

February 1, 2009



## *St. Columba ~ St. Patrick Parish*

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### Desperate Times

All of us are familiar with the phrase "Desperate times call for desperate measures." Although I have not heard of any direct information that has told me how bad things are economically for the parishioners here, we are all aware that the economy is very bad right now. In my experience people who are adversely affected at times like these do not always come forward for help. Nevertheless, I want to make sure that for those in true economic need, we will do our best to help anyone who might need assistance.

If you watch regularly the collection figures in the bulletin, you'll see that, as a parish we are not doing that well financially. However, we must be always mindful of the greater good and greater need and be willing to reach out as individuals and as a parish. This is why, when the concept of the "Soup"er Sunday as a fundraiser idea came through parish council, it seemed better to direct the funds toward Catholic Charities rather than to keep them for ourselves. I believe that God responds to our good actions such as this. "The measure with which you measure will be measured back to you" (Mt. 7, 2).

In hard times such as these, we need to ever be mindful of the needs of others. The Cal-Mum food pantry in Mumford is probably more in demand than ever. I saw an interview on the news the other night with the man who heads up Foodlink in the Rochester area. He said that the people who are coming to the 200 or so church and other food pantries they service, are people the pantries have never seen before and who have never had to access emergency food services. So may those who can help sustain the food pantry, please continue to do so.

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As for the "Eat to Heat" Fundraisers we raised about \$700 and \$350 in bread sales and soup donations, respectively. The bread sales last year were about \$850, so with the two-part approach, we boosted our donation by about \$200. I'm sure that the "Eat to Heat" Fund will be in serious demand, so that is helpful indeed.

There was a lot of positive feedback regarding the soup event this past Sunday. There was a sense that starting it right after Mass would be better. More people might stay around. There were some people from outside the parish community, but not as many as I would like. Still, I'm sure that getting the word out again next year will improve on that. A big "thank you" once again to all who made soups and breads, for those who came to eat, and for those who set up and cleaned up.

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Next up in the parish events department is **St. Joseph's – St. Patrick Feast Day** celebration. This will be **Saturday Mar. 14** after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. It will feature food and entertainment. It is based on the tradition of the St. Joseph's Table for the food, coupled with joyful sounds of Irish music. Look for more details forthcoming.



**The Sanctuary Candle  
at St. Columba  
will burn this week  
for  
The People of the Parish**

**Mass Intentions for this week**

**Saturday, January 31**

**5:00 p.m.** - Those who have died in military service

**Sunday, February 1 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 a.m.** - Chris & Bob Steedman (their family)

**10:00 a.m.** - Marion Wood (Sam & Anna Serio)

**Monday, February 2**

**8:00 a.m.** - People of the Parish

**Tuesday, February 3**

**8:00 a.m.** - Anna Lucey & Kenneth F. & Anna Brennan  
Lucy

**Wednesday, February 4**

**8:00 a.m.** - George & Margaret White

**Thursday, February 5**

**8:00 a.m.** - Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Friday, February 6**

No Mass Today

**Saturday, February 7**

**5:00 p.m.** - Marion Wood (Barbara & Barry Haywood)

*Lector: Suzanne Hendrickson*

*Communion Ministers: Helen Marie Drexel & Anne  
Paluskiewicz*

*Altar Server: Rachael Lombino*

*Greeters: Barry & Sharyn Ganzhorn*

**Sunday, February 8 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 a.m.** - Donna Smith (Brian & Nora Brunette)

*Lector: Jim Dutton*

*Communion Ministers: Barb Kelly & Donna Wing*

*Altar Server: Jacob Oltmann*

*Greeters: Betty Minisce & Helen Anderson*

**10:00 a.m.** - Betty Coyle (Don & Ruth Coyle)

*Lector: Lori Bickford*

*Communion Ministers: John & Jill Formella, Karen Polo  
& Aminta McNulty*

*Altar Servers: Bryan Hitchings & Samantha Horr*

*Greeters: Nancy & Bill Skivington*

**New Ministers' schedule**

The next schedule for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers & Greeters for the months of March, April & May will be ready the weekend of February 29/March 1. Please contact the parish office if there are any dates that may be inconvenient for you to serve. There will be sign-up sheets posted for Holy Week & Easter liturgies toward the middle of March.

**This week in the parish**

**Sunday, February 1**

Blanket Collection

10:00 a.m. - Faith Formation, grade 1; Children's Liturgy  
of the Word

**Tuesday, February 3**

11:00 a.m. - Parish Staff meeting

7:30 p.m. - Cal-Mum Council of Churches meet, 2nd  
Baptist

**Wednesday, February 4**

6:30 p.m. - Faith Formation, grades K, 2 - 6

7:30 p.m. - Choir practice

**Saturday, February 7**

10 - Noon - St. Patrick's Clothing Center open

5:00 p.m. - High School Youth Group Mass

**Sunday, February 8**

10:00 a.m. - Faith Formation, grade 1; Children's Liturgy  
of the Word; Children's Mass

6:00 p.m. - Middle School Youth Group meets

7:00 p.m. - Holy Hour w/ Benediction

**Stewardship at Sts. C / P**

**For January 25**

Attendance.....336

Number of Sunday envelopes used..... 125

Sunday offering.....\$2,960.50

Amount needed weekly to reach our budget..... 3,816.00

Difference (under budget).....(\$ 855.50)

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING COUNTERS for February 2 -**

Team #4 - Helen Anderson & Mary Schirmer

**SACRISTAN for February - Julie Molisani**

**ST. PATRICK CLOTHING CENTER volunteer for  
February 7 - Charlene Sayers**

**CHILDRENS' LITURGY OF THE WORD volunteer  
for February 8 - Heather Kime**

**Stewardship thought**

*As Catholics, we are not to focus only on ourselves but are called by our Baptism to reach out and share our time, talent and treasure with our brothers and sisters.*

**Vocation thought**

Today we hear that the Lord called Samuel and Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." But, we also hear that Samuel didn't recognize God's voice the first time He called. Are we ready for God to speak to us? Will we recognize His voice when He does? Be assured that God does speak to you and why not, this year, make a resolution to be more ready to hear His gentle voice in your life? If you would like to speak with someone regarding a possible vocation to the Priesthood, or other Church vocation, please call the Office of Vocation Awareness at 461-2890; or e-mail vocations @dor.org.

## Catholic Ministries Appeal - update

Goal: \$21,691.00

Given to date: \$15,843.00 – 142 Donors - 73.04% of our goal

### Bible Study to begin



We are offering a 10-week study of the Gospel According to Mark. We will begin Monday, February 23 at 7:00 PM in the church hall. Prior registration is required.

The cost is \$15.00 for the study guide and the commentary. Please register soon so the correct number of books can be ordered. A beginning meeting is set for Monday, February 9 at 7:00 PM on how to use the materials. Contact Deacon David for more information or to register.

### Spirit Alive - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The exorcisms in the gospels always point to the healing power of Jesus and his work to reconcile all of creation with God. As this winter season wears on, I am reminded that I need the healing power of our Lord in some particular ways. This dormant time calls me to reflect on how and where I need that healing, and how I can let others know that the healing of our Lord is open to them also.

How do I need to be healed today? Can I believe that Jesus offers me His healing power? Am I open to the kind of healing Jesus wants for me?

### “Invitation to the Feast”

#### Adult Gathering session ~ February 11th

“What do we get up and go to Mass? For some of us, going to Mass on Sunday has become an obligation - something we try to squeeze into an already busy weekend, or something we just do not get to do because life gets too hectic.

Join us for this gathering session Wednesday, February 11, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. (in the church worship area), as we come together to examine ways to make going to Mass on Sunday more meaningful for us as adults and for our families.

### Souper Bowl

Youth Group will be collecting cans of soup for the Food Pantry as part of a community service project. Please bring in your cans of soup and deposit them in the boxes in the church foyer. Thank you



## Public Policy Weekend ~ February 7/8

**SCHIP** In today's reading Jesus heals a man with an “unclean spirit” and the people were amazed by his healing powers. We are to continue that healing ministry by caring for the sick and working for the day when every person in the United States will have access to affordable health insurance. We can move toward that goal by **signing the petition next weekend** which states:

“Whereas, 9 million children in the United State have no health insurance and the Catholic tradition teaches that health care is a basic right of every individual,. Therefore, we urge President Obama and the Congress to approve an expansion of SCHIP to provide health insurance for children of low income families. Coverage should be expanded, on a sliding fee basis, to families with an income up to 350 percent of the federal poverty level and should offer comprehensive service, including prenatal care, from conception through adulthood.”

### Comfort Care Home

The Comfort Care Home Committee has selected a name in honor of the fifth saint of our planning group and written a mission statement for the proposed comfort care home: Patrick's Place provides caring and love for the terminally ill as they continue to live out their lives in our comfort care home. Each family will have the freedom to spend special time with their loved ones and time to talk, share and grieve with our caregivers.

### WANTED - Missing booklets

We're missing some of our copies of “Through Death To Life” funeral planning booklets. If you have one, please return it. It can be left on the pick-up shelf in the side entrance of the rectory. Thank you.

### Building Peace with Justice

Adults may think the fear of nuclear war is past. However, researchers have found that 45% to 50% of youth in America aged 10 to 19 are afraid of the negative impact of nuclear war on their lives. For those who fear they have no future, nuclear war is their second greatest fear. Our readings present Jesus as the Prophet of whom Moses foretold. Jesus spoke with authority and revealed a God of love in whose image we are created. As we embrace this self-image, let the statistics sink in and reflect on how we can share in Jesus' prophetic ministry.

**Reflection:** How can I gently discover what fears my children have and relieve them with words of peace and hope? How can I show my respect for the dignity of others and myself? What do I hope to convey by my words and actions today?