

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 22, 2009

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

The weekday Masses will be said by the Jesuit Fathers at their chapel as scheduled. Saturday and Sunday intentions will be said by the Jesuits at St. John Fisher unless otherwise specified.

Monday	7:15 a.m.	Sick members of SJF Parish
Tuesday:	7:15 a.m.	Andrew B. Clark +
Wednesday:	7:15 a.m.	Tom Feltz +
Thursday:	7:15 a.m.	Deceased of SJF Parish
Friday:	7:15 a.m.	Irene Bloomquist +
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Anthony Truskowski +
Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Anges Romanaggi +

Please pray for our deceased priests:

Thursday	Fr. Thomas Mannion	2007
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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

TODAY:	Liturgy/Word/Children	9 and 11 a.m.
Monday:	Mom's Group	9:45 a.m.
	PTC Exec. Mtg	
	Baptism Class	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday:	Music Rehearsal	7 p.m.
	Finance Council Mtg	6 p.m.
Wednesday:	Ash Wednesday - Masses at 9 am & 6 pm	
	RCIA	7 p.m.
Thursday:	SJF Choir Rehearsal	7 p.m.
Friday:	Stations of the Cross	7 p.m.

SERVER & GREETER SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 28th:

4:30 PM Kelly Kramer
Christian Martinek
GREETERS: The Douville Family

Sunday, March 1st:

9:00 AM Michael Fitzgibbon
Michael Skayhan
GREETERS: The Brauser Family
11:00 AM Marco Albanese
Mary Rose Zipse
GREETERS: The Grompe Family

LENT

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. We will have Masses with imposition of ashes at 9 am and 6 pm.

Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from eating meat.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting for Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. This means to eat two small meals and one regular meal.

On Fridays of Lent we will have the Stations of the Cross at 7 pm in the church.

On March 4, 11, 18 and 25 (Wednesdays) we will have our Soup Suppers starting at 6 pm.

If you would like to help with the soup suppers, please contact Scott in the parish office.

ALTAR SERVERS

All 5th and 6th grade students are invited to be altar servers at Mass. If you are interested, please contact Scott in the parish office.

FAITH CAFE

We will be serving at the Faith Cafe on March 1st. This has been a great opportunity for service and to grow as a parish community. We need help with cooking, serving, greeting and cleaning. If you are interested, please contact Scott Kolbet in the parish office.

Family Faith Sharing Questions:

We encourage parents to reflect on these questions at home each week with their children. Start talking, share the Faith!

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Mark 2:1-12

This gospel story illustrates that Jesus heals the body as well as the human soul and spirit. People bring a paralyzed man to the house where Jesus is staying. The house is so crowded that the man must be lowered down through the roof to the room where Jesus is. Jesus looks at the man and says, "Your sins are forgiven." This surprises people, because they believe that only God can forgive sins. The paralyzed man is healed in body and spirit, and the people praise God for what they have just witnessed.

Why do you think Jesus tells the man that his sins are forgiven? Who is this Jesus who can forgive sins and heal people of their illnesses? None of us are perfect — we all do things that are wrong. Talk about how Jesus' forgiveness of your sins makes you feel. Have you ever been surprised by a spiritual experience?

SVDP FOOD NEEDS

The SVDP food room needs the following items:
Ramen, Pasta, Mayo and Toilet Paper. Thanks for your help in feeding the hungry..

SW HOPE: FEED THE HUNGRY

St. Vincent de Paul is sponsoring our parish's involvement in the 3rd annual SW Hope: Feed the Hungry campaign. Over twenty other faith communities are involved along with local businesses. This is a benefit for Neighborhood House, SW Portland's primary social service agency and local distribution center for the Oregon Food Bank. Their emergency food box program provides for about 420 families a month, up from 270 a year ago. This year's goal is 100,000 pounds of food or the cash equivalent (\$1 purchases 5 pounds of food at the Oregon Food Bank). Information on Dine Out and Donate promotions at local restaurants can be found at www.swhope.org.

St. John Fisher will have a specially marked barrel at the back of the church to receive your food donations. Food can also be left at any location displaying a SW Hope banner. Last year our parish contributed 400 pounds of food. **The campaign runs February 22 to April 5.**

FOCA CAMPAIGN

Thank you to all who participated in our postcard campaign against the Freedom of Choice Act. We mailed over 500 postcards to our senators and representatives. And thank you to all who donated to cover the complete cost of postage.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

RETREAT ALERT! You already know that our annual Women's Retreat is the week-end of March 13-15 and that the Retreat Master will be Father Gregory Duerr from Mt. Angel. What you may NOT know is that Father Gregory NEVER does retreats! It is only through unique circumstances...and the persuasive powers of Sister Anne Marie that he is doing this one. **This is a once in a lifetime opportunity!!!!** Don't miss it! Call Laura Keitges at 503-245-0308 (cell 503-752-0318) or the Retreat House at 503-649-7127.

WEEKEND WITH THE SISTERS

Join the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon for a weekend of information and sharing about life as a Sister in the 21st century! Open to single Catholic women between the ages of 18 and 35 who are interested in knowing more about discerning their vocation. Date: March 13 – 15; Register by March 9 by calling Sr. Charlene at 503-906-1131 or by emailing srcharleneh@ssmo.org.

LENT REFLECTION

Give up complaining——focus on gratitude.
Give up pessimism——become an optimist.
Give up harsh judgments——think kindly thoughts.
Give up worry——trust Divine Providence.
Give up discouragement——be full of hope.
Give up bitterness——turn to forgiveness.
Give up hatred——return good for evil.
Give up negativism——be positive.
Give up anger——be more patient.
Give up gloom——enjoy the beauty that is all around.
Give up jealousy——pray for trust.
Give up sin——turn to virtue.
Give up giving up——hang in there!