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18 FEBRUARY, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FROM FATHER CHUCK

Confirmation.

This years Confirmation service was the most challenging because we had 39 high school students celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation. There are many people who I wish to thank for their help with the Confirmation program. The teachers for the Confirmation program were, Jim and Tricia Murray, Samantha Keller Deitz, Emmalee Keller, Jill Clevenger and Anne Marie Rohling. The dedication of these six people to bring the Holy Spirit to our high school students is one of the greatest spiritual gifts that these young people will ever receive. There are not sufficient words to thank them for their dedication and hard work.

The music for the Confirmation services was outstanding. We are so blest to have Steve Beck as our organist because he played and sang for the noon Confirmation service and played for the choir at the 4:00 p.m. mass. I don't believe there is more talented musician in the world than Steve. There are not sufficient words to thank him for his gift of music. I also want to thank Cindy Mirfield and the choir for the beautiful music at the 4:00 p.m. service. I know that no one realizes all of the hard work it is to make the certificates for Confirmation, prepare the name tags, prepare the programs and prepare the Confirmation stoles. This task is a great challenge each year and a very special thank you to Jean Thomas for the many hours that she spent preparing all of these things for this years Confirmation. It is an absolute joy to experience Confirmation at Saint Peters and next year I will miss this grace filled moments. This years class is the 54th Confirmation class that I have prepared for the sacrament. There is not a greater gift for me than to be able to share my knowledge of the teachings of Jesus and the Catholic Church with our high school students.

Shrimp Boil.

This Friday February 23 is the shrimp boil. The shrimp boil begins at 5:30 and runs until 7:30. This is the most outstanding Friday Lenten meal in the entire metro area. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a wonderful meal, to bring your family and friends and to make many new friendships.

Lenten Schedule

This is a brief reminder to look at the schedule for the entire Lenten season. Two things I want to call to mind. First, always remember that we have Stations of the Cross and Benediction every Friday evening at 5:30 in the church. Second, every Tuesday evening we have Mass, Stations of the Cross, a soup supper and a program. I especially encourage everyone to attend both of these services. The Lenten season is a wonderful time to renew our spiritual life and to grow in our knowledge of the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith.

Lenten Materials

There are several of the Lenten booklets on the tables in the front and the back of the church. It is not too late to take those materials and to use them throughout the Lenten season.

Confirmation.

The sacrament of confirmation will be celebrated at the 10:00 a.m. mass this Sunday. There are three high school students, Oliver Juranek, Meg Busch and Brody Pellett who will be confirmed. Please pray for all of our confirmations students who are now adult members of the Catholic faith.

18 FEBRUARY, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Readings for February 25, 2024
1st Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
2nd Reading: Romans 8:31b-34
Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

MASS SCHEDULE

Tue	2/20	8:00 am	Don Friedrichsen
Wed	2/21	8:00 am	Bill & Ione Spitznagle
Thur	2/22	5:30 pm	Clare Kirlin
Fri	2/23	8:00 am	Lynn Ford
Sat	2/24	4:00 pm	Bud & Mary Ann Weis
Sun	2/25	8:00 am	Bernice Gaul Book & Carroll Cox
Sun		10:00 am	Jacquie Rallis
Sun		Noon	Denny Teymer

SATURDAY, 4PM February 24, 2024
ALTAR SERVERS: Jim Beck, Nicholas Moses, Noah Galus
LECTORS: Jim Svajgl, Amber Jackson Svajgl
EUCH MINISTER: Rod Nuss
USHERS: Jack Gross, Linda Bonham, Fred Schaben

SUNDAY, 8 AM, February 25, 2024
ALTAR SERVERS: Noah & Dawson Smith, Oliver Juranek
LECTORS: Jim Pidgeon, Genette Wirtz
EUCH MINISTER: Norma Finn
USHERS: Gary Juranek, Eric Ledger, Sue Brownlee, Jonna Andersen

SUNDAY, 10 AM February 25, 2024
ALTAR SERVERS: Sarah Lighthipe, Nathaniel Biederman, Aiden Gaul
LECTORS: Chris & Ed Fink
EUCH MINISTER: Patty Gantt
USHERS: Mike Nielsen, Dave Bristol, Bryan Carolus, Craig Menges

SUNDAY, NOON February 25, 2024
ALTAR SERVERS: John Duitsman, Grace Burroughs, Mason Olson
LECTORS: Terry Oswald, Casey Peters
EUCH MINISTER: Janet Hogsed
USHERS: Chris Olson, Rob Peters, Trevor Yanovich

FATHER'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

This is the ultimate lesson in the importance of the Mass. I had two tickets to watch Caitlyn Clark play basketball in Lincoln on Sunday February 11th at noon. The seats were at mid court and I would have been only three rows from the floor and probably have touched Caitlyn Clark but I gave the tickets away because I had to celebrate Mass at Noon on that Sunday. I know that the people who I gave the tickets to had a great time. I had a wonderful time celebrating the Eucharist with all of you.

REMINDER FOR PARISHIONERS ATTENDING 4 PM MASS

Please don't park in the parking lot of Darrah & Company next door to church. They are open on Saturday afternoons and they need their parking lot for their clients.

February 17 & 18 Knights of Columbus will be leading the rosary before each mass. They will also have rosaries for parishioners to use and keep.

LIFE ACCORDING TO JEAN.....

- Welcome to middle age. You now take pictures of instructions so you enlarge them.
- Sometimes, I pretend to be normal but I get bored and go back to being me.
- Here's to another day of outward smiles and inward screams.
- Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to.
- Square box, round pizza, triangle slices, now that's confusing.
- You had me at "We'll make it look like an accident"
- I thought about losing weight once, but I don't like losing.
- A cop pulled me over and told me "Papers," so I said "Scissors, I win!" and drove off. Cop humor, sorry Mike.
- If we were on a sinking ship, and there was only one life vest...I would miss you so much.
- I'm stuck between "I need to save money," and "You only live once."
- I walk around like everything is fine, but deep down inside my shoe, my sock is sliding off.
- The first five days after the weekend are always the hardest.
- You know you are getting old when the candles on your birthday cake start to cost more than the cake itself.
- There's life without Facebook and Internet? Really? Send me the link.
- I always try to cheer myself up by singing when I get sad. Most of the time, it turns out that my voice is worse than my problems.
- Your mind needs exercise just as much as your body does. That's why I think of jogging every day.

HAVE A GREAT WEEK, STAY SAFE, BE NICE TO EACH OTHER

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, February 20-5:30 pm Mass & Stations of the Cross followed by soup supper & program
Wednesday, February 21-Rel Ed-6:15p Worship Center
9th & 10th Grade Confirmation Hall
Friday, February 23-5:30 pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction followed by Knights of Columbus Shrimp Boil
Sunday, February 25-Coffee & Rolls after 8 & 10 masses
Monday-February 26-Knights of Columbus meeting 6pm
Tuesday-February 27-5:30 pm Mass & Stations of the Cross followed by soup supper & program

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