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DECEMBER 30, 2007, HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Before weekday Masses. Saturday at 4:15 p.m. at St. John and prior to the 7:30 p.m Mass at Nassau. Sunday Morning before Mass where time and place permits.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR

Donald Pillatzke, Daniel Brandenburger, Scott Streed, Fr. George Lyon, OSB, Paul Streich, Mike Welnitz, Cory Homan, Tom Pillatzke, Greta Botker, Ed Karels, Brian Scott, Dori Hoffman, Glen Ketchum, Larry Walsh, Elaine Koenen, Marie Volkenant. Donald Pillatzke is now a resident at Northridge.

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Brian Pillatzke, Joe Karels Jr. Joshua & Jacob Beutler.

ADORATION AT ST. JAMES NASSAU

Everyone is welcome to participate in an hour of adoration, conducted by Carol Unzen, every Thursday evening at St. James, Nassau beginning at 7:30 p.m. Private adoration & recitation of the Rosary included.

HEARING ENHANCEMENT AIDS

We have units available for anyone needing assistance with hearing problems. They will not replace your present hearing aid...but simply improve your present system and are for Church use only. Please call the office. 839 2772. These units are only viable at St. John's Church. .

CALENDARS

Free calendars from the Extension Society are available in all 3 parishes. The calendars celebrate our 50th Anniversary of the Diocese & were paid for by Zahrbach Funeral home in Madison, MN. Please thank them for their generosity.

ORGANISTS AND CHOIR DIRECTORS

In publishing your music schedule, I made a mistake on the New Years Mass schedule. It should read as follows: New Years Eve, Dec. 31 – 4 p.m. at St. John & 7 p.m. at Nassau. New Year's day – 9 a.m. at Rosen

DIOCESAN 50TH ANNIVERSARY BOOKS

have arrived and are now available at the office. I believe 12 parishioners signed for copies at \$25.00 apiece. We do have a few extra copies for those who are interested.

PARISHIONER OF THE WEEK

This week we choose for our Christmas gift, Margaret Snow, resident at Northridge. A mass will be offered for her intentions this coming Wed. January 2, 9:30 a.m. You are invited to pray for Margaret, write a note, give her a call or send her a flower. The Mass is a gift, compliments of Social Concerns.

FOND REMEMBRANCES

Christmas of 2007, will be remembered for the filled and decorated churches, beautiful music, the cast of young children in our Christmas pageants, the many gifts that included food, monetary gifts & specialty items, Christmas Day dinner and the many Christmas cards. I must also thank certain groups such as the Bowl of Love, CCW organizations of Rosen & Nassau, and the parish of Nassau. Unbeknown to many of you, the parishioners of St. James close each Christmas Eve Mass, by presenting gifts to the janitors, sacristans, organists & the pastor. What a nice gesture. I was also pleased with the excellent Christmas collections received from each parish. I thank all of you who remembered me this Christmas season either by prayer, word or deed. May God reward you.

GOOD LUCK

The baseball scandal dealing with steroids and other illegal drugs brought back memories of how our Bishops were attacked concerning pedophilia. You will notice that

those in charge of baseball are pleading ignorance. Well my friends...good luck. It didn't work for us. But for baseball it probably will. They also have a privilege we didn't have...namely avoiding major law suits.

SUPPORT GROUP

The Church of Immaculate Conception, 109 3rd St. SE, is hosting a Support Group for divorced, widowed & separated, beginning Tuesday, Jan 8, 2008, 7 p.m. Call 605 886 6321 or 866 700 2376.

BAPTISM

Born to new life and joined to the people of God by the saving waters of Baptism, was Carlos Felix, infant son of Stephen and Maria Cardenas'olave Fonder, Saturday, December 22, 2007, at St. John Catholic Church, Ortonville, MN. We rejoice with the parents, God parents, family and friends. We ask God's blessing on Carlos Felix, as we welcome him into our worshipping community.

FIRST FRIDAY

We celebrate First Friday this week. Please note the change in Mass schedules. Eucharistic Adoration will begin at Ortonville, after the 7:45 a.m. Mass and close at noon. If you wish a home visit, please give me at call at 839 2772.

DATES OF INTEREST

January 11 – Home School Mass
January 14 – Social Concerns Meeting
January 22 – Region IV meeting at Appleton
January 28 – Ortonville Education Meeting
February 6 – Ash Wednesday
February 14 – Home School Mass
March 1 – Parish Mission begins
March 6 – Parish Mission ends
March 23 – Easter Sunday
April 5 – Confirmation celebration

WISHES

May I join the staff in extending my sincere wishes for a prayerful and faith filled New Year.

PARISH MISSION

Prior to his departure, Bishop Nienstedt arranged that each parish cluster would hold a six day mission in honor of our 50th year anniversary as a diocese. A Redemptorist Mission team of two priests has been assigned to conduct this mission for Rosen. Nassau and Ortonville parishes, the week of March 1 to the 6th. Beginning Sat. evening, each day will have the celebration of Mass in the morning followed by refreshments and a presentation of our faith in the evening followed by refreshments. . We are in need of transportation for those unable to drive, mailings, phone calling, refreshments, liturgy & music, and childcare. I hope to schedule 2 morning sessions at Rosen and the rest in the evening at Ortonville. The two directors will be housed in the rectory, so I will need some carry-in dinners for 3 priests. These priests will also be available for home visits, private confessions etc. All other scheduled events for that week are to be canceled including soup suppers and CCD. A mission song entitled "With All I Am" needs to be practiced. Team training was held at Appleton. The chosen theme is "Open Your Hearts." One night will be devoted to the Sacrament of Penance. I have chosen Terry & Cathy Oakes to chair the event. They will need 9 or 10 volunteers to begin with. More later. Think about it!