

MARCH 30, 2008, SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Before all weekday Masses. Saturday at 4:15 p.m. at St. John Ortonville & before the Saturday night 8 p.m. Mass at St. James Nassau. Before Sunday Mass, when time and place permits.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR

Barb Kelzer, Grace Koppen, Irene Christy, Mary Lou Byrne, Richard Byrne, Harrison McGuire, Donna Dittes, Bea Homan, Donald Pillatzke, Fr. George Lyon, OSB, Greta Botker, Ed Karels, Brian Scott, Dori Hoffman, Larry Walsh, Elaine Koenen, Marie Volkenant.

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

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

SAUERKRAUT FEST

St. James, Nassau is having their 66th Annual Men's Sauerkraut Dinner, on Sunday, March 30th, (which is today) serving from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$6.00-Adults, \$4.00-under 6 are free. Cakewalk is also included. Please make plans to join us.

SEVENTH ANNUAL

Omelet Breakfast, Sunday, March 30, at St Charles Parish Hall, Big Stone City, SD. Served by Deb's Bookends. from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free Will Offering. All donations benefit "It only Takes a Spark" Grant County Cancer Fund. Make checks payable to "Debs Bookends/Cancer Walk.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Annual Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings, will be held on Sunday, April 6, 2008 in the St. Michael's Church basement, Madison, MN, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Adults - \$8.00 (\$7.50 advanced sales) Carry outs available.

CHICKEN SOUP

Wednesday, April 16, 2008. St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Bellingham, MN. Oven-fried Chicken & Dressing, potatoes, green beans, relish, rolls, dessert. \$7.50/\$4.00/& under 5 free.

EASTER REMBERANCES.

Easter Water blessed on Holy Saturday night, will be available in the Holy Water container by the St. Joseph Altar, at St. John Church in Ortonville. MN. until it is depleted.

CONFIRMATION CEREMONY

The parishioners of St. James, St. John, St. Joseph invite you to witness the bestowing of the sacrament of Confirmation upon 28 students, Saturday, April 5th at 5 p.m. in the Church of St. John. Reception with dinner will follow immediately following the Mass, at the Social Hall. This is open to all families and parishioners alike. No cost for dinner, but reservations are required. Please contact the office at 839 2772, for reservations. The 8 p.m. Mass at St. James in Nassau, will be cancelled that evening due to this special event

HOSPICE TRAINING COURSE

April 28 & 30, 2008, 7:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Rice Memorial Hospital, Willmar, MN. The course is designed to train Volunteers, Clergy, RN's, LPN's Nursing Assistants, Physicians, PHN's & Social Workers to provide support and care for the hospice patient. Volunteers do not need prior educational preparation. If interested write to Rice Memorial Hospital, Rice Education Center, 301 Becker Avenue SW, Willmar. MN 56201. or call 320 231 4433.

CONVENTION

New Ulm Diocesan Council of Catholic Women 49th Annual Convention, celebrating 50 years of NUDCCW, will be held at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, St.

Anthony School, New Ulm, MN. April 26, 2008. Saturday, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Theme for this year is "I chose you out of the World" John 15:19. Keynote Speaker is Kathleen Keefe, who will speak on "Love is For-Giving." Kathleen is a wife and mother of 7 children. and a teacher in NYC Public School System. Please pre-register with your Parish CCW President by April 18.

DATES OF INTEREST

March 30 – Sauerkraut Fest at Nassau
March 30 – Clergy Retreat at Buffalo, MN
April 2 – Confirmation Practice
April 5 – Confirmation.
April 8 – Spring Gathering for Region IV, CCW at Granite Falls, MN.
April 11 – Home School Mass
April 14 – Social Concerns Meeting at MacDaddy's.
April 24 – Rosen Council Meeting
April 27 – First Communion at Ortonville
May 9 – Home School Mass
May 11 – First Communion in Rosen
May 31 – Parish Mission Speaker from Illinois.
June 8 – 50th Anniversary Celebration to the priesthood for Rev. Germain P. Rademacher at St. Joseph Church, Rosen, MN.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The sainthood cause of the founder of the Knights of Columbus has taken a major step forward. On March 15, Pope Benedict XVI, approved a decree of "heroic virtues" for Father Michael McGivney, a U. S. priest who, after establishing the Knights of Columbus, worked as a pastor until his death at age 38. He can be beatified if a miracle is attributed to his intercession. Canonization - a declaration of sainthood - requires an additional miracle.

EASTER APPRECIATION

My sincere thanks to all who made this past Easter a Blessed one. Especially the Choir directors, Organists, Church decorators, Ushers, Servers, soloists, liturgy crews, senders of Easter cards and gifts. I pray that your Easter was also a Blessed One.

ABSENT

Please note the absence of your pastor this coming week, as I travel to Buffalo, MN. for my Annual Retreat. Your prayers are requested for a successful retreat on my part. If you need to contact me by phone the number there is 1 763 682 1394.

NORTHRIDGE

Flue restrictions were removed this past week, hence the facility is open to all visitors. Bernice Watkins, mother of Gary Watkins is now a resident at Northridge.

ADDENDAS

First Friday this coming weekend, April 4. Please note the change in Mass Schedules. Home visits will again be made. Please call if you are not on the list. I was disappointed during Mission Week, that no one called our missionaries for a home visit. You missed a golden opportunity. I have been asked to hire someone to make home visits, prior to the Mission. No one seemed to be interested. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass at St. John until noon on First Friday.

No Mass at Nassau, Saturday night April 5th due to Confirmation being held at St. John.

REGION IV – CCW

The Spring Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, at Granite Falls beginning at 5:30 p.m. The theme this year is "Visions of Catholicism." Fr. Todd Peterson will be

