

April 25, 2010
Fourth Sunday of Easter

CELEBRATION OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

4/26 MON **Rectory Office Closed**
7:00 PM - HOVEN - Mass/Rosary
***Bob+ & Perry Rader+**

4/27 TUES **5:15 PM - HOVEN - Mass/Rosary**
***Catholic Aid Association Special Intention**

4/28 WED **Ss. Peter Chanel & Louis Mary de Montfort**
5:15 PM - HOVEN - Mass/Rosary
***Urban Rader+ & Rader Families**

4/29 THURS **St. Catherine of Siena**
7:20 AM - HOVEN - Mass/Rosary
***Urban Meyer+**

5:30 PM - ONAKA - Mass
***Fr. Robert Fox+**

4/30 FRI **Pope St. Pius V**
7:00 PM - HOVEN - Mass/Rosary
***Vic Arbach+**

5/01 SAT **St. Joseph the Worker, Diocesan Patron**
11:00 AM - HOSP. - Rosary/Mass
***Richard Simon+**

3:30 - 4:30 PM Confessions

THE LORD'S DAY MASS

5:00 PM - HOVEN - Mass
***Steve Simon Jr.+**

5/02 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
***George Arbach+**

This Sunday's Readings:

Acts 13: 14, 43-52; Psalm 100; Rv 7: 9, 14b-17; Jn 10: 27-30

CATECHISM PARAGRAPHS FOR THIS SUNDAY:

+ 74-76 - God's saving self-communication through His Word.
+ 1137-1139 - Celebrants of the heavenly liturgy.
+ 597-600 - Christ handed over to death. Human responsibility and the plan of God.
+ 604-607 - Christ's response to the Father's initiative of redeeming love.

DAILY READINGS FROM SACRED SCRIPTURE:

Monday: Acts 11: 1-8; Jn 10: 1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11: 19-26; Jn 10: 22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12: 24, 13: 5a; Jn 12: 44-50

Thursday: Acts 13: 13-25; Jn 13: 16-20

Friday: Acts 13: 26-33; Jn 14: 1-6

Saturday: Acts 13: 44-52; Jn 14: 7-14

Sunday: Acts 14: 21-27; Psalm 145; Rv 21: 1-5a; Jn 13: 31-33a, 34-35

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYERS:

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

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+, Billy Hermann+, Gordon Harford+.

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS May 1-2, 2010

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

LECTOR: Rachele Griese
EUCH. MIN: Allen Frost
GREETERS: Jerry Seurer Family
MARY'S HELPERS: Jasmine Frost, Shelby Shaykett
USHERS: Please Volunteer
SERVERS: Travis Clark, Ashur Fleming, Caleb Hageman

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

LECTOR: Dwight & Patty Vogel
OFFERTORY: Kevin Vogel Family
USHERS: Please Volunteer

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

LECTOR: Kurt Rausch
EUCH. MIN: Dr. Tom Garrity, Joel Rausch
GREETERS: Suzi Vail Family
MARY'S HELPERS: Autumn Simon, Abigail Simon
USHERS: Please Volunteer
SERVERS: Nathan Jager, Erik Kaiser, Reid 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 April:

(G) General intention; (M) Mission intention

(G) Fundamentalism and Extremism. That every tendency to fundamentalism and extremism may be countered by respect, tolerance, and dialogue among believers.

(M) Persecuted Christians. That persecuted Christians may persevere, sustained by the Holy Spirit, in witnessing to the love of God for all, even for those who persecute them.

FR. LANCE'S NOTE

Dear Family in Christ: *ALLELUIA! Resurrexit sicut dixit!*

This year, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal turns its focus to youth ministry, an essential component of the life and vibrancy of the Church. In youth ministry programs, young Catholics grow in faith and gain valuable leadership skills. Without this Appeal, poorer dioceses in the United States cannot sustain vital youth programs. This week we take up a collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Help strengthen the Church at home with a generous donation. Thank you! If you have misplaced your envelope, extra ones are available in the vestibule.

Ad Jesum per Mariam

COMING EVENTS - HOVEN

Sunday, May 9th - Mother's Day Dinner at Hoven Legion Hall. Serving roast beef dinner & trimmings from 11:30am to 1:30pm. Free-will offering. Benefiting Holy Infant Hospital.

CCD NOTES

Wed., May 12th - CCD Pizza Party. Also, we ask that **each student BRING SEVERAL PLANTS** such as petunias, geraniums, pansies, marigolds, vinca, zinnia, alyssum, etc., for our

gardens in honor of our Blessed Mother Mary.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING – ST. ANTHONY’S

April 17-18, 2010

Amount collected for weekend.....\$1,430.25

SACRIFICIAL GIVING – ST. JOHN’S

April 18, 2010

Amount collected for weekend.....\$444.00

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	\$13,831	\$8,269	111/247 or 45%
St. Anthony’s	\$1,788.48 - Seminarian Education Assessment			
St. John’s	\$4,200	\$3,840	\$360	16/27 or 59%
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! **Please pray for all the donors whose names have been posted on the vestibule bulletin board. This list will be update monthly.**

<u>Geothermal Update</u>	
Project Cost:	\$495,000
Pledge Goal:	\$300,000
Pledge Total:	\$198,140.62
Pledge Income Received:	\$177,959.82
Outstanding Pledge Balance:	\$20,180.80

World Pays Tribute on Death of Atheist Turned Believer

Catholic Communications, Sydney Archdiocese, 20 Apr 2010

Leading academics, philosophers and members of the Christian faith across the world continue to pay tribute to Antony Flew, the famed British atheist and thinker who discovered God at the end of his life.

The renowned rationalist philosopher died earlier this month at age 87 and continues to be remembered in obituaries and tributes world-wide.

Those paying tribute to him include Catholic Theology professors from the Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio, well known American rabbis such as Rabbi Brad Hirshfield from New York and leading philosophers from academia such as Dr. Gary Habermas.

Describing Flew as one of the great intellectuals of his time, Rabbi Hirschfield lauded the Englishman's "intellectual generosity."

The son of a Methodist minister, Antony Flew spent most of his life denying the existence of God until just six years before his death when he dramatically changed his mind after studying research into genetics and DNA.

"The almost unbelievable complexity of the arrangements which are needed to produce life, show that intelligence must have been involved," he announced in 2004 and went on to make a video of his conversion called: "Has Science Discovered God."

Ironically, although modern day atheists such as Richard Dawkins and Christopher Hitchens claim in the rational world of science there is no proof of God exists, it is from the world of science that Antony Flew in his final years discovered "empirical evidence" that God exists, which overturned beliefs he had held for

more than 60 years.

Like Einstein before him, Flew found that God was the only possible answer when it came to increasingly complex discoveries from subatomic particles to the human genome to the very origins of the Cosmos.

"How can a universe of mindless matter produce beings with intrinsic ends, self replication capabilities and 'coded chemistry'?" he asked, giving this as the main reason for his discovery of God in his final decade.

Flew's conclusion that there was in fact a God in his 81st year came as a shock to his fellow atheists, particularly Dawkins and Hitchens, two of the world's most outspoken proponents of atheism.

But Flew refused to back down even when some of his former followers decided his volte-face on God was the result of old age dementia and confusion rather than scholarly research and intellectual rigor.

Flew's late life change of mind about God's existence was remarkable because of the huge volume of his writings which until then had embraced the atheist cause. Throughout most of his academic life he was adamant that one should presuppose atheism until there was empirical evidence to the contrary. Then in his final decade as DNA and the human genome began to be understood along with the complexities of life, Flew found evidence which proved to him God exists and is the Creator of life. And from being a rationalist philosopher and non-believer for most of his life, one of the world's leading thinkers suddenly became a staunch believer.

"The most impressive arguments for God's existence are those that are supported by recent scientific discoveries," he said.

In his final years, Flew supported the idea of a God along the lines of the philosophy espoused by Greek philosopher, Aristotle who believed God had characteristics of both power and intelligence.

In 2007, Antony Flew published the manifesto of his conversion stating unequivocally in the title: "There is a God."

However until his death while convinced God did exist, he remained skeptical about an afterlife.

With an academic career spanning 60 years with stints at universities across Britain and the US, Antony Flew will be remembered not only as one of the outstanding philosophers of his time, but as the man who preached atheism but died a believer.

Meditation

The blood of Christ, while it reveals the grandeur of the Father's love, shows how precious man is in God's eyes and how priceless the value of his life. The Apostle Peter reminds us of this: "You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your fathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot" (1 Pt 1:18-19). Precisely by contemplating the precious blood of Christ, the sign of his self-giving love (cf. Jn 13:1), the believer learns to recognize and appreciate the almost divine dignity of every human being and can exclaim with ever renewed and grateful wonder: "How precious must man be in the eyes of the Creator, if he 'gained so great a Redeemer' (Exsultet of the Easter Vigil), and if God 'gave his only Son' in order that man 'should not perish but have eternal life' (cf. Jn 3:16)!"

Furthermore, Christ's blood reveals to man that his greatness, and therefore his vocation, consists in the sincere gift of self. Precisely because it is poured out as the gift of life, the

blood of Christ is no longer a sign of death, of definitive separation from the brethren, but the instrument of a communion which is richness of life for all. Whoever in the Sacrament of the Eucharist drinks this blood and abides in Jesus (cf. Jn 6:56) is drawn into the dynamism of his love and gift of life, in order to bring to its fullness the original vocation to love which belongs to everyone (cf. Gen 1:27; 2:18-24). (Evangelium Vitae, 25)

FAMILY CORNER

Through his radical love for us, in which the heart of God and the heart of man touched, Jesus Christ truly took light from heaven and brought it to the earth - the light of truth and the fire of love that transform man's being. He brought the light, and now we know who God is and what God is like. Thus we also know what our human situation is: what we are, and for what purpose we exist. ...Yes, I believe that the world and my life are not the product of chance, but of eternal Reason and eternal Love, they are created by Almighty God. Yes, I believe that in Jesus Christ...the face of God has been revealed; that in Him, God is present in our midst, He unites us and leads us toward our goal, towards eternal Love. - Pope Benedict XVI, Homily at Easter Vigil Mass, March 22, 2008

**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.stanthonys-hoven.com)

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).