy at treidy@dioscg.org or 887-6472. Reservations are needed one week in advance. Always feel free to contact the Office of Vocations with questions.

SEAS SHRIMP BOIL

Friday, March 12, 4:30—7:00 PM



Peel & Eat Shrimp, Corn on the Cob, Potatoes, Hush-puppies, Drinks and Dessert. All you can eat.

Grilled cheese for the kids. Adults \$10 in advance; \$15 at the door (limited). Kids ages 6-11 - \$5; under 5 is free. All proceeds benefit SEAS School.

Irish Fun Fest Spring Carnival



You and your family are invited to our First Ever Irish Fun Fest Spring Carnival at Springfield Catholic High School. This fun weekend will take place on Friday and Saturday, April 23rd and 24th, 2010.

Join your friends to enjoy carnival rides, jumps, live entertainment, games, food from Buckingham's BBQ, concessions, ice cream, beer garden and lots of surprises. Be a part of this new tradition while helping out in the concession stand, beer garden, ticket booth, parking lot or clean up. If you or your group would like to help out, please call one of the following people: Monique James 883-3286 or Rhonda Jasinski 887-2717 (parking, clean up, tickets), Michelle Straus 890-0763 (entertainment), Laura Meek 887-1812 (beer garden), Julie Mullen 724-9685, Ann Bumberry 882-6388, Debbie Randell 889-9308, Phaedra Craig 890-9724, Carmen Dorman 883-2573 (concessions).

GENERAL

In Memoriam

(Born into New Life after Death)

The Parish Family of Sacred Heart extends deepest sympathy to Bob Criger and the family of Joan Lehar. Joan passed away on March 5th. May eternal rest be given unto her and the knowledge of our prayers and support give her family comfort, strength and peace.

THANK YOU



We want to thank our parish family for their many prayers, cards and well wishes. Although a few setbacks occurred, Ed is on his way to a thankful recovery. Praise God!

Deacon Ed & Nancy

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



Brendan Griesemer, Deacon Ed Ellman, Paul Aulick, Paul McKim, Jeff Bazyn, Marilyn Swisher, Joe & Joellyn Reuter, Maryann Jennings, Pat Lohmeyer, Ervin Meyer, Pauline Thomas, Mary Bridges, Mel Sinderman, Mary Lawson, Charles Turner, Joe & Marion Petersen, Joe & Martha Miller, Ruth Adams, Carmen Mares, Carol Shaw and Richard & Marian McNabb, Charlene McLendon, and 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, Tessi 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.

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. Deadline for the \$50 deposit is March 15.

OPERATION RICE BOWL



The story of the Prodigal Son helps us refocus on the meaning of Lent. This is a time to change our ways, to turn back to God our Father, and to appreciate and share the gifts we have received. As we begin the second half of our journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, we remember that we are called to be stewards of what God has given us, and we connect our prayers and fasting with our giving. 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. If you have not already done so, please pick up your Rice Bowl today.

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.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION



Today, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. You are invited to give hope to Jesus in disguise. Give hope to the community that has lost its livelihood to a crop disease. Give hope to the refugee child, separated from her mother. Give hope to the immigrant, trying to keep faith alive in a foreign land. The Catholic Relief Services Collection helps to fund programs that give hope to refugees, immigrants, and the impoverished, including victims of war, natural disaster, and drought. Through humanitarian, economic, pastoral and advocacy efforts, The Catholic Relief Services Collection gives hope. Please be generous in today's Collection.

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.

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

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.** Springfield Catholic High School presents the musical, —The Lady Pirates of Captain Bree” on May 6th, 8th, and 9th.

Emerald Evening XVI – “Welcome to 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 —Harts 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.

Employment Opportunities – contact Springfield Catholic Schools Central Office at 417-865-5567 to request an application.

For the 2010-2011 school year, **Springfield Catholic High School** is seeking highly motivated applicants for the following positions: a certified English Teacher (grades 9-12); a certified Mathematics Teacher (grades 9-12; must have a strong background in mathematics); and a part-time Speech/Theatre Teacher (grades 9-12). Enthusiastic individuals who can prepare students to be successful in college and careers and who hold a valid Missouri teaching certificate are encouraged to apply. Extra duty and/or coaching assignments are possible. Catholics preferred but not mandatory. An official application needs to be submitted along with a letter of interest, resume, proof of certification, transcripts, and letters of recommendation. Contact Mr. Tim Dilg, Principal, at 417-887-8817 for more information. Positions open until filled.

Part-time cafeteria worker needed at Springfield Catholic High School. Must be able to lift 50 lbs, work independently, and have reliable transportation. Please contact Jo Ann at 887-8817 Ext. 21 or 693-2158.



Ann Griesemer will deliver food to
The Kitchen for My Brother's Keeper Program
during the month of March.
Thank you for your continued support.

WEEKLY READINGS



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday—Isaiah 65:17-21;
Psalm 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b;
John 4:43-54

Tuesday— Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12;
Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;
John 5:1-16

Wednesday—Isaiah 49:8-15;
Psalm 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
John 5:17-30

Thursday—Exodus 32:7-14;
Psalm 106:1-23;
John 5:31-47

Friday—2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16;
Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Matthew 1:16, 18-21

Saturday—Jeremiah 11:18-20;
Psalm 7:2-3, 9bc-12;
John 7:40-53

Sunday—Isaiah 43:16-21;
Psalm 126:1-6;
John 8:1-11

Altar Supply Sponsor for the Month:

The Fundraising Committee

