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THE PASTOR'S CORNER: THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THROUGH THE FIRST HALF OF 2011

I would like to wish all a blessed new year. In this issue of our Pastoral Region newsletter, I am going to list the schedule of important celebrations in our **Liturgical Calendar through the first half of 2011**. I hope this will help in your planning.

We begin with the month of **January** which is a **month dedicated to praying for vocations and praying to end abortions**. January 22nd, the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade is the **annul March for Life** in Washington, DC. We pray at all masses this month for church vocations.

In February our Pastoral Region freshmen prepare for the celebration of the **Sacrament of Confirmation** (02/13, 11:00a Mass at St. Michael Church) with retreat and penance service (01/16) and rehearsal (02/09). This sacrament celebrates the full initiation into our Church for our sons and daughters.

Lent begins late this year, with **Ash Wednesday**, March 9. We will have **at four** masses on that day for you to receive ashes: 6:30a at SPP, 8:25a at SM, 5:30p at SM and 7:00p at SPP. During Lent the **Way of the Cross** will be prayed alternating between parishes on Friday evenings at 7:00p. A children's Way of the Cross will be prayed on the Monday (04/11) before Palm Sunday and the Monday (04/18) before Easter at 3:15p in St. Michael Church.

On Sunday evenings in Lent we will be participating in **Ecumenical Prayer Services** with local churches beginning at 7:00p. A schedule of places will be published in the bulletin.



A Valentine's Dinner by Candlelight will be held on Sun., Feb. 13 at St. Michael's Hall. Social time & bar open at 5:30. A steak dinner with cheesecake for dessert will be served at 6 p.m. Greg & Stephanie Schutte of Dayton will speak from 7 to 8 p.m. sharing their humorous stories of raising their six children. They are funny and entertaining! This is open to all married couples from any parish. Cost is \$30 per couple. Each couple has 2 chances to win a \$200 sweetheart package at the Inn at Versailles with dinner, a room with a Jacuzzi, champagne, chocolates, a rose and breakfast the next morning. Babysitting will be available in the meeting room of the hall with pizza supper for the children and a magician for entertainment. To make reservations, send \$30 to Rose Meyer, PO Box 7, Fort Loramie, or drop it in the collection basket or at the parish office center by February 3. Tickets will be held at the door for you.

Holy Week begins with the celebration of **Palm Sunday** on April 17th. **Holy Thursday** will be April 21st with one Mass at 8:00p for the Pastoral Region. **Good Friday** follows on Friday on April 22nd with one Good Friday service beginning at 12:00 noon with the Way of the Cross and the Liturgy of Good Friday at 1:00p at St. Michael. There will be a Way of the Cross in the evening at SPP at 7:00p. The **Easter Vigil** will take place on Saturday, April 23rd, at 8:30p at St. Michael Church. At the Easter Vigil we will have people enter the Church. Easter is on April 24th, **Easter Masses** will be at 7:00a and 9:30a at SPP and 8:00a, 9:30a, and 11:00a at SM.

The **Easter Season** continues through **Pentecost Sunday**, June 12th. On the Second Sunday of Easter, May 1st we celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday**. We pray for and thank God for his loving and abundant mercy shown to us through the shedding of Jesus blood for our salvation.

Also, On May 1st we will have **First Communion** at SM at 2:00p. On May 8th we will have First Communion at SPP at the 9:30a Mass. Our second graders will receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for the first time.

Then we have several important feasts (Sundays): on June 5th is **The Ascension of the Lord**, on June 19th is **The Most Holy Trinity**, June 26th is **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ** (Corpus Christi), and on July 1st is **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**. All these feasts are reminders to us of our Catholic faith and how God is a part of our daily lives.



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Sts. Peter & Paul Servers *by Amy Ahrns*

Parents and grandparents are you looking for a way to encourage your school-age family members to learn more about their faith, be attentive during mass and perhaps spark an interest in the priesthood or religious life. Then talk to them about becoming a mass server. Serving mass will help teach responsibility, develop a better understanding of the mass and

offers an opportunity for parish service.

Sts. Peter and Paul Parish currently has twenty-four mass servers (not including the adult mass servers). Each student gets to serve mass usually once or twice a month. A letter of information is sent to fourth grade students in the spring allowing for students to sign up

to become a mass server. Students choosing to become mass servers are started with two training sessions and then given several opportunities to serve mass during the summer months with an experienced server. Students past the fourth grade may also sign up by contacting Amy Ahrns at 937-295-3606 and are always welcome.

High School CCD Update

In the last newsletter we announced updates for the High School CCD program starting with the 2011-2012 school year.

The key points are:

- * Classes will be on Wednesday nights
- * For students in grades 10-12 classes will be subject- based.
- * Grade 9 students will still have required Confirmation Preparation classes.
- * Classes will take place at both parishes
- * Classes will be divided up into 5-5 week sessions. Within each 5 week session there will be one night of youth ministry based events and 4 weeks of actual class time.

For all students who will be a part of the 2011-2012 CCD school year there will be two meetings offered to explain next year's schedule and the courses that will be offered. You only need to attend one meeting. The first meeting is scheduled to take place in Sts. Peter and Paul church basement at 6:30 pm on Wednesday February 16. The second meeting will be offered at St. Michael's Hall at 7:45 on Wednesday February 23. All students are strongly encouraged to attend and parents or anyone else who is interested in learning about how the high school CCD program will look next year are welcome. Students will be asked

to choose their classes for the coming CCD year in regular CCD classes and no detailed explanation will be available during class time so this meeting is your chance for questions to be answered. With questions regarding these two meetings please contact Lisa Monnin at lisam@nflregion.org or Kate Boeke at kateb@nflregion.org or 937-295-2179.



TRANSITIONS October 7, 2010 to January 5, 2011 *submitted by: The Parish Office*

Baptisms at St. Michael:

Addison Louise Turner ó
Bradley & Andrea (Ruen)
Turner
Ashlyn Grace Bergman ó Keith
& Amy (Schmackers)
Bergman
Stryker Thomas Boerger ó Keith
& Brandie (Plattner)
Boerger
Sophia Rose Brandewie ó Kevin
& April (Aselage) Brandew-
ie
Joshua Donald Puthoff ó
Michael & Peggy (Siegel)
Puthoff
Jayden Daniel Luthman ó
Nathan Luthman & Heather
Luebke
Cooper Gerald Meyer ó Bryan
& Dana (Hoying) Meyer
Allie Grace Salisbury ó Ty &
Jana (Turner) Salisbury
Todd Anthony DeMange ó
Wayne & Laura (Rammel)
DeMange

Eliana Rose Moore ó Jeremy &
Julia (Pohlman) Moore
Olivia Carolyn Brandewie ó
Jeffrey & Stacy (Drees)
Brandewie
Lillian Margaret Barhorst ó Eric
& Elizabeth (Kamin)
Barhorst
Ian Ryan Bergman ó Ryan
Bergman & Rachel Seger

Baptisms at Sts. Peter & Paul:

Averi Kathleen Ahrns ó Karl &
Tyanna (Adams) Ahrns
Gabriel James Bensman ó Randall &
Abigail (Phlipot) Bensman
Connor William Bergman ó Ken &
Christina (Reece) Bergman

Marriages at St Michael:

Craig & Renee (Seger) Bergman
Derrick & Courtney (Goebel)
Prueter
Brian & Mikaela
(Vondenhuevel) Bohman
Samuel & Maria (Spanel)
Grassbaugh

Zachary & Janelle
(Poepelman) Homan
Marriages at Sts Peter &
Paul:
Thomas & Jodi (Meyer)
Poepelman

Deaths at St. Michael:

Alma K. Kuest
Rita M. Seger
Bernard öBenö A. Aselage
John A. Pleiman
Rosella L. Eilerman

Deaths at Sts. Peter & Paul:

Sally Barhorst
Gary Durnell
William Barlage

CASSEROLE FOR A CAUSE

The St. Ann Rosary Altar Society and Sts. Peter and Paul LadiesøSodality are sponsoring öCasserole for a Causeö to benefit the NFL St. Vincent dePaul Society.

Pans can be picked up at the two churches beginning on **Feb. 5**. They will include all instructions and recipes from which to choose.

Casseroles, after being prepared and frozen, should be **returned on Monday, Feb. 21** between 6:00 and 7:00 PM.

Drop off locations are St. Michaelø parking lot (in front of St. Michaelø Hall) and Sts. Peter and Paul Church undercroft.

The casseroles will be distributed to the Holy Angels

Soup Kitchen in Sidney and to the St. Vincent dePaul house in Dayton.

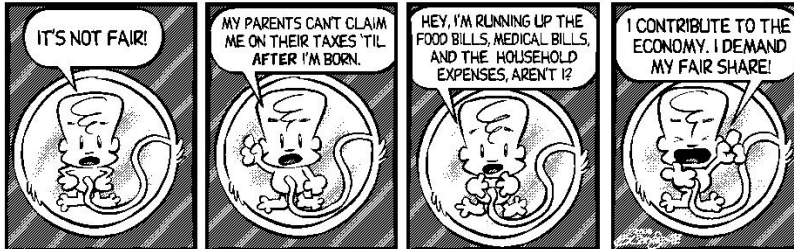
Last year parishioners donated 224 casseroles. Weøre hoping to break that record this year!! Keep a **“LOOK OUT”** in the bulletin for more details as the days get closer.



Kids' Korner by: Sharon Holdbeide

Umbert the Unborn

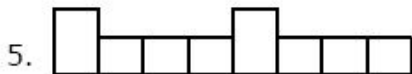
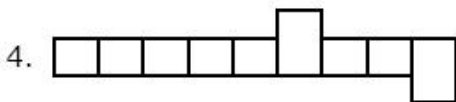
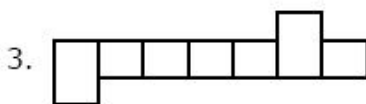
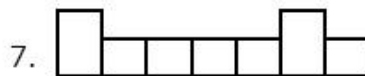
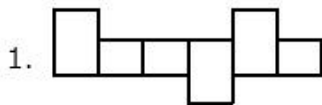
by Gary Cangemi



The Boy Jesus in the Temple

"Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" Luke 2:49 (NIV)

Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.



parents	home	friends	teachers	searching
feast	relatives	temple	mother	house



The Catholic Telegraph

Dear Parishioner,

There are many events that happen in the church throughout the year, and keeping informed is sometimes difficult to do so. I have a solution for that. **The Catholic Telegraph** is our Archdiocesan Newspaper, and has information, news, events, and commentary that can be delivered to your home each week. The newspaper has something for everyone: check it out and I am sure you will find information useful in your everyday journey.

Knowledge is power, and knowing more about our Catholic faith can only empower us in our everyday lives.

Although this will be an added expense to the parish, I think that adult faith formation is important. I am asking you to renew or to newly subscribe to **The Catholic Telegraph**. The cost is \$24 per year. Below is information on how to renew or newly subscribe. I think you will agree there is value in learning more about your faith all through your life, I hope you will assist us in providing this material to even more families in the parish through your donation.

As pastor, I encourage you to renew your subscription to **The Catholic Telegraph**, take a new look at it or see it for the first time.

Sincerely yours.

Fr. Steve

Rev. Steven L. Shoup
Pastor

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Youth Ministry News and Such By: Kevin Musser

We share so much about our youth and the experiences they are having in Youth Ministry. It seems we skip over all the fun and all the powerful faith experiences the many adults who help us are also experiencing. This article is written for those adults who are out there on the sidelines and wonder what this is really like. I am also writing to the youth and saying you should read this because you are having a great influence on the chaperones and their own personal faith. As I have shared so often, you are the church of today, right now!

The following are excerpts from members of the youth commission and others who work tirelessly with the youth. Beetle, Annie, Joyce, Melanie, Dennis, Pam, Shannon, Amy, Katie

The most heard comment heard from adults was "I am not sure who receives the most out of the events and interaction with students. Many times it is hard to tell because I get so much out of being a part of it all."

"It's exciting to see the youth want to know more about their

faith. They pursue this until they find the answers they are seeking. Even if this leads to more questions they are willing to take the next step."

"I understand so much more what students are looking for and the needs of youth and adults in this time."

"It's awesome to watch the fruit of their growth."

"My experience at the NCYC event in Kansas City was way over the top"

"I used to be afraid of the youth but they are so loving and caring, even to me as an adult."

"The youth help us to keep things in perspective, the future and what is real"

"The knowledge of the youth about their faith is impressive. We have so much fun with the youth. The youth are very accepting of the adults."

"The joy of the youth and how they inspire people is amazing."

"Students appear to be so much more caring than I remember growing up. The youth from the area have such a genuine heart for

their faith and it is so inspiring. It has always been a great deal of fun seeing them get together. If we could only get more youth involved they really inspire whole families. Its great youth have these experiences and to be starting down the right path."

"It has been so rewarding to be a part of."

"People who haven't been with youth should get involved. Parents should know what their youth are involved in. These experiences are for a life time and not just for the youth. You have no idea what you are missing, but it's big. The youth help me feel young again. Youth ministry is an opportunity for all"

The joy and awe the adults share about the youth is so inspiring. I hope you have been inspired. Thanks youth, I hope you get a big head and a big heart over this article.

Remember to say your prayers tonight-*Kevin*

Sts. Peter & Paul Candlestick Project by Amy Abrams

Our project to refurbish our sanctuary furnishings is now completed. In total the project costs were \$9,061.00. 39 parishioners donated and pledged \$9,240. Here's what was

refurbished: 6-28" candlesticks, 8 -18" candlesticks, 2-horn vases, 2-candleholders, 1-sanctuary lamp stand, 1-paschal candle lamp stand, 1-tabernacle, 9-assorted fittings for crucifix and altar. Many thanks

goes out to our parishioners and to Ray Deloye for spearheading this project. Our sanctuary is brightened by this project.



Run in the Rain

She had been shopping with her Mom in Wal-Mart. She must have been 6 years old, this beautiful red-haired, freckle-faced image of innocence.

It was pouring outside -- the kind of rain that gushes over the top of rain gutters, so much in a hurry to hit the earth that it has no time to flow down the spout. We all stood there under the awning and just inside the door of the Wal-Mart. We waited, some patiently, others irritated because nature messed up their hurried day.

I am always mesmerized by rainfall. I **get** lost in the sound and sight of the heavens washing away the dirt and dust of the world. Memories of running, splashing so carefree as a child, came pouring in as a welcome reprieve from the worries of my day.

Her voice was so sweet as it broke the hypnotic trance we were all caught in. "Mom, let's run through the rain," she said. "What?" Mom asked. "Let's run through the rain!" she repeated. "No, honey. We'll wait until it slows

down a bit," Mom replied. This young child waited about another minute and repeated: "Mom, let's run through the rain." "We'll get soaked if we do," Mom said. "No we won't, Mom. That's not what you said this morning," the young girl said as she tugged at her Mom's arm. "This morning? When did I say we could run through the rain and not get wet?" "Don't you remember? When you were talking to Daddy about his cancer, you said, 'If God can get us through this, he can get us through anything!'"

The entire crowd stopped dead silent. I swear you couldn't hear anything but the rain. We all stood silently. No one came or left in the next few minutes. Mom paused and thought for a moment about what she would say. Now some would laugh it off and scold her for being silly. Some might even ignore what was said. But this was a moment of affirmation in a young child's life, a time when innocent trust can be

nurtured so that it will bloom into faith. "Honey, you are absolutely right. Let's run through the rain. If GOD lets us get wet, well maybe we just needed washing," Mom said. **Then** off they ran. We all stood watching, smiling and laughing as they darted past the cars and yes, through the puddles. They held their shopping bags over their heads just in case. They got soaked. But they were followed by a few who screamed and laughed like children all the way to their cars. And yes, I did. I ran too. I got wet. I guess I needed washing.

Circumstances or people can take away your material possessions, they can take away your money, and they can take away your health. But no one can ever take away your precious memories. So don't forget to make time and take the opportunities to make memories every day. I hope you will take time to run through the rain!

- Story by Bob Perks -



Check out our new and improved web site: www.nflregion.org! Lots of information is there about Mass times, special events, youth ministry and senior ministry information, ministry schedules, and opportunities to share your talents in our parishes!



Both parishes are now on facebook!!! Just search under Sts. Peter & Paul or St. Michael Church and make us your friend! We'd love to be able to stay in better contact with people! Facebook allows us to give you up-to-the-minute news and changes.