
RESURRECTION PARISH NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2010

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

It is not uncommon for apathy to set in during this prayer marathon we call Lent. Apathy may be described as a feeling of indifference. Once apathy invades us, however, it can potentially render us powerless and, thus, take the enthusiasm out of this season of grace.

Of course, there exist many reasons for this "spiritual" indifference. The concerns of our lives accompanied by endless activity zaps our emotional and spiritual energy, let alone our physical energy. In addition, maybe our expectations have been set too high and, as a result, sets us up for failure. Finally, we may not know of any real need to participate in the life of conversion in which the Church and the Lord have only limited impact on our faith lives.

The response of many is yet another strategy to jump-start our faith lives in Lent. But, is another strategy what we really need? Let us simply view each day and each moment of each day as a new beginning of conversion. In doing so, let us too return to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, which will direct and will guide our effort. Remember, it is quality not quantity that ultimately matters. I wish you the best Lent ever!

Reverend Michael F. McDermott

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Enchilada/Burrito Fundraiser: Enchiladas and burritos will be made Saturday, March 6th. **Help is needed from 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM.** High school and middle school youth interested in helping are paid an hourly wage to help with the cost of church activities. **Orders need to be picked up March 6th between 10:00-1:00.** Thank you for your support of this annual fundraiser

Senior Recognition: Please mark your calendars for Sunday, April 11th. The High School Seniors will be recognized at the 8:30 AM Mass with a breakfast to follow Mass.

Higher Ground: Registration is now taking place for Higher Ground 2010. High School students who have completed their sophomore year of high school through their freshman year of college are eligible to participate. More info and registration can be found on-line at www.gdiocese.org/youth. Financial aid is available. Please contact Michalene for more info.

Poverty and Hunger Awareness: Leap of Faith Ministries is a group of high school/college age students from Iowa that are presenting a musical on the awareness of poverty and hunger. Enjoy this event March 15th, 7:00 PM at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Ravenna. Cost is a can of food for the local food pantry.

Many Blessings,
Michalene Iversen

CLC NEWS

Receiving The Loaves Mass for all 2nd grade First Communicants will be on Sunday, March 21st, at the 8:30 AM Mass. All 2nd graders should make every effort to attend.

There will be no CLC on Sunday, March 7th, and Wednesday, March 10th due to Spring Break.

Also, no CLC on Wednesday, March 31st, due to Holy Week.

God Bless,
Therese Stump

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

This month we will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, March 23rd. Adoration is from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM. Sign-up sheets will be in the foyer of the Church.

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WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY - - - - -

Monica Zimmerman

Nicole Wichman

Donald & Helen Batenhorst, Nina, Alexander and Lucas

ALTAR SOCIETY UPDATE: The Altar Society has been very busy this past year. We sponsored our second annual Tailgate Party, plus our annual Spaghetti Supper, Giving Tree, and Christmas Bake Sale. We hosted Advent Evening in December and just wrapped up the annual Soup Supper to help support Resurrection Parish. We have been able to make numerous donations to our community outreach programs because of these fundraising activities.

During the months of February and March we have started planning our fundraisers and community activities for next year. We would like to invite all the women of our parish to attend these planning sessions and give your suggestions to improve or change any of the activities we are currently sponsoring or to add new ones.

The Altar Society meets the second Monday of the month in the parish hall at 7:00 PM. Our March meeting is scheduled for March 8th. If you have any suggestions or comments, but are unable to attend, please contact any Altar Society officer.

Also, the positions of President-Elect and Treasurer are up for election this year. Both of these positions are only a two-year term. If you have any questions about either of these positions, or are interested in applying, please contact any Altar Society officer.

President	Janet Chalupa	381-1654
President-Elect	Julie Brezenski	370-2433
Treasurer	Joan Wiese	384-6737
Secretary	Sharon Hernandez	382-7458

RECYCLE FOR ADVENT EVENING: Your Altar Society is looking ahead and is asking everyone to collect the following items:

Clear 12 oz & smaller beverage bottle w/ lids; plastic containers & lids from sugar-free powdered drinks (ex. Crystal Lite); clear lids from chip canisters (ex. Pringles); liquid laundry soap lids without writing, any size or color; buttons & fabric ribbon; glass bottles from flavored coffees, salad vinegar, and cooking wine – bud vase size; Nativity Christmas card fronts. Recycled items can be dropped off in the kitchen at any time. Please place in the box marked “Advent Evening” under the serving counter.

Anyone interested in helping with Advent Evening, please contact Geri Zaruba 308 583-6776. Each year 35 adults and high school students are needed for the evening.

TAX STATEMENTS: If you are in need of a copy of your total contributions for 2009, please call the church office at 382-8644. A copy will be mailed to you.

FINANCE REPORT FOR JANUARY 2010

INCOME:

Contributions	\$25,308.06
Annual Appeal	\$ 45.00
Haiti	\$ 749.00
Haiti Relief	\$ 5,567.97
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 3,153.67</u>

Total \$34,823.70

EXPENSES:

Salaries	\$ 5,678.03
Tax/Benefits	\$ 8,643.02
Purchases/Services	\$ 2,500.17
Materials/Supplies	\$ 3,374.21
Central Catholic	\$ 6,816.17
Other	<u>\$ 9,023.78</u>

Total \$36,035.38

COFFEE & ROLLS

March	Dan & Connie Karre
April	Pat & Geri Powers