

February 21, 2010
First Sunday of Lent

CELEBRATION OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

2/22 MON **Rectory Office Closed**
7:20 AM - HOVEN - Mass/Rosary
***Roman Brenner+**

2/23 TUES **5:15 PM - HOVEN - Mass/Rosary**
***Dave Goebel+**

2/24 WED **5:15 PM - HOVEN - Mass/Rosary**
***Bernadette Arbach+**

2/25 THURS **7:20 AM - HOVEN - Mass/Rosary**
***Mass of Thanksgiving**

4:30 PM - ONAKA - Mass
***Fr. Robert Fox+**

2/26 FRI **7:20 AM - HOVEN - Mass/Rosary**
***Frank & Oliva Schmidt+**

7:00 PM - ONAKA
Communion Service/Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM - HOVEN
Stations/Benediction/Confessions (Incense)

2/27 SAT **11:00 AM - HOSP. - Rosary/Mass**
***Holy Souls in Purgatory**

3:30 - 4:30 PM Confessions

THE LORD'S DAY MASS

5:00 PM - HOVEN - Mass
***Clarence Frost Family**

2/28 SUN **7:30 - 7:55 AM - Confessions - Onaka**

8:00 AM - ONAKA - Mass
***People of our Parishes**

9:15 - 9:45 AM Confessions - Hoven

10:00 AM - HOVEN - Mass
***Sebastian & Marian Scherr Family**

This Sunday's Readings:

Dt 26: 4-10; Psalm 91; Rom 10: 8-13; Lk 4: 1-13

CATECHISM PARAGRAPHS FOR THIS SUNDAY:

+ 1846-1853 - Mercy and sin. Kinds of sin.
+ 2012-2016, 2558 - Christian call to holiness. Call to the life of prayer. A living relationship with the true God.
+ 2119 - Adoring only God. Tempting God.
+ 430-432, 441-451 - Titles of Jesus as Savior, Son of God, and Lord.
+ 538-540 - Temptations of Jesus.
+ 2095-2098 - Adoration: acknowledging God as ultimate source, not turning in on oneself.

DAILY READINGS FROM SACRED SCRIPTURE:

Monday: 1 Pt 5: 1-4; Mt 16: 13-19

Tuesday: Is 55: 10-11; Mt 6: 7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3: 1-10; Lk 11: 29-32

Thursday: Est C 12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7: 7-12

Friday: Ez 18: 21-28; Mt 5: 20-26

Saturday: Dt 26: 16-19; Mt 5: 43-48

Sunday: Gn 15: 5-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Phil 3: 17, 4:1;
Lk 9: 28b-36

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYERS:

FROM HOVEN: Fr. Lance Oser, Helen Glodt, LaVonne Schumacher, Dyt Rundall, Marvin Schmidt, Kenny Kaup, Kay Klocker, Rick Karst, Richard Simon+.

FROM ONAKA: St. John's Parishioners, Bertha Tuchscherer, Phil Heintzman.

OTHER: Pope Benedict XVI, Bishop Paul Swain, priests, seminarians, Sisters of our Diocese, World Peace, sanctity of all human life, our military personnel, Jeff & Trish Simon, Laura Keller-Huber, Gene Ronke, Sandy Entringer, Dorothy Frost, Patrick Engel, Krista Seurer, Carmen Rausch, Kristina Sevigny+.

Names will remain on our prayer list for four weeks. Please contact **Linda in the office to request continued prayers.**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS February 27-28, 2010

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA - Saturday - 5:00 PM

LECTOR: Pat Rausch
EUCH. MIN: Elaine Seurer
GREETERS: Francis DeRouche Family
MARY'S HELPERS: Kalecia Hageman, Calie Kaiser
USHERS: Please Volunteer
SERVERS: Dana Hageman, Jeff Hageman, Travis Clark

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST - Sunday - 8:00 AM

LECTOR: Wayne Heier
OFFERTORY: Larry Vetch Family
USHERS: Please Volunteer

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA - Sunday - 10:00 AM

LECTOR: Andy Rausch
EUCH. MIN: Diane Sevigny, Suzi Vail
GREETERS: Jerry Rausch Family
MARY'S HELPERS: Autumn Simon, Abigail Simon
USHERS: Please Volunteer
SERVERS: Scott Glodt, Joey Glodt, Nathan Jager

Almighty and everlasting God, have mercy upon Thy servant, Benedict, our Supreme Pontiff, and direct him, according to Thy loving kindness, in the ways of eternal salvation; that, by Thy gift, he may always desire that which is pleasing unto Thee and may accomplish it with all his might. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for Pope Benedict XVI's General & Mission Intentions for February:

(G) General intention; (M) Mission intention

(G) **Scholars** - That scholars and intellectuals, by sincere search for the truth, may come to know the one true God.

(M) **The Church's Missionary Identity.** That the Church, aware of its missionary identity, may strive to follow Christ faithfully and to proclaim His gospel to all peoples.

FR. LANCE'S NOTE

Dear Family in Christ: Pax Christi!

St. Anthony's collected \$2,726.33 and St. John's collected \$687.00 for the Haitian earthquake victims, which will be forwarded to the diocese for Catholic Relief Services. God bless each of you for your generosity!

Many thanks also to our Treasure Hut volunteers for their gift of \$7,500 to help pay for our insurance and their donation to geothermal. May God reward you for your stewardship and the important service you provide to our community, indeed to the whole region!

Both of the above examples give a powerful and eloquent demonstration of a people with a vibrant, living Faith, who are reaching out to our Lord Jesus in His/our suffering brothers and sisters here and abroad. This Christian witness of yours is at the heart of what the holy season of Lent is all about.

Ad Jesum per Mariam!

ADULT EVENTS/RETREATS

Tues., March 2nd - "Time Out for Women" presentation @ Good Shepherd Hall, Ss Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Pierre.

Mass @ 5:15pm with a Soup & Sandwich supper immediately following (\$6) and a 7:00pm presentation & panel. 'Lighting your personal candle'. Sponsored by Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

March 5-7 - St. Bernard's Parish (Redfield) Koinonia Retreat
The Koinonia retreat theme is the Death & Resurrection of Jesus and is an experience of Catholic Christian Community of Prayer and Vision based on the Paschal Mystery of Christ. Contact Fr. Bill Osborn at 605-472-2500 for more info or an application. Rooms available if you care to stay overnight Friday and Saturday.

Sun., March 7th - "Living on the Edge" - The Catholic Man in the 21st Century @ Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Aberdeen, from 1:00 to 5:00pm. At this Lent's Faith for Life event, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers will offer a series of presentations calling men to live their faith with fire and passion. Pre-registration is required and is \$15. Call Mary Andersen @ 605-988-3766 to register. See poster in vestibule.

Sat., March 13th - Day of Intercessory Prayer For Priests @ Holy Spirit Parish, Mitchell, SD - In an effort to support the priests of our diocese, Charismatic Renewal is sponsoring "A Day of Intercessory Prayer For Priests" using Praise, Worship, Adoration and Intercession. The day begins at 10:00am and will conclude at 3:00pm. A free-will lunch will be served. Pre-registration is requested for planning purposes. To register, or for more information, contact Jane Barz at cottonwoodfrm@santel.net or 605-940-4101. Please join us as we pray for our priests.

Saturday, April 24th - Introduction to Theology of the Body
Presentation by Christopher West at Holy Spirit Church, Sioux Falls. Session is from 9am to 3:30pm. Cost is \$40/person or \$75/couple (includes lunch). Register by 4-15-10. Download registration form at www.tobinstitute.org. For more info e-mail Kathy Davis @ kdavis@qwestoffice.net or call her @ 605-371-2320. See poster in the Church vestibule.

COMING EVENTS - HOVEN

Mon., Feb. 22nd @ 8:00 PM - KC Meeting at the KC Hall.

Sun., Mar. 14th @ 3:00 p.m. - Hospital Musical Fun Afternoon at the Hoven Legion Hall. A Soup and Sandwich Supper will be held following the program. *Please join in the fun and support our local hospital.*

CCD/YOUTH CORNER

Bishop Hoch Deanery Scholarships are available for attendance @ Mt. Marty, Yankton, or Presentation College, Aberdeen. Deadline for filing application is 4-16-10. These merit-based scholarships are made available by the annual Catholic Family Sharing Appeal. Scholarship recipients are selected from each of the seven deaneries in the Diocese. Application is available at the rectory.

YOUTH RETREAT

A Diocesan-led trip is being planned to the Steubenville North conference in St. Paul. Conference dates are Friday, July 30th to Monday, August 2nd. Cost is \$325/person and includes a trip to ValleyFair. The diocese has approximately 100 seats available. Visit www.sfcatholic.org/youth/ for more info and a registration form.

NOTES

Our Parish Community Extends Prayerful Sympathy to the family of Don & Diane Seigny, whose granddaughter, Kristina, died. May Kristina and all those who have gone before us marked

with the Sign of Faith rest in peace.

Sun., Feb. 21st - KC Fundraiser for Dytic Rundall - Serving pancakes, ham, sausage & eggs from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the KC Hall. Free-will offering.

Sun., Feb. 21st - Hometown Soup Dinner @ St. Boniface Church, Seneca. Serving starts at Noon. Beef Stew, Oyster Stew, Knoephla Soup, Homemade Bread and Pies. Free-will offering. Everyone welcome! Come and enjoy good food and fellowship!

Roncalli Nearly New 220 N. Main, Aberdeen, SD, thanks you for your business and donations. Semi-annual half price sale on clothing, bedding, linens, and draperies beginning February 23rd through March 6th. Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 12 to 4:00pm.

A new parish giving option: Plains Commerce Bank customers now have the option of making automatic contributions to the parish from their savings or checking account. Please call Linda at the rectory for more information.

Notice - There are daily spiritual readings and reflections at the following website www.apostleshipofprayer.org.

Anniversary Mass Celebration - If you will be celebrating 25, 50, 60, and 65 or more years of marriage, **please call the rectory by Mar. 19th** so your name can be submitted to the diocese. A special Mass in your honor will be celebrated this summer, date is not scheduled at this point. For those who submit their names, an invitation will be sent to you by the diocese to attend this celebration.

Videos for Sale - "The Passion", "Jesus of Nazareth", "Our Father's Plan", "Joan of Arc", "Kenosis Confession", "Three Kinds of Love", "The Meaning of the Mass". If interested, stop at the rectory or call us.

Natural Family Planning & Fertility Care: For information and a list of instructors and physicians call the Family & Children Faith Formation Office, 605-988-3776.

Also see: www.usccb.org/prolife/issues/nfp

Please remember that the Church bulletin is available on St. Anthony's website at www.stanthonyshoven.com and also in a printable form on the Hoven website at www.hovensd.com

SACRIFICIAL GIVING - ST. ANTHONY'S

February 13-14, 2010

Amount collected for weekend.....\$1,536.50
Amount collected for Haitian Relief.....\$525.00

God bless you for your continued support of our parishes!

Geothermal Update

Project Cost: \$495,000
Pledge Goal: \$300,000
Pledge Total: \$200,208.62
Pledge Income Received: \$177,024.82
Outstanding Pledge Balance: \$23,183.80

Haitian Relief Donations are still being accepted. Please make your check payable to St. Anthony's or St. John's Parish. Our parishes will then forward your gifts to the diocese for Catholic Relief Services. *Thank you for your generosity! A special thanks to those who have already donated.*

Year of the Priest Prayer

O Almighty Eternal God, look upon the Holy Face of Thy

Christ, and for the love of Him who is the eternal High Priest, have pity on Thy priests. Remember, O most compassionate God, that they are but weak and frail human beings. Stir up in them the grace of their vocation which is in them by the imposition of the Bishop's hands. Keep them close to Thee, lest the enemy prevail against them, so that they may never do anything in the slightest degree unworthy of their sublime vocation.

O Jesus, I pray Thee for Thy faithful and fervent priests; for Thy unfaithful and tepid priests; for Thy priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for Thy tempted priests; for Thy lonely and desolate priests; for Thy young priests; for Thy aged priests; for Thy sick priests; for Thy dying priests; for the souls of Thy priests in purgatory.

But above all I commend to Thee the priests dearest to me; the priest who baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Thy Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me or helped me and encouraged me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way, particularly _____. O Jesus, keep them all close to Thy Sacred Heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen.

Lenten Regulations for Catholics

- The Christian faithful are to do penance for their sins through prayer and fasting, abstinence and by exercising works of piety and charity. **All Fridays through the year**, especially during Lent, are penitential days.

- **Abstinence:** All who have reached their 14th birthday are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent.

- **Fasting:** All those who are 18 or older, until their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Only one full meal is allowed on days of fast. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's need; but together, they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.

The obligation does not apply to those whose health or ability to work would be seriously affected. People in doubt about fast or abstinence should consult a priest.

Abandon superficiality in favor of complete conversion, says Pope

by Carol Glatz and Cindy Wooden. VATICAN CITY (CNS) The Lenten season calls Christians to strip themselves of evil, superficiality and lukewarm morality and to turn themselves fully over to Jesus Christ, said Pope Benedict XVI.

"Conversion means to change the direction in life's journey, not by making tiny adjustments, but by an authentic and real about-face," he said during his weekly general audience Feb. 17th, Ash Wednesday.

"The call for conversion strips bare and denounces the easy superficiality that very often characterizes our way of life," he said.

"Conversion is to go against the current where the current is a lifestyle that is superficial, inconsistent, disillusioned, and which often tramples us, reigns over us and makes us slaves to evil or, in any case, prisoners of mediocre morals," he said.

Beginning his Ash Wednesday observance with the general audience, the pope told an estimated 6,500 visitors that Lent, in the words of St. Paul, reminds people "not to accept the grace of God in vain," but to recognize that God is calling everyone to penance

and spiritual renewal every day.

When life seems exhausting and fraught with difficulties and failure, and when one is tempted to abandon the faith, it is a call to "open ourselves up to God's love in Christ and to live according to his logic of justice and love," he said.

When people receive ashes, the priest tells them either "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return," he said.

To turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel are not two different things, he said; they express the need to completely turn over one's life to the Gospel by "freely answering to Christ who offers humanity the way, the truth and the life." Only through Jesus can a person be saved and free, he said.

The words "you are dust and to dust you shall return" remind people of their human fragility and mortality, especially in cultures that tend to censor the human experience of death, he said.

In the evening, Pope Benedict led the traditional Ash Wednesday procession on Rome's Aventine Hill from the Church of St. Anselm to the Church of Santa Sabina, where he celebrated Mass and received ashes on the top of his head from Cardinal Jozef Tomko, retired prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples.

In his homily, the pope said accepting ashes "is essentially a gesture of humility, which means that I recognize myself for what I am: a fragile creature made of earth and destined to return to the earth, but also made in the image of God and destined to return to him."

Human beings can recognize and respond to God's voice, but they also can disobey God, the pope said.

"The origin of every material and social injustice is that which the Bible calls 'iniquity' or sin, which basically consists in disobeying God" and not responding to his love, he said.

The first step to restoring justice in the world is to repent of one's personal sins and sincerely seek to live according to God's will, the pope said.

The reward for repentance and good works, the pope said, "is not the admiration of others, but friendship with God and the grace that comes with it, a grace that gives peace and the strength to do good, to love even those who don't deserve it and to forgive those who have offended us."

Editor's Note: The text of the pope's audience remarks in English is posted online at:

www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/audiences/2010/documents/hf_ben-xvi_aud_20100217_en.html

Silence and Solitude by Br. Bertrand Vogelweide, OSB

In 1904, at the age of twenty-five, Carrine Gafkjen, an immigrant from the Hallingdal Valley in Norway, staked out a 160 acre homestead thirty miles north of Williston, North Dakota. For a home, she moved into a one-room tarpaper shack. **And for the required six months of the claim she lived there alone without electricity, running water, newspapers or visitors. Once a week, she walked five miles to Little Muddy Creek in order to do her wash and haul home enough water to boil for drinking.** Potatoes and salt were her only food. She spoke to no one except the man she hired to break the land with his plow and four oxen.

Miss Gafkjen's story is not unique. Many immigrants endured lonely nights on the Dakota prairie. **But the lonely homesteader is about as close to the Christ in the Desert story as anyone I can think of.**

Many of us crave solitude - time out from our harried lives

made all the more hectic with cell phones, crazy traffic, and overscheduled work - and we dream about a little place in the woods with no one there to disturb us. Indeed, a hermitage might be the ideal vacation for a time, until the experience turns into something more akin to wilderness.

Night after night all alone in a shack, and far from neighbors, one likely faces many inner demons. Christ allowed himself to be tempted in the wilderness for forty days and nights. Without food and friends, he wrestled the great metaphoric devil that lives in every human soul. **Wilderness, in spiritual terms, is a place of trial.** Precisely because it is a place to be alone, devoid of comfort and free of distraction, it is also a place of parting clouds and whispering wind.

A homestead is good testing ground. There are few things one can deny in a claim shack. At least with a cell phone I can pretend I'm important. But without it, and no one to call, I have only myself for company. At least in crazy traffic I have some place to go. But without that, inside a twelve by fourteen foot shack and miles and miles of snow outside, I'm stuck in the same little spot. At least overscheduled work delivers me from having to think about unpleasant personal demons. **But without work distraction, the silence of four walls, growing darker in the evening, showing up the glow from a pot bellied stove, shadows are created that look like ghosts. Solitude forces me to see myself as I am with all my shortcomings, blemishes and scars.**

Denial is a defense mechanism: faced with something uncomfortable, I push it aside and choose not to cope with that part of reality. I refuse to struggle and to learn. **Humans have an enormous capacity to bury psychological pain. And in doing so, we embrace outright falsehoods, or we deny responsibility for wrong action.** We push guilt aside and construct barriers against the truth.

In solitude there is no one to convince. Left alone, I have no refuge against myself. The first sign that denial is no longer working is an overwhelming feeling of boredom. Most people flee the hermitage as soon as this happens. They can't get out fast enough, returning to busy society because the Desert is no longer enjoyable. Wilderness is no fun.

The second sign that denial is not working is a loss of energy. Just as in the case of depression, activity becomes oppressive. Even the thought of moving about is burdensome and the hermit can't get out of bed.

The third sign that denial is not working is anger. There is a defensive eruption against forces that seem to threaten. The hermit fumes and rages inside the little tarpaper shack.

A Christian has to pass through these stages of weakness, fear and sorrow in order to embrace reality and find the way to strength, joy and triumph. Jesus Christ showed us the way in the Desert near the Jordan. He beckons us to follow. Our time of Lent requires a sojourn in the wilderness. A certain amount of solitude is necessary in order to own up to myself just as I am, to admit my need, and come close to Christ.

I don't know if Carrine Gafkjen experienced any of the classic symptoms of a hermit's progress towards God, but I can't image that she lived without suffering during her six months alone on the prairie. (Soon after, she married, joined her claim to her husband's, and raised several children.)

Let us pray for one another that we may, through God's grace, find our way through our Lenten wilderness to an Easter full of strength and joy.

Indeed, so important is silence that permission to speak should seldom be granted even to mature disciples, no matter how good or holy or constructive their talk. *Rule of St. Benedict, Chapter 6.*

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Next Funeral Luncheon: Circle 1

Special Activity: Circle 8 cleans Church in March