

March 7, 2010
Third Sunday of Lent

CELEBRATION OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

- 3/08 MON** **Rectory Office Closed**
7:00 PM - HOVEN - Mass/Rosary
*Dave Goebel+
- 3/09 TUES** **5:15 PM - HOVEN - Mass/Rosary**
*Bernadette Arbach+
- 3/10 WED** **5:15 PM - HOVEN - Mass/Rosary**
*Rick & Becky Helget & Family
- 3/11 THURS** **7:20 AM - HOVEN - Mass/Rosary**
*Fred Stuwe+
- 5:30 PM - ONAKA - Mass**
*Fr. Robert Fox+
- 3/12 FRI** **7:20 AM - HOVEN - Mass/Rosary**
*Roman Brenner+
- 7:00 PM - ONAKA**
Communion Service/Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 PM - HOVEN**
Stations/Benediction/Confessions (Incense)
- 3/13 SAT** **11:00 AM - HOSP. - Rosary/Mass**
*Frank+ & Agnes Rausch & Family
- 3:30 - 4:30 PM Confessions**
- THE LORD'S DAY MASS**
- 5:00 PM - HOVEN - Mass**
*Regina B. Hericks+
- 3/14 SUN** **7:30 - 7:55 AM - Confessions - Onaka**
- 8:00 AM - ONAKA - Mass**
*Ralph Malsom+
- 9:15 - 9:45 AM Confessions - Hoven**
- 10:00 AM - HOVEN - Mass**
*People of our Parishes

This Sunday's Readings:

Ex 3: 1-8a, 13-15; Psalm 103; 1 Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12; Lk 13: 1-9

CATECHISM PARAGRAPHS FOR THIS SUNDAY:

+ 203-209, 2142-2145, 2574-2577, 2777 - Revelation of God's name. The burning bush. Moses' prayer. We dare to pray in Christ.

+ 1691-1698 - Life in Christ ("fruitfulness").

+ 1093-1096 - In the Spirit, the Old Covenant prefigures the New.

+ 1122-1124 - Sacraments: rooted in faith.

DAILY READINGS FROM SACRED SCRIPTURE:

Monday: 2 Kgs 5: 1-15b; Lk 4: 24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3: 25, 34-43; Mt 18: 31-35

Wednesday: Dt 4: 1, 5-9; Mt 5: 15-17

Thursday: Jer 7: 23-28; Lk 11: 14-23

Friday: Hos 14: 2-10; Mk 12: 28-34

Saturday: Hos 6: 1-6; Lk 18: 9-14

Sunday: Jos 5: 9a, 10-12; Psalm 34; 2 Cor 5: 17-21; Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32.

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, 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 13-14, 2010

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

LECTOR: Wayne Stuwe
EUCH. MIN: Viola Rausch
GREETERS: Jesse Hartung Family
MARY'S HELPERS: JoAnn Arbach, Calie Kaiser
USHERS: Please Volunteer
SERVERS: Travis Clark, Caleb Hageman, Colton Hageman

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

LECTOR: Larry & Joyce Vetch
OFFERTORY: Ken Vogel Family
USHERS: Please Volunteer

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

LECTOR: Kurt Rausch
EUCH. MIN: Dr. Tom Garrity, Bob Keller
GREETERS: Vern Rausch Family
MARY'S HELPERS: Maria Rausch, Shawnda Rausch
USHERS: Please Volunteer
SERVERS: Peter Rausch, Jacob Rausch, Michael Rausch, Andy Rausch

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!

As part of our Lenten observance, we will have a Penance Liturgy Sunday, March 14th at 7pm with area Priests available for private Confessions. Extra Confession times will also be available as we approach the great Feast of Easter, so please check the bulletin for those extra times. The Sacrament of Penance is an invention of Divine Mercy, Who desires not the death of a sinner, but that he be converted and live. To receive the Sacrament worthily we must:

Ask the help of the Holy Spirit, our Lady, your Guardian Angel to know our sins and the grace to abstain from them;
have a deep and sincere sorrow for our sins;
confess every mortal sin and the number of times committed;
it is good to confess as many of our venial sins as we can recall;
have the firm purpose to change our sinful behaviors;
gratefully receive the forgiveness of our Lord spoken through His Priest;

do the penance given by the Priest, and maybe a little more;
be sure to thank our Lord for the immense Gift of His forgiveness and ask His help to forgive all who have offended us - blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain Mercy.

According to the Saints, the more we carefully follow the above steps, the more graces and healing we will receive through this beautiful and powerful Sacrament.

Ad Jesum per Mariam!

ADULT EVENTS/RETREATS

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

Tues., Mar. 9th @ 7:00 p.m. - Parish Council meeting in the Church basement.

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Thurs., Mar. 11th @ 7:30 p.m. - Altar Society meeting in the Church basement. Discussion will be held on Church cleaning.

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.*

Tues., Mar. 16th @ 7:00 p.m. - St. Anthony's Church Foundation meeting in the Church basement.

PENANCE LITURGY

Sunday, March 14th @ 7:00 PM

at St. Anthony's Church with four priests available for Confessions.

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!

NOTES

Notice - Mary Jane Smith died. She was the wife of Henry Charles Smith, who conducted the SD Symphony Orchestra at all of our Christmas concerts. Condolence cards may be sent to Henry Charles Smith at the following address: 8032 Pennsylvania Road, Bloomington, MN 55438.

Roncalli Nearly New, Aberdeen, bag sale starts Tues., Mar. 9th. They are open Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Sat. from 12:00 to 4:00. Fill a bag with clothing, accessories, shoes, bedding and curtains.

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 27-28, 2010

Amount collected for weekend.....\$1,257.50

SACRIFICIAL GIVING - ST. JOHN'S

February 28, 2010

Amount collected for weekend.....\$246.00

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	\$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!

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

ST. ANTHONY'S ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Next Funeral Luncheon: Circle 1

Special Activity: Circle 8 cleans Church in March

Thurs., Mar. 18th @ 4:00pm - Circle 8 cleans Church.

INCREDIBLE MEDICAL PROCEDURE THAT CAUSES DEATH DOESN'T STOP WOMAN'S JOURNEY TO LIGHT

Two books arrived in recent weeks that are written from the scientific standpoint and have to do with near-death experiences. We'll be drawing articles from them, starting with one by a researcher named Roy Abraham Varghese.

As Varghese points out, in *There Is Life After Death*, near-death experiences cannot be explained by anesthesia, chemicals in the brain, lack of oxygen, sedatives, hallucination, or other factors skeptics have sought to use in explaining the death episodes. Even those blind from birth have been able to describe their environment once they "leave" their body!

When -- in trying to duplicate near-death experiences -- scientists use electrical impulses on parts of the brain, they may produce a few fleeting disjointed images similar to certain near-death visions but the images are just that: fleeting and fragmentary where near-death experiences are extended and cogent with remarkable consistencies.

And perhaps most importantly, unlike electrical prods, they cause profound changes in the lives of those who experience them. For this, there is no neurological explanation.

From that viewpoint, astonishing was the case of a 35-year-old Atlanta woman named Pam Reynolds -- who, as reported by Varghese, as well as in a previous book, *Light and Death*, by Dr. Michael Sabom, underwent the most radical surgery known to man.

It was a remarkable case because Pam's near-death episode occurred *after she had been placed in what they call a "standstill" state* -- clinically dead.

In order to operate on a large aneurysm in a brain artery, neurosurgeons put her under anesthesia, stopped her heart and breathing, lowered her body temperature to a frigid sixty degrees, and as her brain waves flattened, allowed blood to completely drain from her head.

For all practical purposes, she was deceased -- under what is also known as hypothermic cardiac arrest, which was pioneered at Barrow Neurological Institute in Phoenix.

She was "dead" -- according to extensive monitoring (they planned to revive her after removing the aneurysm) -- and yet Pam did not lose consciousness, instead describing at great length how she felt her spirit pulled out of the top of the head during the procedure and then "watched" from above as surgeons and a slew of technicians worked on her body! She not only described instruments and procedure in tremendous detail -- instruments she could not have seen during or after (besides everything else, her eyes had been taped shut) -- but also the movements of doctors and technicians.

During the procedure, the top of her skull was removed with a Midas Rex whirlwind bone saw and Pamela was medically induced into cardiac arrest once they verified that the aneurysm was too large to otherwise remove and they would have to cause "complete electrocerebral silence," in the words of Dr. Sabom years before the two new books (the other of which is also written by a doctor).

"The blood was drained from Pam's body like oil from a car," Dr. Sabom had written. "During 'standstill,' Pam's brain was found 'dead' by all three clinical tests -- her electroencephalogram was silent, her brain-stem response was absent, and no blood flowed through her brain."

Yet, her consciousness was never extinguished.

If anything, she was more aware than when she had been in a normal state.

It was at that point Pam felt like she was being taken up by a "tornado" and began to hear a deceased grandmother calling her. She also saw an uncle and a great-great cousin.

Pam saw the Light so many report -- she was most drawn by this (which experiencers describe as the Light of the Lord), and encountered a barrier she could not pass (or she would not be able to return). As in so many near-death cases, those encountered on the other side looked like they had at their prime.

An hour later, after the aneurysm was removed, her blood was warmed and pumped back into Pam's body and her heart was restarted -- in this incredibly risky procedure that is used only as a last resort by surgeons.

When the monitors blipped back to life, Pam came back from the place of Light.

It wasn't just that she had all the classic detail of such an experience, but -- as Varghese puts it -- that "she gave remarkable accurate descriptions of the unusual instruments used in the surgery, as well as the activities taking place in the operating room."

This is significant, even decisive, because *a dead brain cannot misfire* (or hallucinate).

So dramatic is Pam's case that one prominent skeptic, Susan Blackmore (who has since retired from her role as chief skeptic), remarked: "If the case you describe is true [in all the medical details with which it was presented], the whole of science would need rewriting."

Novena to Saint Joseph (Begin March 11th)

Oh, Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest and desires. Oh, Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers. Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine Head for me and ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. Saint Joseph, Patron of departing souls - pray for me. Amen.

(This prayer was found in the fiftieth year of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In 1505 it was sent from the Pope to Emperor Charles when he was going into battle. Whoever shall read this prayer or hear it or keep it about themselves, shall never die a sudden death, or be drowned, nor shall poison take effect on them; neither shall they fall into the hands of the enemy, or shall be burned in any fire or shall be overpowered in battle. Say for nine mornings for anything you may desire. It has never been known to fail, so be sure you really want what you ask.)

"I love Saint Joseph so much....." These are the words of Saint John Vianney. May they be your own words as well! **"Go to Joseph"** with a heart filled with love and trust as Jesus did! What LOVE they had for each other, always Heart to heart! They are still "Heart to heart" with mercy, grace and blessings....waiting for you! Saint Teresa of Avila wrote: **"Though you have several saints as advocates, be particularly devout to Saint Joseph. He is very powerful with God."** The Cure of Ars adds: **"It is a wonderful thing to have a heart and, little as it is, to be able to make use of it in loving God!"** Nobody ever loved God like Joseph! Go to him with confidence and open your heart in love to him. His power will bring down a shower of blessings on you!

Novena Prayer to St. Anthony for Holy Infant Hospital

Holy St. Anthony, gentle and powerful in your help, your love for God and charity for His creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers. Miracles waited on your word, which you were always ready to request for those in trouble or anxiety. Encouraged by this thought, we implore you to obtain for us the **continued operation of our Holy Infant Hospital**. The answer to our prayer may require a miracle. Even so, you are the Saint of miracles. Gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart is always full of human sympathy, take our petition to the Holy Infant Savior for whom our hospital is named and for whom you have such a great love. The gratitude of our hearts will always be yours. Amen. Our Father....., Hail Mary....., Glory Be.....

Prayer

O God, by the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary, you have given to the human race the reward of eternal life. Grant, we beseech you, that through the intercession of the mother of the Author of Life, the Church may become the mother of many children who will take their place before your throne to sing your praises for all eternity, through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(Magnificat, September 2009, pg.73)

FAMILY CORNER

Human persons are not to be understood merely from the perspective of their past histories or from. ...the present. ...We must always see in other human beings persons with whom we shall one day share God's joy. We must look upon them as persons who are called, together with us, to be members of the body of Christ, with whom we shall one day sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and with Christ Himself, as their brothers and sisters, as the brothers and sisters of Christ, and as children of God. ~ Pope Benedict XVI, *"In the Beginning ...": A Catholic Understanding of the Story of Creation and the Fall*, p. 49.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the unborn, pray for us. St. Joseph, patron of the unborn, pray for us.

Please use this weekly column to open a healthy discussion with your family. (Refer children who are away from home to it at www.stanthonyshoven.com)

Cell phone vs. Bible:

Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we flipped through it several time a day?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to kids as gifts?

What if we used it when we traveled?

What if we used it in case of emergency?

This is something to make you go....hmm...where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing.

Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill.

Makes you stop and think 'where are my priorities?' And no dropped calls!