Coming Up This Week:

Sunday, February 3rd
8:00 AM...Mass..Robert Pomeroy
by Theresa Harris
9:15 AM....Religious Ed Program
10:30 AM...Mass..Mary A Kearney
by Bill & Liz Kearney

Monday, February 4th
No Mass

Tuesday, February 5th
No Mass

Wednesday, February 6th
Noon...Mass....Special Intention

Thursday, February 7th
9 AM...Mass....Helen Cascarelli
by Scott & Connie Tuthill

Friday, February 8th
9 AM....Mass...Mr & Mrs Harold Sage
by Jo Ann Ramsay

Saturday, February 9th
3:30 PM...Confessions
4:30 PM...Mass...Special Intention
by Hank & Pat Konkle

Sunday, February 10th
8:00 AM...Mass..Helen Cascarelli
by John & Sue Harden
9:15 AM....Religious Ed Program
10:30 AM...Mass..For the People of St John Parish

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE
Target: $420,000.00
Pledged to date: $435,387.12
plus the $25,000 we have received.

Thank You! We did this together!
If you haven't made a pledge yet, call the Parish Office or return your pledge card.
Together we achieve more

Please Pray For: Marge Bommarito, June Carver, Sharon Bommarito, Cris Solis, Jr; Margaret Richardson, Pilar Rivera, Andres Lerma, Henry Lopez Jr, Edna Sheldon, Virginia Karmalski, Irene Campbell, Kay Eagen, Kathy Matson, John Owdziej, Liz Wilson, Lee Worden

Liturgy Team Two

Saturday, February 9th 4:30 PM
Commentator: Bob Kochinski
Lector: Nikki Kochinski
EM: Diane Welninski, Chris Calvert, Jenny Nearnberg
Altar Servers: Megan & Sarah Carr
Ushers: Bill Zenoniani, Sr; Steve Zenoniani

Sunday, February 10th 8:00 AM
Commentator: Dave Farley
Lector: Sue Farley
EM: Sue Harden, Volunteer, Volunteer
Altar Server: Caroline Dobbins
Ushers: Steve Konkol, Lester Stark

Sunday, February 10th 10:30 AM
Commentator: Sally Jackson
Lector: Aimee Fedore
EM: Kathy Matson, Martin & Shelagh Holmes
Altar Server: Carl Weiskittel, Alicia Botello
Ushers: Tom Hickey, Bill Blight

Our Return to God Of His Gifts to Us
January 26 & 27

Adult & Loose $3,127.00
Children $16.00
Parish Development . . . . . $

Blessed are they who are what they are and do what they do for the sake of the kingdom! The Gospel today assures good stewards that their suffering and their service on behalf of the Kingdom will be rewarded!

Ready or not here comes LENT. On Wednesday February 6th, we begin the season of Lent. Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence, meaning we may not eat any meat and consume no more food during the day than we would at our largest meal of the day. This also means no in between meal snacks. Our Masses on Ash Wednesday are at 9 AM and 7PM with the distribution of Ashes. There is an ecumenical service on campus at 12:10 in Kellogg Center on the second floor.

As I said several weeks ago that our new years resolution to eat healthy and get more exercise may have a good shot at keeping it longer. This also seems to be a lenten resolution we make as well. With lent coming so early, we do have an opportunity of keeping it longer.

During lent we are to refrain from eating meat on Fridays. We usually substitute fish for meat or pancakes, eggs, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. This is to help us set Fridays apart from the rest of the week, for it's the day on which our Lord died for us. It helps us to remember.

Beside fasting, which by the way can mean fasting from things other than food, we also have prayer as part of our lenten disciplines. Here is an opportunity to improve our prayer life. Spending a little more time in prayer on our own, or maybe joining one of the small groups and reflecting on the Sunday Scriptures and getting several perspectives on the theme. One can also attend the Stations of the Cross at 3 PM on Fridays here at Saint John. This is an opportunity to walk the journey to the cross with Jesus and remember what he did for us so that we can be forgiven of our sins and once again enter the eternal presence of our God.

Many of us will give something up for lent, but another discipline of lent is to do something for another. The giving of alms can take on many forms. Operation rice bowl is one way of doing something for another. Doing some volunteer work is another way, and you can come up with others.

This season of lent one of the key focuses of the readings for Sunday especially the Gospel is on reconciliation. Forgiving and experiencing forgiveness. Why not during the season of Lent take the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation, especially if you haven't been in a while. The sacrament of reconciliation is on Saturday's from 3:30- 4:00 PM or you can make an appointment.

My prayer for you is have a blessed and fruitful lenten season and remember begin to remove the clutter from ones spiritual life and make more room for our Lord. Have a blessed Lent!

Fr. Gordon

Family Perspective

It is in our family where we learn to be merciful and comforting to others. The Beatitudes of the Kingdom of God begin at home and depend on you.

Lumen Christ's Open House

We hope you can join us for Lumen Christi Catholic High School's Open House on Sunday, February 3rd starting promptly at 1:00 pm and lasting until 3:00 pm. The format of the Open House is designed to present a comprehensive, informative overview of our school. Our mission is to share the "Light of Christ" through our academic, athletic and extracurricular programs. Lumen Christi is located at 3483 Spring Arbor Road, Jackson. For more information, please call our Development Office at (517) 787-5080.

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

The Blood Drive will be Thursday, February 7 from Noon to 6 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall on 29 Mile Road. They need some volunteers to help serve the donors. If can help or would like more information, please call Tom Hickey (517) 629-2556

The sponsor of the week is Able Heating & Cooling