

### 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

Harrison McGuire, 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.

### PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

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

### POTPOURRI

**Organists** - Once again may I issue a plea for young and old alike to take Organ Lessons. I am willing to pay music lessons for anyone so inclined. All parishes are always in need.

### 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 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese & were paid for by Zahrback Funeral home in Madison, MN. Please thank them for their generosity.

### DIOCESAN 50<sup>TH</sup> 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, Marie Volkenant, resident at Northridge. A mass will be offered for her intentions this coming Wed. January 9, 9:30 a.m. You are invited to pray for Marie, write a note, give her a call or send her a flower. The Mass is a gift, compliments of Social Concerns

### SUPPORT GROUP

The Church of Immaculate Conception, 109 3<sup>rd</sup> St. SE, is hosting a Support Group for divorced, widowed & separated, beginning Tuesday, Jan 8, 2008, 7 p.m. Call 605 886 6321 or 866 700 237

### DATES OF INTEREST

January 11 - Home School Mass Open to the Public  
January 11 - Education Board Meeting at Rosen 7 p.m.  
January 14 - Social Concerns Meeting  
January 22 - Region IV meeting at Appleton  
January 28 - Ortonville Education Meeting  
February 3 - Blessing of Throats  
February 5 - Ash Wednesday Mass at Nassau  
February 6 - Ash Wed. Masses at St. John & Joseph  
February 13 - 1<sup>st</sup> Confessions at Rosen  
February 14 - Home School Mass  
February 15 - Koinonia Weekend at Milbank  
March 1 - Parish Mission begins  
March 6 - Parish Mission ends  
March 23 - Easter Sunday  
April 5 - Confirmation celebration

### PARISH MISSION

Prior to his departure, Bishop Nienstedt arranged that each parish cluster would hold a six day mission in honor of our 50<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>. 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!

### CHURCH DECORATIONS

Next Sunday we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord. Now that the feast of the Epiphany has been completed, we can remove the Christmas decorations at your convenience. Thank you so much for your efforts in constructing them. The seasonal color from Jan. 14, to Ash Wed. is green.

### MARCH OF LIFE

**MCCL** March for Life will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 22, at 12 noon. A program on the Capitol front steps will take place at 12:30 p.m. An Ecumenical Prayer Service at the St. Paul Cathedral is scheduled for 10:30 a.m.

### KOINONIA RETREAT

will be held at Holy Rosary Parish, Graceville, MN. The retreat is designed to give adults an experience of Christian fellowship. Participants must be at least 18 years or older. Husbands and wives are encouraged to attend the same weekend. It will begin Friday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, with a 5 p.m. supper and ends Sunday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 p.m. Lodging will be provided for out of town participants. Cost is \$30.00 per person. Applications may be sent or called in by phone. Please call Collen Kleindl.23773 780<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Graceville, MN 56240 (320 748 7653) or Holy Rosary Church P O Box 7, Graceville, MN. 56240 (320 748 7313

### NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

is scheduled for January 13 - 18. It begins with the feast of Baptism of the Lord on Sunday. You are invited to renew your baptismal commitment and to pray for a strengthening of all vocations. Mark you calendars. Why not make an effort each day of that week, to say one prayer at meal times for more Vocations.

### SOME EXCELLENT QUESTIONS

Do you have a relationship with God, or do you just have a religion?  
Do you know God, or do you just know about God?  
Do you believe in a God without limits, or have you placed God in a box, and sealed the lid?  
His destiny was the cross...His purpose was love...His reason was you!

### MY SINCERE THANKS

to the the men representing the Wise men of the East. You were very effective! The baby Jesus also says thanks

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**MASS SCHEDULE - ST. JOHN'S - ORTONVILLE**

**Monday - January 7 - Raymond**

7:30 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass - (d) Wenzel/Barbara Sellner

**Wednesday - January 9 - Weekday**

9:30 a.m. Mass - NR - Marie Volkenant

**Friday - January 11 - Weekday**

7:30 a.m. - Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass - (d) Orlend Mathison

11:00 a.m. Mass - (d) Gordon Dawald

**Saturday - January 12- Vigil: Baptism of Our Lord**

5:00 p.m. Mass - (d) Bryce Roggenbuck

**Reader:** Jerry Kunz.

**Communion:** Kristi Delage, Kathy Oakes, Terry Oakes.

**Servers:** Travis Diekmann, Deric Radermacher, Mackenzie Spaulding.

**Ushers:** Rob Radermacher, Conrad Schuelke, Jim Sester.

**Sunday - January 13 - Baptism of Our Lord**

8:30 a.m. Mass - (d) Libby Taffe

**Reader:** Paul Treinen.

**Communion:** Elaine Martig, Dorothy Gmitterko, Kathy Gilsdorf.

**Servers:** Hannah Eustice, John Eustice, Joseph Eustice.

**Ushers:** Dick Strei, Don Wellendorf, Al Vedder.

**Offering:** adult- 1725.00 student- 7.25, loose plate- 195.50, Christmas- 445.00, stained glass windows- 5000.00, votives- 3.00, Christmas dinner- 395.00, Solemnity of Mary-536.70.

**MASS SCHEDULE - ST. JOSEPH'S - ROSEN**

**Tuesday - January 8 - Weekday**

8:00 a.m. Rosary

8:30 a.m. Mass - (d) Wally Mueller

**Thursday - January 10 - Weekday**

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 a.m. Mass - (d) Lawrence Kirchner

**Sunday - January 13 - Baptism of Our Lord**

10:30 a.m. Mass - For the Parish

**Readers:** Students: to be announced.

**Communion:** Jeanette Abramowski, Cindy Henrich.

**Servers:** Students: to be announced.

**Ushers:** Adam Rademacher, Aaron Roggenbuck, Alan Schuelke, Raymond Schuelke.

**Offering:** Adult- 2565.00, student- 15.00, loose plate- 185.00, Christmas- 25.00, Solemnity of Mary- 458.00.

**MASS SCHEDULE - ST. JAMES - NASSAU**

**Saturday - January 12 - Vigil: Baptism of our Lord**

7:30 p.m. Mass - (d) Bud Krakow

**Readers:** Cindy Schuelke, Tom Schuelke.

**Communion:** Pat Krakow, Joan Price.

**Server:** Michelle Harstad.

**Ushers:** Ray Beutler, Alan Roggenbuck.

**Offering:** Adult- 58.00, loose plate- 66.10, Solemnity of Mary- 191.00.

**CHURCH COMMUNITY EVENTS**

~ **Koinonia Prayer and Work Meeting:** Sunday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at St. Lawrence Church in Milbank. Please meet in the church basement. Milbank Koinonia is set for Feb. 15, 16 and 17. Make plans to attend/work for a weekend of wonderful experiences.

~ **The large Christmas Poinsettia** beside the Tabernacle at St. John's was given by Ivy Sealey in memory of (d) Archie Sealey and Holly Mosey.

~ **Bowls, plates, etc. at St. John's** on the shelf at bottom of the alley entrance stairway need to be picked up. Please check to see if something belongs to you.

**FROM THE DESK OF ST. JOHN'S DRE**

**Religious Education Schedule:**

Wed.Jan.9<sup>th</sup> - RE classes - grades 7-12 - - - 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Sun.Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> - RE classes - grades PS-6 - - 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Wed.Jan.16<sup>th</sup> - RE classes- grades 7-12 - - - - 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**Upcoming Events:**

See the bulletin attachment for January Religious Ed and Youth Group events.

**CONFIRMATION**

~ **TEC** -The next TEC is January 19 - 21.

~ **SEARCH** - The next one is January 18 - 20.

~ **Service Hours** - Contact either DRE for opportunities.

**FROM THE DESK OF ST. JOSEPH'S DRE**

**Religious Education Schedule:**

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Sun.Jan.13<sup>th</sup> - RE classes- grades PS-6 - - - 9:00 -10:15 a.m.

Wed.Jan.16<sup>th</sup> - RE classes-grades 7-9&12 - - 7:00 - 8:15 p.m.

**Upcoming Events:**

~ **Adult Education:** Tuesday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> after 8:30 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to attend.

~ **St. Joseph Board of Education** meeting on Friday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.