



How is your Lent, so far? Hopefully, you all have been able to put some time aside for prayer and reflection on the sacrifices of Our Lord. Each and every time I pray the Stations

of the Cross, I try to imagine myself at each one of those stations . . . standing right there as Jesus falls over the weight of that cross . . . standing next to Veronica, as she wipes His bloody face . . . watching the grieving of the Blessed Mother. All of that . . . all of that pain and humiliation . . . enduring all of that torture . . . simply because He loves us, and wants us to enjoy the glorious presence of His Father, by forgiving us of our sins. These are the kinds of things we should be reflecting on during these weeks of Lenten "retreat". What's the point of "giving something up" if we don't truly understand the loving sacrifice of Our Lord?

My guess is that, by now, many of you have peeked through the front windows of Contemporary Motorcar (the Mercedes dealership!), and gazed upon that crazy Mustang. It really is unbelievable, to say the least. I didn't think that we could ever beat last year's model. But, Roush Performance continues to surprise us. This year is the 2009 Mustang Roush P-51B, #44 of only 51 built!! It has 510 horsepower, and 510 pounds of torque. Crazy!! If you want to take a look at P-51B's webpage, the site is: http://www.roushperformance.com/mustang_p51b.shtml. I could never thank enough Sacred Heart School alumnus, George Lyons, the owner of Contemporary Motorcar and Roth Cadillac, for all that he did for us to acquire this machine. George even went so far as to send his truck and driver out to Indianapolis to get it for us! So, if you know George, or ever get a chance to meet him . . . or, if you pop in there to see it . . . tell him "Thank you"! He is still loyal to Sacred Heart after all of these years!

I wanted to share with you this notice from Fr. Edward Lohse, the Chancellor of the Diocese of Erie, in regards to a scam that is crossing the country: *"The Apostolic Nunciature has relayed to the USCCB a notice regarding an internet fundraising scheme which asks for a donation and promises that one's prayer intention will be publicly announced at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. The website, delivermyprayer.org, is said to claim that part of the funds goes to the Holy See. This website also has links to delivermyprayer.com and vaticanreading.com. The Apostolic Nunciature states unequivocally that none of these websites or assertions have the approval of the Holy See."*

This weekend is the 56th Annual Spaghetti Dinner!! If you remember from this very weekend last year, we had the worse snow storm of 2008! As of this writing, the weather should be upper 30's and low 40's. Let's hope!! This is our "signature" dinner, and it is, by far, the best one in town!! Thank you so much to all the ladies of the Altar Society, who have hosted this fantastic dinner for all of these years! I am sure that it is going to be such a great day!

Congratulations to new parishioner, Keith Nies, the head coach of the Fairview High School Varsity Boys Basketball team. I understand that Keith has the "winning-most" record of any basketball coach in Fairview's history! Not bad for only 31 years old! Keith, and his lovely fiancé, Jayme Jones, joined Sacred Heart last year, and will be getting married here on August 1st. I have known Keith since he was a Freshman at Prep. In fact, Keith played against Kobe Bryant, when Prep played Lower Marion in the AAAA State Championship in

1996, during Keith's & Kobe's senior year. (Truth be told . . . when Lower Marion barely won, Kobe refused to shake any of the Prep kids hands . . . including Governor Ridge's, who was standing with the team!! That's why I have never watched Kobe play ever since. I'm Italian. We never forget!!)

Have a great week. See you at the Spaghetti Dinner! Remember . . . begin making plans to come to the Easter Vigil!
Fr. D.

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT:

	Mar. 1, 2009	Mar. 2, 2008
Repairs & Improvements	\$659.00	\$792.01
Easter Flowers	\$35.00	\$331.01
Sacrificial Giving	\$8,030.07	\$7,670.08
Amount Needed	\$7,250.00	
Over/(Short)	\$780.07	

(*includes loose money). Last week, out of 680 families of the parish, 325 envelopes (48%) were used, with an **average** Sacrificial Giving donation of **\$24.71**. Your parish depends on you for your weekly donation. **Thanks for your sacrifice.**

TO ALL PARISHIONERS, FAMILIES, AND FRIENDS



The highlight on the March calendar each year is the **SPAGHETTI DINNER**, sponsored by the members of the Altar Society. This is an annual event, and this year marks our 56th spaghetti dinner. WOW! That's a lot of meatballs! About 168,000 if my math is right.

This is the only fund raiser for the Altar Society, and the proceeds benefit Sacred Heart parish.

The dinner will be held TODAY, Sunday, March 8th, in the audi at 25th and Liberty Street from Noon until 6:00PM. Take-outs are available from 11:30 until 6:00PM. *Please bring your own containers.*

Adults are \$6.00, children are \$3.00, under six are free.

Under the direction of Lorraine Squeglia, co-chairs Linn Lopez Rater and Lisa Lopez Zamierowski are busy cooking up the savory sauce for this yearly feast that includes: spaghetti and meatballs, Italian salad, bread and butter, and beverage and dessert.

The chances have been distributed and the flowers ordered. An Italian theme basket will be raffled off and once again sweet treats will be available at our bake sale. Donated items may be brought on Sunday. Raffle tickets can be turned in at the dinner.

So spread the word; round up your family, friends and neighbors; check with any shut-ins you may know and come enjoy Sacred Heart's finest spaghetti dinner. Today's the big day, you won't want to miss it.

DEAR LADIES OF THE SACRED HEART SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 11th at 7:00PM in the audi, (the Board will meet at 6:00PM). After recitation of the rosary there will be a short business meeting re: the outcome of the spaghetti dinner.



As for our commitment to the **Sacred Heart Food Bank**, here is the list of items most needed each month: **March** - cereal, **April** - canned soup, **May** - canned fruit, **June** - canned veggies, **September** - canned macaroni products/sauce, **October** - canned meat/tuna/spam, and **November** - paper products.

Put this list on your refrigerator and remember at every meeting those in our parish who are hungry.

The Sacred Heart food bank appreciates all your efforts to "stock the shelves". Thank you!

† † † Masses
For The Week

- Monday, March 9th - St. Frances of Rome**
8:30 - Loretta Loney - Sacred Heart Girl Scout Leaders
- Tuesday, March 10th**
8:30 - Rosemary Maloney - Janet and John Thomas
- Wednesday, March 11th**
8:30 - Bernard Loney - Maureen and Alyssa Haraczy
- Thursday, March 12th**
8:30 - Robert Grutkowski - The Thomas Ohmer Family
- Friday, March 13th**
8:30 - Vinnie and Mark Marchant - Char and Art
7:PM - Stations of the Cross and Benediction in church
- Saturday, March 14th**
4:30 - Jean Shewan Abate - Family
- Sunday, March 15th - The Third Sunday of Lent**
9:30 - For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church
11:30 - Susan Groszkiewicz - Family

Priest Schedule for March 14th and 15th

Saturday, 4:30PM - Fr. Detisch
Sunday, 9:30AM and 11:30AM - Fr. Detisch

The Sanctuary Candle is burning in memory of †**John Novello** by the Family.

The Bread and Wine are given in memory of †**Rudy Cavicchio** by Rose and Family.

Scripture Readings for Next Week

Exodus 20: 1-17 1 Corinthians 1: 22-25 John 2: 13-25

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Diocesan Goal: \$45,166
Parish Goal: \$90,000

Pledged to Date: \$80,070

177% of Diocesan Goal
89% of Parish Goal

202 contributors = 28% of Parish

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Second Week of Lent - The Transfiguration

Today in Mark's Gospel, we find Peter, James and John being disturbed hearing Jesus talk about carrying a cross and losing his life. In answer to their misgivings, Jesus took them up a mountain and was transfigured before them. They were filled with awe as they realized his glory was also theirs, a glory not experienced in his future kingdom, but also here on earth.

As we continue our journey with *Operation Rice Bowl* this week, let us remember in **prayer** that as a community of faith, we have the obligation to reach out to those most in need. The Gospel specifically calls us to take action on behalf of the most vulnerable members of society. May our **fasting** move us to action on behalf of the poor, and may our **almsgiving** assist Catholic Relief Services with agriculture programs that help farmers improve crop yields throughout the world.



Lenten Schedule

- Sunday - Spaghetti Dinner** serving from Noon until 6:00PM.
Monday - Boy Scout Meeting at 6:00PM in the audi.
Monday Night Scripture Group at 7:00PM in the sacristy.
Finance Committee Meeting at 7:00PM in the rectory.
Knights of Columbus Meeting at 7:30PM in the audi.
Tuesday - The **Rosary** will be prayed at 2:00PM in church.
Pastoral Council Meeting at 7:00PM in the sacristy.
Wednesday - Altar Society Meeting at 7:00PM in the audi.
Friday - Church Cleaning Team #3 (Charlene Michael's team) is scheduled for Friday, March 13th.
Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 7:00PM in church.

BIG GIVEAWAY NEWS AND WINNERS

Congratulations to these most recent **Big Giveaway winners**:
3893 - Bob Wingerter, 1572 - Gary Zeigler, 2990 - Susan Schuschu, 5396 - Jim Hissom, 6818 - Ruth and James Markley, 8530 - Patrick Durkin, 5169 - Renee Greaves, 0511 - Dewey and Ella Styer, 2640 - Helene Sansom, and 2034 - James W. and Mary F. Roach.

Special congratulations to Mary and Dave Rinderle who were the **\$1,000 winners** for the last Wednesday of February.

Each year, either on the last Saturday of January or the first Saturday of February, the Big Giveaway Program hosts a Sellers' Appreciation Dinner. This dinner includes all those people who form the Big Giveaway Committee, those people who are Captains, and all those people who sell five (5) or more Big Giveaway tickets. The spouses or significant others of these people are also invited. This FREE dinner includes an open bar and a very fine buffet dinner. Ask anyone who has ever attended one and you'll learn that no one has ever been disappointed.

In and of itself, this should be considerable incentive for one to try to sell at least five tickets for the Big Giveaway. This annual dinner gives parishioners a terrific opportunity to meet and get to know their fellow Sacred Heart members. This also is an especially terrific opportunity for the young members to make new friends, especially those in their own age group. Think about it!

Should you decide to take advantage of this opportunity, call Jim Nuber at 864-9838 or Norm Zambrzycki at 835-5096 who will get the necessary materials to you and help you get started.

The next Big Giveaway turn-in will be on Tuesday, March 10th, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM, in the Auditorium.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS - During this

season of Lent, we have discussed the reality of messing up our Lenten sacrifice. Many times as Catholics, it is easy to mess up and just give up! We must continue on this Lenten journey, remember that our Lord fell three times on His way to Calvary and we will fall also! When the Devil gets tough we must get tougher in our faith! Sometimes we need some help from our friends and family during these times of trial, remember that our Lord needed help carrying His cross. It is important to give up something during Lent but it is even more important to add something spiritual to your life. For example, if you gave up TV every weekday during Lent then you should spend that time praying as family or saying a rosary. If you gave up TV to go skateboarding then you need to ask yourself what are the fruits from this sacrifice! If you have fallen during this Lenten season, remember to get back up and continue your journey! Sacred Heart youth group meets every Thursday from 7-8:30pm in the Sacred Heart Auditorium. If you are in grades 5-12 then you owe it to yourself to come check it out! I promise you won't be disappointed! Peace, Jesse (catholicconnection@gmail.com)

