

February 22, 2009

FR. CLYDE A. LEWIS, PASTOR

St. Joseph's Special Collections:

- 3/1 - Eastern Europe
- 3/8 - Parish Improvement
- 3/15 - Fuel
- 3/22 - Holy Father/CRS
- 3/29 - St. Mary's Academy (CCD)

St. Patrick's Church
Trustee: Jules Trahan ~ 297-5214
Trustee: Mary Racicot ~ 297-6138
Pastoral Council Vice-President:
 Patricia Carey ~ 297-8060
Christian Formation Coordinator:
 Kathy Guay ~ 297-2767

St. Joseph's Church
Trustee: Edward Bechard ~ 297-2115
Trustee: James Menard ~ 298-5301
Pastoral Council Vice-President:
 Richard Laurin ~ 298-5084

WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. Patrick's

Last year \$3184
Last week \$3387 (Envelopes \$3004, Plate \$561)

St. Joseph's

Last year \$447
Last week \$374 (Envelopes \$347, Plate \$27)

PRAYER LIST

(These names will be listed for two months and then removed, unless we hear otherwise)

Sharon Ramsey, Bea St. Pierre, Willard Aubrey, Bobby Duprey, George Cronkrite, Ella Rupert, Barbara Sterling, Gerald Gaudette, Sr., Aline Bedard, Gordon Duffy, Barbara Guay, Evelyn Hatcher, Danny LaBombard

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of Arthur Vanderbeek and Edith Martin. Also please pray for all those listed in our Community Intention Book and all the sick of our area.

LECTOR/SPECIAL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS/ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

February 21 / 22

- 4:00PM Carole Lefebvre
Kathy Guay, Carole Lefebvre
Kyler Guay
- 7:30PM Brenda Jolicoeur
Chud Foshier, Eleanor Reynolds
- 8:00AM David FitzGerald
Connie Boutin, Peg Rivers
Stephen Grace, Karen Duffy
- 10:00AM Tom Bechard
Pat Racine, Terry Bechard
Joel Herzog, Julia Herzog

February 28 / March 1

- 4:00PM Carole Lefebvre
Kathy Guay, Pat Carey
Ashley Boire, Celine Houle
- 7:30PM Eleanor Reynolds
Chud Foshier, Brenda Jolicoeur
- 8:00AM Douglas DiSabito
Gary Brunell, Joe Bailey
Brianna Sterling, Karen Duffy
- 10:00AM Joey Proulx
Tom Bechard, Joan Seguin
Laura Bechard

MASS INTENTIONS

February

- Sat. 21 **Weekday**
9:00AM No Mass
(Anticipated) Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00PM Mark Lombard by Harvey & Theresa Boutin
7:30PM **(St. Joseph's)** Romeo Bechard by Marion Bechard & Family
- Sun. 22 **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00AM Eva Favro by Ted Favro
10:00AM Lena & George Bombardier by their Children, Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren
- Mon. 23 **St. Polycarp**
8:00AM M/M H.D. Ashline Sr. by Carolyn
- Tue. 24 **Weekday**
9:00AM Clara Abare by Gloria & Willard Aubrey
- Wed. 25 **Ash Wednesday**
9:00AM Richard Duffy by American Legion Post 912
5:30PM 1st Anniversary of Emmet Dame by his son Peter
7:30PM Stanley Moore by Chud & Claire Foshier
- Thur. 26 **Lenten Weekday**
9:00AM Raymond Penfield by Robert & Virginia Guay
5:30PM Yvette Dunlavy by Cecile Cote & Family
6:30PM **Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**
- Fri. 27 **Lenten Weekday**
9:00AM Kevin Couture by Donald & Barbara LaBombard
followed by Stations of the Cross
5:30PM Dorothy Duffy by Stanley Seymour
- Sat. 28 **Lenten Weekday**
9:00AM Veronica Lashway by Gary Brunell
(Anticipated) First Sunday of Lent
4:00PM Christina & Romeo Boyer by Romeo & Nancy Boyer
7:30PM **(St. Joseph's)** Michel Gariepy by his Wife & Girls
- March
- Sun. 1 **First Sunday of Lent**
8:00AM 3rd Anniversary of Theresa MacCallum by her Family
10:00AM Mildred Chagnon by Dick & Dolly Mazza

ST. PATRICK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

Parishioners of St. Patrick's

***** REMINDER *****

RICE BOWL DINNER
 (with homemade soups, rolls, fruit, beverage)
FOLLOWING 5:30PM MASS ON WEDNESDAY IN ST. PATRICK'S PARISH HALL ALL ARE INVITED!

RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT CHURCH ENTRANCES Over \$2500 in prizes \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

Notes from the Pastor's Desk

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE ... will be taken up on the first weekend of Lent, February 28/March 1. The theme for this year's collection is "Believe in the power of the Spirit of Love." This collection needs your help to continue to revitalize and to foster the Spirit of Love in its parishes and communities. Please be generous with your support of the Central and Eastern Europe Collection.

RICE BOWL DINNERS ... Reminder that our Rice Bowl Dinners will begin after the 5:30PM Mass on Ash Wednesday in the Parish Hall. The dinners consist of soups, crackers/rolls, fruit and a beverage. The purpose of these dinners is to make a donation to Operation Rice Bowl based on what you would normally spend on a dinner. As was done last year, different organizations in our parish will each take a week and have its members prepare the soups. This week the Pastoral Council will be preparing the soups. If you wish to make a donation towards the cost of rolls, fruit, crackers or beverages rather than making a soup, that would be appreciated as well. We hope you will join us for these dinners for good company and delicious soups!

CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES ... Christian Formation classes resume this Sunday, February 22. The next Confirmation class is scheduled for March 1.

ATTENTION ENVELOPE USERS ... There are still tax receipts in the St. Patrick's Church lobby that have not been picked up. If you received a tax receipt in 2007, there is one prepared for you for 2008. Please stop by and pick it up. Thank you for your cooperation. Please note that all St. Joseph's parishioners who use envelopes have had a tax receipt prepared for them and it can be picked up in the St. Joseph's Church lobby.

ST. PATRICK'S FOOD SHELF HOURS ...

Sunday, February 22, March 8 and 22, 11:30AM to 12:30PM

Wednesday, March 4 & 18, 5:30 to 6:30PM

If you have a need, please call 297-6208 or 297-8060 for an appointment.

Food Shelf is in need of canned meats and cereals. Thank you for your continued generosity.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS ... We have been asked to place a basket in our lobby to collect used postage stamps which will be given to the missions to help raise money. Please take the time to cut the stamps off your mail (leaving a small border around the stamp) and drop them in the basket in the upstairs church lobby. Thanks for your help.

ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST ... Sunday, February 22, 8:00AM to Noon, St. Ann's Center, Route 11, Mooers Forks. Menu includes: Sausage, Ham, Eggs, Home Fries, Pancakes, French Toast, Toast, Coffee, Juice, Milk. Adults \$7, 6-12 \$4, 5 & Under Free.

ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST ... Sunday, March 1, 8:00AM to Noon, St. Joseph's Parish Center, West Chazy. Menu includes: Pancakes, Sausage, Ham, Scrambled Eggs, Home Fries, Beverages. Adults \$6, 6-10 \$3, 5 & Under Free.

CORN BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER ... hosted by Rouses Point K of C, Thursday, March 12, 6:30PM, St. Patrick's Parish Center. Menu includes: Corn Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots, Onion, Rutabagas, Rolls, Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Milk. Cost \$8. For tickets or reservations call: Bill (297-2808), Bob (297-6456), Claude (297-3526), Ben (297-6465), Rectory (297-7361).

PALMS ... Please bring your palms and deposit them in the baskets at both church entrances. We will burn them to use on Ash Wednesday, February 25. Bring both the older palms and those you received last year. Many thanks.

MUSIC APPRECIATION CLUB ... presented by Adrian Carr, fourth Tuesday of each month, 7:00 - 9:00PM, Dodge Memorial Library Adult Reading Room. February's topic will be "Your Favorite Film Music". Bring a CD to share or just come and listen to others.

WHY CATHOLIC? Life in Christ: Walking with God ... February 21-22, 2009 - The Beatitudes ... The word "Beatitude" means "blessed". Jesus preached about the Beatitudes and promised to His followers who embraced His teaching that they would be blessed or happy. The Beatitudes look to the arrival of the Kingdom of God and the fulfillment of salvation. The built-in paradoxes e.g. comforting of mourners forces us to rethink and redefine suffering within the global context of the Father's plan of salvation. Come and join a Small Community group to learn more how we can live a "blessed" life within the context of the Beatitudes.

ST. PATRICK'S FESTIVAL ...Our St. Patrick's Festival will be held on **Sunday, March 22, 2009**. A Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings will be served from Noon to 2:00PM. The Auction will remain on Sunday, from 2:00 to 3:00PM. The big ticket raffle will still be drawn at 3:00PM. We will have a concession stand on Sunday morning with a light breakfast and there will be a children's booth with games, a religious articles booth, a Rosary Altar Booth with Raffles, a 50/50 Raffle and the auction items will be on display.

New this year will be our 20-Week Club. Tickets are now available and can be purchased from the Rectory or the Pastoral Council Members (Fr. Lewis, Pat Carey, Jackie Ducharme, Peg Rivers, Mary Racicot, Carole Lefebvre, Kathy Guay, Pat Racine, Mary Ballman, George Legnard or Bernard Duffy or Jo-Anne Ryan). The cost is \$20 per ticket. The first week's drawing is on May 4. The drawings will continue each week through September 13.

RAFFLE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE ... By this time most of you will have received your two books of raffle tickets in the mail. More tickets are available at both church entrances. They are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Remember there are over \$2500 in prizes with a top cash prize of \$500. We would appreciate your help in selling as many as possible. Many thanks to the Border Press for donating the tickets and posters. We are very grateful for their continued support.

With this in mind, we are looking for cash donations that will be used for our raffle ticket as well as to purchase items for our dinner and concession stand and other various expenses associated with the festival. We will also be looking for new items for our auction. Please call the Rectory and let us know as soon as possible if you would like to make a donation.

Lenten Regulations 2009

1. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting (for ages 18 to 59).
2. **All Fridays of Lent, including Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, are days of abstinence from meat** (ages 14 and older).
3. The entire season of Lent should be observed in a spirit of prayer and penance, such as extra time in prayer, attending daily Mass, voluntary sacrifice and self denial, works of charity and service to others.
4. All Catholics who have reached the age of reason must confess their *serious sins* in the Sacrament of Penance at least once a year and receive Holy Communion at least once each year during the Easter season (March 1, the First Sunday of Lent, until Trinity Sunday, June 7).
5. Although other seasons are more suitable, the celebration of marriage and the Nuptial Mass are not forbidden during Lent, according to the New Code of Canon Law.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE ... With the beginning of Lent, nearly 200 communities in the U.S., Canada and Australia will renew the successful pro-life program "40 Days for Life". 40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion in America. The mission of the campaign is to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused 40-day campaign of prayer, fasting, and peaceful activism, with the purpose of repentance, to seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion in America. In most communities, around the clock prayer vigils at the Planned Parenthood baby-killing centers will be observed for the 40 days. Locally a more modest initiative will be attempted. It is hoped that enough Christians will volunteer to cover the daylight hours at Planned Parenthood in Plattsburgh. At a bare minimum it is hoped that full coverage of each Thursday (when most baby-killings are accomplished), can be

achieved. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the church foyer. Car pooling is suggested. Get information on line at <http://40daysforlife.com>.

***LET US KEEP THESE MEN AND WOMEN AND ALL OTHER MILITARY PERSONNEL
AND THEIR FAMILIES IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS***

Teddy Woitazek, Mandy McCammon, Chad McCammon, Michael Garrand Jr., Paul Langley, Mike Casey,
Patrick Rosenberg, Colleen Kelly, Jarred Hayes, Ben Brassard, Darryl Jon Ducharme & his Troop, Craig Jackson