

March 21, 2010
Fifth Sunday of Lent

CELEBRATION OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

- 3/22 MON** **Rectory Office Closed**
7:00 PM - HOVEN - Mass/Rosary
***Bernard & Grace Simon+**
- 3/23 TUES** ***St. Toribio de Mogrovejo***
5:15 PM - HOVEN - Mass/Rosary
***Linda Feldmeier**
- 3/24 WED** **7:20 AM - HOVEN - Mass/Rosary**
***Melvin & Annette Frost**
- 5:30 PM - ONAKA - Mass**
***Priests of our Diocese**
- 3/25 THURS** ***Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord***
7:00 PM - HOVEN - Mass (Incense)
***Geothermal Donors**
- 3/26 FRI** **7:20 AM - HOVEN - Mass/Rosary**
***Jodi Rausch+**
- 7:00 PM - ONAKA**
Communion Service/Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 PM - HOVEN**
Stations/Benediction/Confessions (Incense)
- 3/27 SAT** **11:00 AM - HOSP. - Rosary/Mass**
***Jeff & Lyndsey Rausch**
- 3:30 - 4:30 PM Confessions**
- THE LORD'S DAY MASS**
- 5:00 PM - HOVEN - Mass**
***Herb & Irene Wickert+**
- 3/28 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 (Incense)**
***Jim Rausch+**

This Sunday's Readings:

Is 43: 16-21; Psalm 126; Phil 3: 8-14; Jn 8: 1-11

CATECHISM PARAGRAPHS FOR THIS SUNDAY:

- + 1468-1470 - Effects of sacramental penance.
- + 426-428, 2653-2654 - Christ-centered catechesis. Losing all in order to know Christ. Prayerful encounter with Scripture.
- + 827 - The holy Church is composed of sinful people. All members must acknowledge this.
- + 1265-1266 - New creature through baptism.
- + 1854-1863 - Gravity of sin (mortal and venial).

DAILY READINGS FROM SACRED SCRIPTURE:

Monday: Dn 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8: 19-20

Tuesday: Nm 21: 4-9; Jn 8: 21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8: 31-42

Thursday: Is 7: 10-14, 8: 10; Heb 10: 4-10; Lk 1: 26-38

Friday: Jer 20: 10-13; Jn 10: 31-42

Saturday: Ez 37: 21-28; Jn 11: 45-56

Sunday: Is 50: 4-7; Psalm 22; Phil 2: 6-11; Lk 22: 14-23, 56

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYERS:

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

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

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, 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 March 25, 27-28, 2010

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA - Thursday - 7:00 PM

LECTOR: Pat Rausch
EUCH. MIN: Don Seurer, Pat Rausch
GREETERS: Duane Karst Family
MARY'S HELPERS: Kalecia Hageman, Shawnda Rausch
USHERS: Please Volunteer
SERVERS: Garret Spindler, Travis Clark, Ashur Fleming, Colton Hageman, Dana Hageman, Jeff Hageman

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

LECTOR: Rosalie Hageman, Don Seurer
EUCH. MIN: Elaine Seurer
GREETERS: Ron Krier Family
MARY'S HELPERS: Traci Arbach, Calie Kaiser
USHERS: Please Volunteer
SERVERS: Derick Arbach, Kyle Arbach, Caleb Hageman

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

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

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

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

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 March:

(G) General intention; (M) Mission intention

(G) **World Economy.** That the world economy may be managed according to the principles of justice and equality, taking into account the real needs of peoples, especially the poorest.

(M) **Churches in Africa.** That the Churches throughout Africa may be signs and instruments of reconciliation and justice.

FR. LANCE'S NOTE

Dear Family in Christ: Pax Christi!

Today is the fifth Sunday in Lent, so we enter into Passiontide, so called because we focus on the more solemn part of the penitential season as the Church deals more and more with the sufferings of our Blessed Lord. As we continue our Lenten pilgrimage in the desert of prayer and fasting, we will soon be accompanying our Lord as He makes His sorrowful way to Jerusalem to offer His Life in sacrifice for our sins. In these final weeks of Lent, the Church allows for the covering of all statues and sacred images in the somber color of purple as an intensification of the Lenten spirit of penance. By

this draping of all statues and imagery, Holy Mother Church wishes us to experience the sorrow She feels at the impending suffering and death of Her Lord and Savior. She also mourns the sins of us, Her rebellious children - the true cause of our Savior's pain. Let each of us reflect and enter deeply into this period of mourning, so that at Easter, we may rise, changed with good resolutions for the future, a future full of the hope and joy of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, Conqueror of Satan, sin and death!

Easter is the holiest day of the year, therefore, Easter Sunday is stretched out across eight days of celebration known as the Octave of Easter. The world observes one day of celebration and then it's back to the usual routine. We, however, should celebrate our Lord's Resurrection victory over sin and death during the full eight days in special ways at home. Be creative in your celebrations! Start new family traditions, plan special events, outings and meals for your Easter celebrations. Until then, consider bringing your family to the Stations of the Cross & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament Fridays @ 7pm to honor and thank our Savior for His sufferings offered for our sins.

Reminder: the Divine Mercy Novena starts on Good Friday and runs until Divine Mercy Sunday. Please pray the Chaplet each day of this Novena for your special intentions, for our country, Church and world.

Ad Jesum per Mariam!

COMING EVENTS - HOVEN

Sun., Mar. 21st - KC Breakfast - @ KC Hall. Serving from 8:00am to 12 noon.

Wed., Mar. 31st @ 7:30 PM - The Junior & Senior Class will be reenacting the "Living Stations of the Cross." Confessions following. *Everyone welcome to attend.*

ST. ANTHONY'S ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Next Funeral Luncheon: Circle 1

April Church Cleaning: Circle 9

Special Activity: Circle 3

Altar Society Meeting: Monday, May 3rd @ 7:30 p.m. in the Church basement. **Note:** There will not be an April meeting.

Job Opportunity: Anyone interested in cleaning Church monthly, please contact Sheila Von Wald (948-2565) or Paula Schumacher (948-2556).

Thank You to the KCs and all others who helped remove the cement flooring in the Church basement workroom and cleaned up afterwards. Your stewardship of time and talent is appreciated.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

SATURDAY, MARCH 27th

3:30 - 4:30 PM - HOVEN - Confessions

5:00 PM - HOVEN - Mass

SUNDAY, MARCH 28th

7:30 - 7:55 AM - ONAKA - Confessions

8:00 AM - ONAKA - Mass

10:00 AM - HOVEN - Mass (Incense)

MONDAY, MARCH 29th

7:00 PM - HOVEN - Mass/Rosary

TUESDAY, MARCH 30th

7:20 AM - HOVEN - Mass/Rosary

5:30 PM - ONAKA - Mass

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31st

7:20 AM - HOVEN - Mass/Rosary

11:00 AM - HOSPITAL - Rosary/Mass

7:30 PM - HOVEN - Living Stations/Confessions following

SACRED TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1st

8:00 PM - HOVEN - Mass with Adoration until Midnight (Incense)

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2nd

3:00 PM - HOVEN - Stations/Passion/Liturgy/Confessions

7:00 PM - HOVEN - Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3rd

3:30 PM - HOVEN - Confessions

8:00 PM - HOVEN - Easter Vigil Mass (Incense)

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4th

8:00 AM - ONAKA - Mass of the Resurrection

10:00 AM - HOVEN - Mass of the Resurrection (No incense)

SACRIFICIAL GIVING - ST. ANTHONY'S

March 13-14, 2010

Amount collected for weekend.....\$2,007.80

SACRIFICIAL GIVING - ST. JOHN'S

March 14, 2010

Amount collected for weekend.....\$129.00

God bless you for your continued support of our parishes

CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPEAL 2010

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Responding</u>
St. Anthony's	\$22,100	\$11,575	\$10,525	89/247 or 36%
St. Anthony's	\$1,788.48 - Seminarian Education Assessment			
St. John's	\$4,200	\$3,190	\$1,010	12/27 or 44%
St. John's	\$332.50 - Seminarian Education Assessment			

Please fill out your card soon regardless of whether you are participating or not. Any amount raised above the goal will stay in the parish. The average donation needed per family at St. Anthony's to reach our goal is \$96.00. To those who have returned their pledge card, thank you for your generous response!

Geothermal Update

Project Cost: \$495,000

Pledge Goal: \$300,000

Pledge Total: \$201,033.62

Pledge Income Received: \$177,849.82

NOTES

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.

The Annunciation of the Lord

Origins and significance – In ancient times there was a theory that March 25th was the date of Lucifer's downfall, the creation of Adam, Israel's escape through the parted waters of the Red Sea, and Our Lord's death upon the cross. Significantly, the old liturgical calendars identified it variously as the Feast of the Incarnation, the Beginning of the Redemption, the Annunciation of Christ, His conception by the Holy Spirit, and Lady Day in honor of His virgin Mother.

In the Eastern Church, this day was always a Feast of the Lord, and Mary's obedient cooperation in God's eternal plan of salvation was commemorated on December 26th, the day after she had given birth to God made Man. In the West, there were early mentions of the Feast in the Sacramentarium of St. Gelasius, the first pope to be called Vicar of Christ, and in the records of the Synod of Toledo (696) which refer to the celebration of the Angel Gabriel's announcement of the Incarnation to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It became associated with the Mother rather than the Son, until, in the reordering of the Roman Calendar in 1969, it was named the Annunciation of the Lord with the rank of Solemnity, though the veneration of the one cannot exclude the other.

In his Apostolic Exhortation '*Marialis Cultus*' (Devotion to Mary), in 1974, Pope Paul VI explains that nine months before the Nativity, "East and West celebrate this solemnity as the commemoration of the fiat of the Incarnate Word who, entering the world, said, 'God, here I am! I am coming to do Your will.' They commemorate the beginning of Redemption and the indissoluble and wedded union of the divine and human natures in the one Person of the Word. It is also a feast of the New Eve, the obedient, faithful virgin who, with her own fiat, became the Mother of God through the power of the Holy Spirit. It is the culmination of the dialogue of salvation between God and Man, and the commemoration of Mary's free consent and cooperation in the plan of redemption."

St. Thomas Aquinas says that it was the Father's will that the Redemption of mankind should depend on the Son's adoption of human nature through the power of the Holy Spirit, and the consent of His mother Mary. This does not mean that the Trinity was dependent on the will of a creature, and that, otherwise, redemption would not have taken place, but that, from all eternity, Mary's consent was foreseen and therefore accepted in the divine plan of salvation. (cf. "*Lumen Gentium*" Dogmatic Constitution on the Church. Ch 8).

From the Liturgy – "Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God too? The Lord Himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Emmanuel which means God is with us." (*First Reading, Isaiah 7:10-14*).

"Bulls' blood and goats' blood are useless for taking away sins, and this is what Christ said upon coming into the world: 'You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took

no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I come to obey your will.'" (*Second Reading, Heb 10:5-7; cf. Ex 24:8*).

God sent the Angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to Mary, a virgin betrothed to Joseph who was of the House of David. He said "Hail, full of grace; the Lord is with you." Mary did not understand this greeting but the angel told her not to be afraid because she had found favor with God. She was going to conceive and bear a son through the power of the Holy Spirit. He would be called the Son of God and she must name Him Jesus. To show that nothing was beyond God's power, Gabriel told Mary that her elderly cousin Elizabeth, who had been infertile all her life, was now expecting her first baby. Mary declared that she was the Lord's handmaid and was willing to let everything happen just as the angel said. Without a thought for herself, she set off immediately to help Elizabeth during the last three months of her pregnancy.

(cf. *The Gospel, Lk 1:26-45*).

He took the form of a servant without stain of sin. He enhanced our humanity without diminishing His divinity. The emptying by which the Invisible One made Himself visible, and by which the Lord and Creator of all things willed to be one with mortal men, was a bending down in pity, not a failure in power" (*Office of Readings, St. Leo the Great, d. 461*).

Reflection – The Emmanuel prophecy of the first reading informs the House of David that its deliverance is at hand in the person of the Word Incarnate, conceived and born of a virgin mother. She calls Him Emmanuel, God is with us, a name which in Hebrew usage implied the possession of Messianic characteristics and God's power to liberate His people. It was not customary for a mother to name a child but, in this case, the virginal conception makes the decision appropriate. The House of David represents humanity which is to be delivered from the shackles of sin and reconciled to God. In the second reading, Our Lord announces the replacement of ritual sacrifice by His own sacrificial obedience. He uses the words of a messianic psalm which is evocative of Samuel's obedient response, David's realization that a pure heart and a humble spirit delight God more than burnt offerings, and Mary's fiat. Without love, the former sacrifices were of no value, and it is the Son's perfect offering which is pleasing and efficacious. (cf. *1 Sam 3:10; Ps 40:6, 51:16-19*)

Nazareth was a hillside village twenty miles west of Tiberias, and so insignificant that it did not warrant a mention either in Josephus' History or the Talmud, the corpus of Jewish ceremonial and civil law. The inhabitants were spoken of with some contempt, as when Nathanael, the future Apostle Bartholomew, when told about Jesus by Philip, asked if anything good could come from such a place. In this unpromising location the plan of salvation was initiated when God sent Gabriel with the news of the Incarnation, the most momentous event in history. The prophecies that Jesus would be called a Nazarene, and grow up in an environment far from glorious in the eyes of the world, were fulfilled. It would, however, be immortalized in Pilate's notice of execution, "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." (cf. *Mt 2:23; Isaiah 53; Ps 21; Jn 1:46; 19:19*).

We might be fearful or bewildered about God's plan for us, or fail to recognize comfort in submission. Then we remember that Jesus and Mary include us in their willingness to accept the Father's intentions, so that His designs come to fruition as we are embraced in their obedience to the divine will which begins salvation. The love and compassion God showed "His servant in

her lowliness” is extended to us with whom Mary shares her magnanimity in welcoming the Savior.

An article from Jerry Stratford, rural Stratford:

We can learn a lot through our friendships.

I grew up Lutheran and, until last year, had been in a Catholic church only once to attend a funeral. I was asked by a Catholic friend to attend the Stations of the Cross. Stations of the Cross is most often observed on Friday evenings during Lent. I found it very moving and discovered that it enriched my understanding of the suffering Jesus endured for our sins.

Everyone in attendance is given a booklet to follow along and respond. Each image on the church wall is a station that portrays a point of Jesus' journey. The congregation listens while the priest reads the text for each station, and an altar boy stands in front of the window that represents that station.

In the first station, Jesus is condemned to death. The priest continues through the story of the crucifixion to the 14th station, where Jesus is laid in the tomb, and closes with the resurrection.

It was striking to me that the images and emphasis on each station helped me feel Jesus' suffering. Through the pictures in the book and by the responses we made, we focused not only on the resurrection, but also on the punishment Jesus experienced. These were acts of cruelty and barbarism that are hard to imagine. Jesus' suffering becomes real, not just words that are said. His pain confronts us and shows us that, even as the son of God, the pain he felt was the pain any man would feel.

Jesus did not die because of his actions but because of ours.

The Stations of the Cross strengthened my faith in a way that only recognizing the extent of his suffering can. He accepted the cruelest punishment and yet, in the end, brought peace and worth and meaning to the world.

We learn that, even in the presence of darkness, there is a pinhole of light that shines through. The darker it is, the more intensely that light shines. We feel an attraction to the light because that light stands out within the blackness that surrounds it. Darkness clarifies the light. Like lamplight that during the daylight can go unnoticed, in the darkness that same light will illuminate our surroundings.

Jesus showed his commitment to us through the darkness of human cruelty. His crucifixion was for us. Through evil, through suffering, through immense pain, the light Jesus showed us was love. Love is stronger than all else because it is truer and mightier than all the horrible acts committed in this world.

The lessons of Christianity are love and forgiveness. Jesus' death and resurrection make us aware of the kind of compassion and mercy that touches our heart. That which touches our heart is more powerful than that which pierces our skin. An event that could have inspired rage inspired love; cruelty that could have created hatred spawned forgiveness. The verdict of death resulted in eternal life.

Jesus shows us the depths we are capable of and offers us a chance for renewal.

Following Lent, Easter is a time when we celebrate Jesus' resurrection. Sometimes seeing familiar ideas from a different perspective can reawaken our faith and allow us to grow in significant ways. I found the Stations of the Cross expanded my understanding of all Jesus was willing to endure for us.

~ Running 2 Weeks ~

Starting Saturday, March 27th - 9am - 4pm

Shop **BEFORE** the sale and be registered for a chance at one of two \$25 gift certificates to the Treasure Hut!! For each \$10 purchase at the Hut, your name will be put in for a drawing to be held on March 27th, the first day of the 1/2 price sale!

Treasure Hut 1/2 Price Sale