Coming Up This Week:

Sunday, February 24th
8:00 AM...Mass..Henry Konkol *by the Family*
9:15 AM....Religious Ed Program
10:30 AM...Mass..For the People of St John Parish

Monday, February 25th
No Mass

Tuesday, February 26th
No Mass

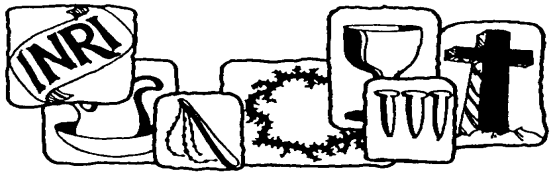
Wednesday, February 27th
Noon...Mass....Bonnie Nugent *by James*

Thursday, February 28th
9 AM...Mass...Special Intention

Friday, February 29th
9 AM.....Mass...Mike & Barb McAuliffe
3 PM.....Stations of the Cross
5 - 7 PM.....Fish Fry

Saturday, March 1st
3:30 PM...Confessions
4:30 PM...Mass...Raymond Knodt
by Hank & Pat Konkle

Sunday, March 2nd
8:00 AM...Mass..For People of St John Parish
9:15 AM....Religious Ed Program
10:30 AM...Mass..William & Mary Kearney
by Bill & Liz Kearney



The sponsor of the week is Lopez Taco House

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, Marian Koledo Eusebio Solis, Sr.

Liturgy Team One

Saturday, March 1st 4:30 PM
Commentator: Mike Hill
Lector: Rebekah Snyder
EM: Vicky Snyder, Bill & Laura Zenoniani,
Altar Server: Zachary Calvert
Ushers: Frank Kniburys, Hank Konkle

Sunday, March 2nd 8:00 AM
Commentator: Don Kaiser
Lector: Joan Walsh
EM: Dave & Sue Farley, Alex Harden
Altar Server: Theresa Harris
Ushers: Bob Fisher, Kevin Markovich

Sunday, March 2nd 10:30 AM
Commentator: Alicia Botello
Lector: Juanita Solis Kidder
EM: Rodney & Jill Mestdagh, Vonnie Lammers
Altar Servers: Aaron Lammers, Nick Lammers
Ushers: Curt Miller, Fred Schick

Our Return to God Of His Gifts to Us
February 16 & 17

Adult & Loose	$3,137.90
Children	$7.55
Parish Development	$30.00

When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a life-changing relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!

3rd Sunday of Lent **Ex 17: 3-7; Rom 5: 1-2, 5: 8; Jn 4: 5-42**

As we enter our third week of lent our focus is on water. Water that gives life, Jesus who is life giving. As I have said, lent is a gift of the Church to each of us. It's a spiritual retreat of sorts done in our homes with our families. It's six weeks to prepare us to renew our baptismal promises at Easter.

Lent is truly a time that we can pull back and begin to unclutter our lives. We began by cleaning out closets, bookcases, our kitchens, our storage areas then sorting the things that go to recycle, things that go to A.I.M. Last week we began to look at our priorities, revise our thinking. We begin to make more time for our God, setting aside time to read, and reflect on God's word. It begins to have a greater impact in our lives. The Word is richer, more meaningful, and we begin to let it start changing our lives.

The Woman at the well in this week's Gospel encounters the word of God, our Lord Jesus. Thins encounter not only changes her life, but the lives of the people where she lives. It's that way with us. We are changed by our encounter with the word of God.

Yet, we at times miss the encounter, because we are to busy, our mind is distracted because we are focused on so many things. Today we move a little closer to understanding, we are reminded of the living waters of baptism, our own baptismal call.

In the coming week, we also begin the process of removing from our very hearts the things that keep us from forgiving. The hurts, that keep us from forgiving maybe a family member, a friend, maybe a co-worker, maybe even ourselves. God invites us to return to him and be healed through the sacrament of reconciliation. Maybe it's time to receive the sacrament especially if we haven't been in a while. It is a tool that brings grace, it's a tool that helps unclutter our lives and most importantly it enables us to make more room for Jesus.
Blessings to you in the coming week.

Fr. Gordon

THE JOURNEY WITHIN ... The Experience Of Lent

Lumen Christi Registration
Lumen Christi Catholic High School's registration for 8th Grade students will begin on Thursday, February 28, 2008. For daytime registration, please call (517) 787-0630 for an appointment. Evening registration, which will be held in the Library, is scheduled for Wednesday, March 5 from 6 pm to 8 pm for names beginning with the letter A-L; and on Thursday, March 6 from 6 pm tp 8 pm for last names beginning with the letter M-Z. If you have conflict during your designated evening registration, you may either schedule an appointment to during the day or you may come to the other scheduled evening registration.

Lumen Christi is located at 3483 Spring Arbor Road, Jackson, Michigan. For more information about registration, or about our school, please call the Development Office at (517) 787-5080. Our mission is to share the "Light of Christ" through our academic, athletic and extracurricular programs.

Family Perspective
We share our faith with our children so that one day they will say; "We no longer believe because of your word; we have heard for ourselves and worship what we understand." But first, children must hear "your word."

In Appreciation
Many thanks to the people of St. John's, especially Fr. Greene and Mary Topa, and all those who so kindly treated me to gifts for Christmas. They were very much appreciated. God Bless you all!
June Carver

Remember to purchases the Scrip/Gift Cards. Proceeds help the Altar Rosary Society pay for items needed for liturgy.

Also, the Knights of Columbus are selling Raffle Tickets...1st prize $300 for groceries, 2nd & 3rd prizes $100 for groceries; drawing will be held May 8th at the KC Hall; cost - $1 ea or 6 for $5.