Coming Up This Week:

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

Monday, February 11th
No Mass

Tuesday, February 12th
No Mass

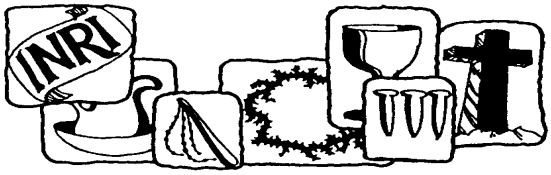
Wednesday, February 13th
No Mass
Noon....Soups On

Thursday, February 14th Valentine's Day
No Mass
7 PM....KC Mtg

Friday, February 15th
9 AM.....Mass...Bonnie Nugent *by James Nugent*
3 PM.....Stations of the Cross
5 - 7 PM.....Fish Fry

Saturday, February 16th
3:30 PM...Confessions
4:30 PM...Mass...Special Intention
by Hank & Pat Konkle

Sunday, February 17th
8:00 AM...Mass..Dolores Fuentes *by the Family*
9:15 AM....Religious Ed Program
10:30 AM...Mass..For the People of St John Parish



The sponsor of the week is Carr Brothers & Sons, Inc

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

Liturgy Team Three

Saturday, February 16th 4:30 PM
Commentator: Bob Chojnowski
Lector: Ruth Schmitter
EM: Bob & Nikki Kochinski, Katie Konkle
Altar Servers: Bernard Konkle, Susie Chojnowski
Ushers: Nelson Baumeister, Allen Topa

Sunday, February 17th 8:00 AM
Commentator: Kathy Snyder
Lector: Mary Koch
EM: Bill & Joan Walsh, Liz Wilson
Altar Servers: Volunteer
Ushers: Kay Eagen, Toni Stokes

Sunday, February 17th 10:30 AM
Commentator: Carl Weiskittel
Lector: Ken Blight
EM: Mike McAuliffe, Deb Weitzel, Carol deNicola
Altar Servers: Andrea Farmer
Ushers: John Richardson, Volunteer

Our Return to God Of His Gifts to Us
February 2 & 3

Adult & Loose	$5,953.94
Children	$12.00
Parish Development	$225.00

What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship? Possessions? Pride? Power? Oh Lord, create for us a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us!

As we enter this first full week of lent and begin to unclutter our lives I wish to share with you a little Lenten trivia.. As you may know this is the earliest lent can begin. We are part of history for this will not occur again until 2160. Many of us won't see this again, or if we do, we will be very, very old.

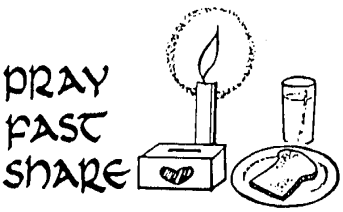
To help us unclutter our lives especially our spiritual lives we look to the three pillars of lent Fast, Pray, and the Giving of Alms. Operation Rice Bowl adds a fourth discipline and that is Learn. The reality is that these disciplines should be kept through out the year, yet in lent we bring them front and center in our lives.

Learning is important. On our spiritual journey we are encouraged to continue to grow in our understanding of our faith. In order to do this we first must learn about our faith, then apply it to our daily lives. There is so much to learn about our faith that it is a life long process. There is no one moment in time that we know it all on our journey in this world.

Take for example the Sacred Scriptures. The Bible is the only book I know of, that continues to be published and read over and over again. Unlike novels, or books about history, or books on theological topics, where one can read them once and never pick them up again, the Bible continually gives us new insights about our God and our relationship with our God. It gives us guide posts as to how to live out our lives in faith.

Take the Sunday readings, how many times have we read these passages, heard them proclaimed and each time gain a new insight. Yes learning is on going, not just in the Scriptures, but in all aspects of our lives of faith. The process is guided by our God through His Son, with the Holy Spirit directing the process for each one of us.

On another note which falls under Alms Giving. We have a parishioner who regularly goes to eight o'clock mass who is in need of a ride to and from mass. If you can help out, please let me know or call the office (517) 629-4532



Have a blessed lenten week, may it bear much fruit for you.

Fr. Gordon

49th International Eucharistic Congress, June 15-June 22

The 49th International Eucharistic Congress will be held in Quebec City from June 15-June 22, 2008. "It will be an occasion for Catholics of the whole world to celebrate their faith in the Eucharist and to give witness to the Gospel by living moments of prayer, reflection and fraternity," says Cardinal Marc Ouellet, archbishop of Québec City.

Bishop James A. Murray is encouraging Catholics of the Diocese of Kalamazoo to accept Cardinal Oullet's invitation to join in preparation for the Congress and to consider joining in pilgrimage to the event. For more information about a diocesan-organized pilgrimage, please contact David Reilly, director of Christian Worship, at dreilly@dioceseofkalamazoo.org.

2008 marks the 400th anniversary of the foundation of the city of Québec as one of the first permanent French establishment in America and the seat of the first Catholic diocese north of Mexico.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER PROGRAM

This explores God's special gift of human fertility and the beauty and wonder of growing up and becoming a woman, for 10-12 year old girls and their mothers (or significant female). SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2008, 2-5 p.m., Lawrence Education Center Auditorium of Borgess Hospital, Gull Road at Shaffer Road. $25.00 per family. Reservation deadline is February 26th. Contact Mary Culp at the NFP Center at 269-964-9474, or download the reservation form from the NFP page of the Diocesan web site: www.dioceseofkalamazoo.org.