

February 28, 2010
Second Sunday of Lent

CELEBRATION OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

- 3/01 MON** **Rectory Office Closed**
7:00 PM - HOVEN - Mass/Rosary
***Fr. Lance Oser**
- 3/02 TUES** **5:15 PM - HOVEN - Mass/Rosary**
***Bernadette Arbach+**
- 3/03 WED** **5:15 PM - HOVEN - Mass/Rosary**
***Dave Goebel+**
- 3/04 THURS** **7:20 AM - HOVEN - Mass/Rosary**
***Fred Stuwe+**
- 4:30 PM - ONAKA - Mass**
***Kenny Kaup**
- 3/05 FRI** **7:20 AM - HOVEN - Mass/Rosary**
***St. Anthony's Altar Society Living/Deceased**
- 7:00 PM - ONAKA**
Communion Service/Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 PM - HOVEN**
Stations/Benediction/Confessions (Incense)
- 3/06 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**
***Nicholas Meyer Family+**
- 3/07 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**
***John & Louise Schmidt+**

This Sunday's Readings:

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

CATECHISM PARAGRAPHS FOR THIS SUNDAY:

- + 59-61 - Call of Abraham.
+ 557-558 - The ascent to Jerusalem.
+ 554-556, 697 - Transfiguration. Cloud as image of Holy Spirit.
+ 2600 - Jesus' prayer.
+ 999, 1003 - Our lowly bodies to become like His glorified body.
+ 2581-2584 - Elijah and Moses took the desert road to encounter the mysterious presence of God. Now they see the unveiled face of Christ.

DAILY READINGS FROM SACRED SCRIPTURE:

Monday: Dn 9: 4b-10; Lk 6: 36-38

Tuesday: Is 1: 10, 16-20; Mt 23: 1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18: 18-20; Mt 20: 17-28

Thursday: Jer 17: 5-10; Lk 16: 19-31

Friday: Gn 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21: 22-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7: 14-15, 18-20; Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 3: 1-8a, 13-15; Psalm 103; 1 Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12;

Lk 13: 1-9

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 March 6-7, 2010

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

LECTOR: Rosalie Hageman
EUCH. MIN: Allen Frost
GREETERS: Marvin Glatt Family
MARY'S HELPERS: Jasmine Frost, Traci Arbach
USHERS: Please Volunteer
SERVERS: Derick Arbach, Kyle Arbach, Ashur Fleming

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

LECTOR: Dwight & Patty Vogel
OFFERTORY: Rita Fix & Rosalia Schmidt
USHERS: Please Volunteer

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

LECTOR: Diane Sevigny
EUCH. MIN: Chuck Simon, Jerry Brickner
GREETERS: Kurt Rausch Family
MARY'S HELPERS: Autumn Simon, Abigail Simon
USHERS: Please Volunteer
SERVERS: Erik Kaiser, Reid Kaiser, Benjamin Krueger

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!

The 2010 CFSA campaign has begun. The goal for St. Anthony's is \$22,100, which is an increase of \$1,100 from last year. The goal for St. John's is \$4,200, which is an increase of \$500 from last year. In addition, the Seminarian Education Fund drive, which used to take place around Thanksgiving, has been returned and is now a part of the CFSA drive. So, St. Anthony's has been assessed an additional \$1,788.48 for seminarian education and St. John's an additional \$332.50. This averages approx. \$96 per family at St. Anthony's - less than \$2 per week. As St. Peter teaches us: Charity covers a multitude of sins.

Lenten Rice Bowls are available to parish households - a traditional way of giving alms to the poor. *Once a week you eat a smaller, simple meal and you place the cost difference in the Rice Bowl, or take your 'pocket change' at the end of the day and drop it in your Rice Bowl.* Rice Bowl containers can be found in the church entrance. God reward you for your generosity to the needy of our Diocese and the world!

March/April 2010 issue of South Dakota magazine is

featuring a brief, but interesting article on our “cathedral of the prairie” as an example of one of South Dakota’s loftiest expressions.
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.

COMING EVENTS - HOVEN

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 Holy Infant Hospital.*

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Next Funeral Luncheon: Circle 1
Special Activity: Circle 8 cleans Church in March

NOTICE - ST. JOHN’S - ONAKA

If you mail your CFSA pledge cards, please change the mailing address on the white pledge card to PO Box 98, Hoven, SD 57450. When the diocese mailed these cards to you, they put on the physical street address for St. John’s instead of St. Anthony’s mailing address. You may also just drop your CFSA pledge card in the collection at church and the rectory will receive it that way. If you have any questions, please contact the rectory at 948-2451. Thank you!

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.

NOTES

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 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.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING – ST. ANTHONY’S

February 20-21, 2010

Amount collected for weekend.....\$1,604.91
Amount collected for Ash Wednesday.....\$ 200.00

SACRIFICIAL GIVING – ST. JOHN’S

February 21, 2010

Amount collected for weekend.....\$96.00

God bless you for your continued support of our parishes

Geothermal Update

Project Cost: \$495,000
Pledge Goal: \$300,000
Pledge Total: \$201,033.62
Pledge Income Received: \$177,849.82
Outstanding Pledge Balance: \$23,183.80

CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPEAL 2010

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Responding</u>
St. Anthony’s	\$22,100	\$5,510	\$16,590	48/249 or 19%
St. Anthony’s	\$1,788.48 - Seminarian Education Assessment			
St. John’s	\$4,200	\$1,900	\$2,300	5/27 or 19%
St. John’s	\$332.50 - Seminarian Education Assessment			

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

Why is Lent Forty Days? by **Marcellino D’Ambrosio, Ph.D.**

In the English language, the special season before Easter is called “Lent.” The word comes from the “lengthening” of daylight hours as we progress from the darkness of winter to the new light of spring. But other languages, such as Spanish, have a name for this season that is derived from the word for *forty*. It is the season of the forty days. Okay, we do penance for forty days because Jesus fasted forty days in the wilderness. But did you ever wonder why he was out there for *forty* days rather than *seven* or *ten* or *fifty*?

Think back to the Old Testament. Noah and company were in the Ark for 40 days. Moses was up on Sinai receiving the 10 commandments for 40 days. The Israelites wandered around the desert for 40 years. *So why all these forties?* Probably because it is forty weeks that a woman carries her developing baby in the womb before a new birth can take place.

All these “forties” are a necessary and not-so-comfortable prelude for something new. In Noah’s case, it’s the rebirth of a sinful world that had been cleansed by raging flood waters. In Moses’ case, it was the birth of the people of the covenant. For the nomadic Israelites, it was the start of a new, settled existence in the Promised Land. And Jesus? What did his forty days mean? The birth of a new Israel liberated from sin, reconciled to God, and governed by the law of the Spirit rather than a law chiseled in stone. But think back to the story of Moses and the Israelites. There was someone who did not want them to go out into the desert to

offer sacrifice to their God. Pharaoh did not take the loss of his cheap labor lying down. When Jesus begins his mission of liberation, there is another slave master who is no more willing than Pharaoh to let his minions go without a fight.

Since the sixties, it has been fashionable in some quarters to dismiss the devil as a relic of ancient mythology or an invention of medieval fantasy. The guy with the pointy tail and the pitchfork comes in handy in cartoons and costume parties, but how can we take such an image seriously? In the Bible, they say, let's read "Satan" merely as a symbol of human evil.

Such a view is clearly at odds with Scripture, Tradition, and the constant teaching of the Magisterium. Our battle is not against flesh and blood, says St. Paul. If you don't know your enemy and his tactics, you are bound to lose.

The temptation of Jesus in the desert shows us the tactics of the "Dark Lord." Bread, a symbol for all that sustains our physical life, is a great blessing. But Satan tries to make material things the ultimate, distracting us from a deeper hunger and a more satisfying food. Political power and all leadership is intended by God for the sake of serving the common good; Satan twists things to make leaders self-seeking, oppressive tyrants like himself. The lust for power and fame ironically leads not to dominion but to slavery to the Dark Lord (remember what happened to the Nazgûl in the Lord of the Rings!). Then there's religious temptation, the trickiest of them all: manipulating God for our own glory, using his gifts to make people look at us rather than at Him. Sounds a lot like the Pharisees.

Jesus triumphs in this first wrestling match. He shows us how to keep from being pinned. Fasting breaks undue attachments to material blessings and stimulates our spiritual appetite. Humble service breaks the stranglehold of pride. The reverent worship of authentic faith breaks the full nelson of superstition, magic, and all arrogant religion. And the word of God is shown as the sword of the Spirit, the secret weapon that slashes through the lies of the enemy. So our forty days? Time to use the tactics modeled by our Captain and break the strongholds. Prayer, fasting, humble service fueled by the heavenly bread of the Eucharist and Scripture. If we make use of them diligently during this season, pregnant with possibilities, we can enter into greater freedom. Darkness can give way to increasing light. Something new and wonderful can be born in us. Article printed from Catholic Exchange:

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Steve and Terrie Nelson never planned to "live in sin." They grew up in the same Baltimore parish, St. Thomas More, dated as high school seniors and all through college. After graduation, they moved back with their parents and plunged into their new careers, Terrie in nursing and Steve in computers.

But after several months, things changed. Steve, stressed with living at home, wanted his own place but needed a roommate to share expenses.

Terrie, fed up with the roommate scene since college, suggested they move in together. Steve agreed.

They rented an apartment and thus joined the more than 4 million American couples, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, who cohabit, that is, live together in a sexual relationship outside of marriage. "It was mostly for convenience," admits Steve, in an article in the National Catholic Register (NCRegister.org)

When they went to their parish to register for the sacrament of

marriage, the deacon who was helping them fill out forms noticed they lived at the same address.

The deacon, Tom Mann, notified the pastor, Monsignor Victor Galeone, who had recently finished a set of parish guidelines for cohabiting couples seeking marriage.

"Cohabiting is far from harmless," says Monsignor Galeone. "Did you know that sociological studies show that living together before marriage increases the risk of divorce -- by as much as 50%? Former cohabiters have higher levels of conflict, abuse and violence, plus overall lower levels of happiness." Cohabitation, he contends, is "training for divorce."

In his parish, he says, cohabiting couples who continue to live together must get married "in a small, quiet ceremony without flowers, music or gowns. Marriage is a couple's natural and canonical right, but unless they separate and live apart, there'll be no big traditional wedding. The big wedding would be a false sign."

When Deacon Mann broke the news to Terrie and Steve, Terrie cried. Mann explained not only the sinful nature of cohabitation, but also its grave sociological risks. The couple said they needed time to think. They left the deacon's office in stunned silence, carrying some literature about the dangers of cohabitation.

There are those who disagree with Monsignor Galeone's and Deacon Mann's position -- and, indeed, with the magisterium's -- that cohabitation is intrinsically harmful. Secular marriage specialists often claim cohabitation can be, and often is, helpful. In fact, they say, with the 50% divorce rate, it's a popular assumption that a "trial marriage" makes good sense.

So says Marshall Miller, who founded the national nonprofit organization called the Alternatives to Marriage Project with his domestic partner, Dorian Solot. Their organization is located in Massachusetts.

"The vast majority of couples we've talked to," says Miller, "say that cohabitation was a really smart decision for them, for any number of reasons, including financial. ... Living with someone is a way of getting to know what they are really like."

They did acknowledge that the research is against them, but they insist, "Research shows that those who choose not to live together first tend to have more conservative views and are less likely to see divorce as an option. Therefore, that group has a lower divorce rate as a result of their values, not because they didn't live together."

Other marriage specialists hold that good marital communication skills are more important than whether or not the couple cohabits. Diane Sollee, LSW, founder and director of the Coalition for Marriage, Family and Couple Education in Washington, D.C., wouldn't see a need to advise a cohabiting couple to separate. "They won't learn the necessary skills by being apart."

Monsignor Galeone disagrees. "These positions evade the real issues," he says. "These experts are putting the cart before the horse. The reality is that sexual communications pre-empt, forestall and overshadow the development of solid verbal skills."

After their meeting with Deacon Mann, Steve and Terrie talked, wrestled with their consciences, and went over and over the literature he'd given them.

They surfed the Web and read recent sociological studies from several major secular universities, including "The Marriage Project" from Rutgers University in New Jersey.

The findings were dismal. Cohabiters who married had substantially more divorce, instability, conflict, violence -- and the

women and children were always on the losing end. The Rutgers' researchers concluded, "Living together is not a good way to prepare for marriage or to avoid divorce."

It was an emotional time, remembers Terrie. "It's a shock when you realize you're doing wrong, especially when you didn't think you were," she said.

It was the scholarly evidence that initially convinced Steve and Terrie; then prayer and Scripture study converted their hearts. Love for each other and the desire to help each other do the right thing made them separate and put their sexual relationship on hold.

Terrie moved back into her parents' home. "It was hard," she remembers, "really hard." Steve stayed at the apartment and the couple scooted their wedding date forward to May.

They spent five months living separately, going through marriage preparation, material on marital communication skills and a Pre-Cana weekend. They reflected, thought and dialogued more deeply than they'd ever done before, and explored their understanding of commitment, covenant and sacramental marriage.

"We ended up being glad we separated," says Steve. "Because it was during that time that we really became best friends and learned to be intimate in nonsexual ways."

They also discovered and fell in love with the Catholic view of sexuality and the necessity of marriage. Currently, they are using natural family planning.

James Healy, director of the Center for Family Ministry in the Diocese of Joliet, Illinois, and author of the "Couple's Handbook" for cohabiting couples, explains that sexuality is a created gift and a spiritual mystery:

"The Catholic community believes that persons who give themselves sexually to each other are offering not just an action, but the totality of their very lives. Ultimately, their dignity and honor as human persons can only be protected in a relationship that intends to be permanent, faithful and open to life."

After a slow start, the five months seem to fly by. Then on May 26, 1990, Deacon Mann heard Steve and Terrie's exchange of vows and Monsignor Galeone celebrated their nuptial Mass in a fine traditional Catholic wedding -- complete with all the lace and flowers.

St. John Vianney Quotes On The Priesthood

The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ. O, how great is the priest! ... If he realized what he is, he would die. If we had faith, we would see God hidden in the priest like a light behind glass, like wine mixed with water. Without the priest, the passion and death of our Lord would be of no avail. It is the priest who continues the work of redemption here on earth...What use would be a house filled with gold, were there no one to open its door? The priest holds the key to the treasures of heaven: it is he who opens the door: he is the steward of the good Lord; the administrator of His goods...Leave a parish for twenty years without a priest and they will end by worshipping the beasts there.. The priest is not a priest for himself, he is a priest for you. **His Quotes On Following Christ:** "I tell you that you have less to suffer in following the cross than in serving the world and its pleasures. All our religion is but a false religion, and all our virtues are mere illusions and we ourselves are only hypocrites in the sight of God, if we have not that universal charity for everyone - for the good, and for the bad, for the poor and for the rich, and for all those who do us harm as much as those who do us good. You cannot please both God and the world at the same time. They are utterly opposed to each other in their thoughts, their desires, and their actions."

"Only God knows the good that can come about by reading one good Catholic book." - **St. John Bosco**

"When we pray we speak to God; but when we read, God speaks to us." - **St. Jerome**

"Without good books and spiritual reading, it will be morally impossible to save our souls." - **St. Alphonsus Liguori**

"Reading the lives of the Saints is a great means to preserve piety." - **St. Philip Neri**