



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 17, 2010

Pastoral Ponderings.....

ORDINARY TIME BEGINS – SECOND SUNDAY

Schedule of Masses

Monday	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	
	7:00 a.m.	+Morrie Richards
Tuesday		
	7:00 a.m.	+Jeanne Moch
Wednesday	St. Fabian & St. Sebastian	
	7:00 a.m.	+Robert Gefre
	12:10 p.m.	+Margaret Kettering
Thursday	St. Agnes	
	7:00 a.m.	+Loren Bjorklund
Friday		
	7:00 a.m.	+Maria Leif
Saturday	St. Vincent	
	8:15 a.m.	Conversion of abortionists & all others who support murder

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Tillie York
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	+Morrie Richards
	9:30 a.m.	Light of the World
	11:30 a.m.	For Our Parish

LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

For the weekend of	Jan. 23 rd and Jan. 24 th		
Saturday	5:00 pm	Lu Murphy	See Schedule
Sunday	7:30 am.	Donna Ryman	See Schedule
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Jerry Menzia	See Schedule
Sunday	11:30 a.m.	Georgia Fossum	See Schedule

ALTAR SERVERS

For the weekend of	Jan. 23 rd and Jan. 24 th	
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Andrew/Daniel Holmstrom, Gabriel Heller
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Christy/Kelly/Lynn Renner
	9:30 a.m.	Alexandra/Annika Mattern
	11:30 a.m.	Lindsay Hughes, Dominic King, Hosea Kost

GREETERS

For the weekend of	Jan. 23 rd and Jan. 24 th	
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Mary Ellen Heitmann, Elton/Rita Herman
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Ed/Mary Keller, Sal Crogan/Jane Hengel
		Daniel/Alvina Baumgartner
	9:30 a.m.	Jan Frink, Betty Sanders, Justin/Toni Feickert
	11:30 a.m.	Pat/Roberta Gallagher

VAN DRIVER THIS WEEK

Sun., Jan. 24th – Jim Geffre – 226-2661



Traveling Icon for Vocations.

Deb Peterson will have the icon Jan. 17th – Jan 23rd. Deb Barnett will have the icon Jan. 24th – Jan. 30th.

This Sunday begins *Ordinary Time*, so it's back to green vestments. The liturgy in winter Ordinary Time is filled with gladsome light. It continues to echo the Epiphany with its images of the revelation of Jesus' identity, the in gathering of the nations, the summoning of disciples. We need cheer during these dark days and a traditional way to gladden the heart is with flowers. It gives us opportunities to form the assembly on the Mass, and provide us with formation on the liturgy, especially the Mass, before we have to have to introduce all the changes in wording that will arrive with the new missal.

This weekend, for example, the *Feast of Cana* offers good opportunity to focus on the precious blood at Mass and communion under both species. Wine is a sign of festivity, as the Cana story indicates, but it is also the blood of the sacrifice. Sharing in the cup of Christ's blood is an important symbol of sharing in his sacrifice and being willing to pour out our lifeblood for others. Some people avoid the cup because of (unsound) hygienic concerns, but a good catechesis on the meaning of sharing Christ's blood can help many overcome their hesitations. At the same time, it helps those already sharing the cup to appreciate more fully the significance of this ritual action.

Tomorrow marks the beginning of the annual *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*. In a time when the sad divisions that separate the Christian churches seem even stronger, we need to recall how Christ prayed at the Last Supper that we would all be one in him.

The Diocese in its *Beacon of Hope Campaign* has asked each parish to make a contribution in refurbishing the Cathedral. Our Parish and Finance councils have agreed to sponsor the window with St. John Eudes, promoter of the devotion to the Sacred Heart; St. John Vianney, the patron of priests and St. Emard, promoter of Eucharistic Adoration. The window reflects this Year of the Priest, the importance that the Aberdeen community places on Eucharistic Adoration and Sacred Heart who is the patron of our parish. Contributions will extend over the next three years. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Friday is the anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision legalizing abortion. The bishops of the United States have declared January 22 a day of penance. The Mass "For Peace and Justice" will be celebrated with violet vestments. Close to 50 million babies have been aborted since Roe vs. Wade legalized abortion in 1973, according to the National Right to life Committee. An estimated 93 percent of all abortions are done for elective, non-medical reasons. The U.S. bishops have laid out a plan to take up Pope John Paul II's challenge to "raise up a great campaign in support of life." The main points are public information and education; pastoral care; public policy; and prayer and worship. Let us pray for those who consider abortion, for those who have had abortions, for legislators and judges and all in leadership positions who influence decisions on abortion.

Fr. Ed Pierce

STEWARDSHIP

Last Week's Collection		\$13,522.67
Youth envelopes		\$96.41
Additional year end donations		\$29,135.00
Geo-Thermal - funding needed including parking lot		\$467,581.35
Amount paid		\$404,488.68
CFSA	pledged	\$105,960.68
	Paid	\$100,395.68

We took in **\$1,880.00** last week. Thus far during the *Crusade* we have collected **\$118,885.33**

We started our *Crusade* at \$898,652.00. As of 12-28-09 our balance was \$772,683.02. Our daily interest is \$116.43. We so appreciate your generosity. \$5,000 per week covers principal/interest due. We are awaiting the interest split for the past two weeks.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, Jan 17th

Breakfast will be served by the KC's after the 7:30/9:30 Masses

Blood Pressure Screenings will be taken after the morning Masses on Sunday.

Youth Groups: Grades 7-12 will meet from 7-9 p.m. in the parish hall.

Tuesday, Jan. 19th

RCIA will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the religious ed. office.

Wednesday, Jan. 20th

CCD - Regular Classes - All parish First Reconciliation Interviews

Thursday, Jan. 21th

Parish Council will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

Sunday, Jan. 24th

All Parish - Sacrament of First Reconciliation at 2:00 p.m. in the Church

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Sat. Jan. 30th from 10 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the parish hall.

ENTHRONEMENT PACKETS are available in the parish office for a \$10 donation.

Spring is on its way - the rummage sale committee encourages you to set aside your "treasures" as you do your Spring cleaning. Our 2nd annual rummage sale is to be held June 4th.

Take the path less traveled; Your heart will find the way. I will give you Light - Just have faith, and pray.

Inter-Parish

Family Rosary - Tue., Jan. 19th at 7:00 pm-at St. Mary's.

Catholic Daughters will meet on Thurs. Jan. 21 at Davis Ct. Rosary will be at 6:30 p.m. with the Education contest winners and parents to follow. Meeting will be at 7:00 p.m.

St. Mary's is offering a 13 week life-changing program that teaches financial goals beginning on Tues. Jan. 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the parish hall. For information or to sign up call Cathy at 290-5234 or Fr. Norfolk at 229-4422. A preview DVD will be shown on Sun. Jan. 17th after the 8:30/10:30 Masses

It is your responsibility to help get your spouse to Heaven! Learn more by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend. Our next weekend will be held on February 12-14, 2010 at Broom Tree Retreat and Conference Center. Contact Curt & Rochelle Lauret at 605-362-9145 or visit www.WWME.org. **Worldwide Marriage Encounter: A Weekend of Discovery... A Lifetime of Love!**

RONCALLI NEARLY NEW:

This week all linens, bedding, curtains, fabrics and pillows are ½ price. Shop often and you need to check out our selection of music CD's we recently received. We are open Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Sat from 12-4 p.m. at 220 N. Main. We always appreciate your continued support!



LIGHT OF THE WORLD

As a Light of the World community, we mourn the recent loss of several of loved family members. Linda Salfrank and June Gross, may they rest in the peace of the Living Christ in whom their faith was devout.

Next retreat begins Fri, Feb 26th eve and ends Mon, Mar 1st eve.....more information coming.

Family Faith Formation - Jan. 17th

Theme: Grace is God's free gift to us.

Listen to the word: As you hear this reading, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart? What lingers in your memory?

Question for Children: What is one special gift that God has given to you to share with your friends or classmates?

Question for Youth: Jesus got his start in ministry through the urging of his mother. Who urges you to pray, go to Church, and do good works?

Question for Adults: God fills each of us with grace (miracles) and gifts, what is one grace (miracle) or gift that you have shared with your family?

RONCALLI (this week)

Mon. Jan 18 No School – Staff Development Day
Tues. Jan 19 K-6 and 9-12 Report Cards go home
Donald's Uniform Co. will be at RE
from 3-7 p.m.
WR vs Sisseton/Milbank – 6:00 p.m.
BBB at Groton – 5:15 p.m.
Wed. Jan 20 RES Mass – 12:10 p.m. – Sacred Heart
School Board Mtg. – 3:30 p.m. – RHS
Booster Club mtg. – 7:00 p.m. at RHS
Thur. Jan 21 RPS Mass – 12:10 p.m. – St. Mary's
Grades 7-12 NO Uniform Day (Free Choice)
RHS One Act Play – 7:30 p.m.
Fri. Jan 22 RHS Mass – 9:30 a.m.
K-6 No Uniform Day (I Love Summer)
GBB vs Groton – 5:15 p.m.
Sat: Jan.23 WR at Ipswich – 10:30 a.m.

NOTE: Pre-registration for Roncalli Schools for the 2010-2011 school year will take place the week of Feb. 1-4th. Pre-registration forms will be sent home with students K-6 on Mon., Feb. 1st. Kindergarten Orientation will be Thurs., Feb 4th at 8:30; 12:15 and 5:30. Grades 8-11 registration will be at RHS on Thurs., Feb. 4th at 7:00 p.m.

ALL IN GOD'S PLAN PROGRAM: In order to serve parents in their roles to instruct their children in the understanding of human sexuality, we will be hosting the All in God's Plan Program for fifth grade students and their parents. The event begins with a parent overview to be held Wed., Feb 3rd or Mon., Feb. 8th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Roncalli Elem. School. The second component of the program is a Father/Son Program and a Mother/Daughter Program. These two programs will be held on Wed., Mar. 3rd from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Roncalli Primary School and again on Mon., Mar. 8th from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Roncalli Elem. School. These programs explore God's plan for growing up including modesty, the importance of family, respect, Christian values and the changes occurring in our bodies. To register for the parent overview, please call the school at 229-4100. Registration forms for the parent/child session will be available at parent's night.

\$10,000 CASH RAFFLE

Roncalli families and staff are selling raffle tickets for a \$10,000 cash prize. Sales from the raffle support instructional expenses such as teacher salaries and classroom materials. Please contact those individuals to buy your tickets, call 226-2100 or stop by the Development Office at Roncalli High School. Tickets sell for 1 chance for \$20; 5 chances for \$50; or 20 chances for \$100. One lucky winner will be chosen March 27, 2010 at the 31st annual Roncalli Ball.

Trust in me with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding

WE AS A COMMUNITY:

Welcome into the Body of Christ Trinity Jade, daughter of Jarami Van Wagner and Vicki Brick who was initiated into the Christian Mystery through Baptism on January 9th

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Did you know? Last year Knights of Columbus at all levels raised and donated more than \$150 million to charitable and benevolent causes, an all time high for the order. But records are made to be broken. To join the Knights and help break the record contact Scott at 229-5668.

SUPPORT AND HELP

Project Rachel is for women and men who suffer from the pain of previous abortions. Call 1-800-700-7867.

Natural Family Planning Classes: Learn more about a way of responsible parenthood that is supported by the Catholic Church. Call 226-2232 or Sacred Heart at 225-7065.

Annulments: A possible 2nd chance for marriage in the Catholic Church. For more info, call Sacred Heart 225-7065.

Catholic Family Services: Call 226-1304.

Marriage Encounter: to make a good marriage better!

Web site is www.wvme.org or call 362-0924.

Retrouvaille: Help for hurting marriages. Call 988-3763 or 988-3776 or 2021@retrouvaille.org for more information.

Pregnant? Alone? Afraid?: Call BIRTHRIGHT at 229-0258 or toll-free 1-800-550-4900. **Aberdeen Right to Life:** On the 1st Thu. of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the basement of the Brown County Courthouse. Marilyn Wachs 226-2232 or Joan Hartung 226-0153.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. 1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23 Mk 2:18-22
Pray in thanksgiving for our children, gifts from God.
Tue. 1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20-22,27-28 Mk 2:23-28
Pray for our Holy Pope Benedict.
Wed: 1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51 Ps 144:1b,2,9-10 Mk 3:1-6
Pray strength for each of us to teach and defend our Catholic faith.
Thur: 1 Sm 18:6-9;19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3,9-13 Mk 3:7-12
Pray for deeper devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Fri. 1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2-4,6,11 Mk 3:13-19
Pray for the safety of all during this winter season.
Sat. 2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27 Ps 80:2-3,5-7 Mk 3:20-21
Pray for all seminarians.
Sun. Neh 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10 Ps 19:8-10,15 1 Cor 12:12-30
Pray for the safety of all travelers.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant to our young people the generosity necessary to follow Your call and the courage required to overcome all obstacles to their vocation. Give the parents that faith love and spirit of sacrifice which will inspire them to offer their children to God's service and to rejoice whenever one of their children is called to the priesthood and religious life. Let your example and that of Your Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph encourage both young people and parents and let Your grace sustain them. Amen