

March 14-21

SUNDAY, March 14

8:15-8:45 Confessions
 9:00 a.m. MASS St. Michael's Parish Family / Lawrence & Loretta Thilges
 10:30 a.m. Confirmation Mass St. Cecelia, Algona
 8am-12pm PFAH KC Breakfast, KC Hall, Algona
 3:00 p.m. Communal Penance Service followed by Vespers at St. Joseph

MONDAY, March 15

No Mass

TUESDAY, March 16

7:00 a.m. MASS Grace Ramaeker

WEDNESDAY, March 17

* 7:00 a.m. MASS Greg Marzen
 1:45 p.m. MASS at Good Sam Agnes Schall



THURSDAY, March 18

7:00 a.m. MASS Living & Deceased of Holy Name
 6:30 p.m. Holy Name dinner & meeting

FRIDAY, March 19

7:00 a.m. MASS Sheila Reding
 1:30 p.m. MASS at Algona Manor Dorothea & Leo Garman
 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
 4:30-8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, March 20

4:15-4:45 p.m. Confessions
 5:00 p.m. MASS Charlotte Doocy

SUNDAY, March 21

9:00 a.m. MASS St. Joseph
 8:00 a.m.-Noon Legion Breakfast in Whittemore
 8:00 a.m.-Noon Guild Breakfast & Bake Sale, St. Joseph Wesley
 2:00 p.m. Communal Penance Service followed by Vespers
 4:00 p.m. Communal Penance Service St. Cecelia, Algona
 4-7 p.m. St. Michael's Parish Carnival

Daily Mass Server Mar. 16-19: Benjamin Montag

SATURDAY, March 20 5:00 p.m. MASS:

Servers: Amanda, Amber & Anna Hentges
Organist: Mary Helen Kollasch
Cantor: Roger Hansen
Lector: Karla Walker
Giftbearers: M/M Pete Fickbohm
Hospitality: Jan Allen, Becky Lancaster, Donna Muller & Linda Vaudt
Extraordinary Ministers: Diane Goodman, Brian Goodman, Jim Schmitt, Dave Fickbohm, Judy Erdman
E.M.H.C. to Shut-Ins: Don Long 884-2693
Washing of Purificators for Mar: Rachael & Rebecca Montag
Money Counters for Mar: Mildred Adams & Marilyn Lensing



CHANGE FOR LIFE: One of our parish's pro-life activities is the Lenten "Change for Life" campaign. There are baby bottles in the west entrance of church to use for collecting spare change during Lent. The proceeds will be donated to Birthright of Spencer. The target date for having the bottles returned is April 11—one week after Easter. You can return them to the parish office or call Susanne Reding to arrange for pick-up. Jean Schumacher at Farmers State Bank will also take the bottles at her office. If you have any questions, please contact Susanne Reding, 712-424-3614. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Fourth Sunday of Lent March 14, 2010

Fill our hearts with the light of the Gospel.



Behold, new things have come.
 And all this is from GOD, who has reconciled us to himself through Jesus Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
 So we are ambassadors for Jesus Christ.

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CONFIRMATION is today, Sunday, March 14, 10:30 a.m. at St. Cecelia, Algona, for all Confirmation candidates from St. Cecelia (Algona), St. Joseph (Wesley), St. Joseph (Bode), St. Michael (Whittemore), St. Benedict (St. Benedict), and Sacred Heart (Livermore). **Congratulations to our St. Michael's Confirmands:** Jamie Baumann (Mark & Lisa), Brandie Goodman (Steve & Lisa), Janet Kenyon (Ron & Colleen), Nicole Mergen (Jerry & Diane), and Nathan Schmidt (Fred & Cindy). Please pray for these candidates.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins this weekend. It's time to set your clock ahead one hour if you have not already done so!

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION: Today, the Catholic Relief Services Collection invites you to give hope to Jesus in Disguise. The Catholic Relief Services Collection helps to fund programs that give hope to refugees, immigrants, and the impoverished, including victims of war, natural disaster, and drought. Through humanitarian, economic, pastoral, and advocacy efforts, The Catholic Relief Services Collection gives hope. Please be generous. An envelope is enclosed with your annual giving packet.

PFAH BREAKFAST sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will be held at the KC Hall, Sunday, March 14, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Menu: Pancakes with syrup and sugar-free syrup, scrambled and fried eggs, sausage, juice and coffee. Free will offering. Silent Auction items and Fair Trade Products will be available for purchase.

CONGRATULATIONS to the students from Sacred Heart, Livermore, Religious Education Students donating \$258.45 to PFAH! Six (fifth and sixth graders) out of these 26 students won the challenge donating \$100.33 alone!



PARISH FAMILIES AGAINST HUNGER FOOD PACKAGING DAY is approaching soon! * Families and friends can be combined to fill a table of 12 people * It is recommended that children be five years and older in order to package, and at least four of the 12 people on each table need to be adults. * We want to welcome elderly people to sign up. If you think you would not be able to stand for a one-hour shift, please consider sharing your hour with another person. * Please feel free to call Ron and Colleen Kenyon at 884-2482 if you would like to sign up for a time slot or have any questions.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE FOLLOWED BY VESPERS will be today, Sunday, March 14, 3:00 p.m., at St. Joseph, Bode.

BISHOP GARRIGAN SCHOOLS will be holding conferences, as well as registration, for the 2010-2011 school year Monday and Tuesday, March 15 and 16, in the Rochleau center from 3:30-6:30 each night.

HOLY NAME will meet Thursday, March 18, 6:30 p.m. for their dinner and meeting. **PLEASE NOTE** that Mass will be at 7:00 a.m. that morning.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, WESLEY, Guild Breakfast and Bake Sale will be Sunday, March 21, 8:00 a.m.-Noon. \$6 Adults, \$4 Children under 12. Scrambled eggs, sausage, toast, rolls, muffins, coffee, juice, milk.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE FOLLOWED BY VES-PERS will be held at St. Michael's next Sunday, March 21, at 2:00 p.m. A Communal Penance Service will also be held at 4:00 p.m. that afternoon at St. Cecelia, Algona. Please take this opportunity to prepare yourself for the Easter season.

ST. MICHAEL'S ANNUAL PARISH CARNIVAL is next Sunday, March 21. Circle members should have all received their postcards by now. **Work Schedule for our students:** Seniors.....4-5 p.m.; Juniors.....5-6 p.m.; Sophomores.....6-7 p.m.; Freshmen.....6-7 p.m.; 7th & 8th Graders.....5:30-6:30 p.m. Please help in the dishwasher room, clearing tables, or where ever needed. **The Parish Center will be open** on Saturday so that you may bring your donations in when you attend 5:00 p.m. Mass that evening.

CARNIVAL TICKETS were mailed out this week. If you need more, pick them up at the parish office.

VIRTUS TRAINING is required for everyone who works with children in the Diocese of Sioux City. If you work with children and have not already taken Virtus training, a Virtus training session will be held Thursday, March 25, 6:30-8:30 p.m. ICN room at Bishop Garrigan High School. You may register on line at www.Virtus.org

WHITTEMORE LITTLE LEAGUE: 2010 Sign-Up Underway! The Whittemore Little League is currently holding sign-up for the 2010 season! Boys and girls currently in Grades K through 6 who are interested in playing in Whittemore this year are urged to **contact City Hall at 884-2265** as soon as possible. The 2010 season will consist of evening games starting in late May and running through the month of June. A season ending tournament will be held the final weekend in June!

FIRST COMMUNION: Please pray for our First Communion candidates who will be receiving their First Communion on Sunday, April 11, 2010. Our First Communion candidates are Matt Berte (Kevin & Tina), Jade Garman (Brian & Linda), Colby Graves (Renee & Buddy), Jordan Hansen (Dan & Traci), Alyssa Hentges (Roger & Sandy), Bailey Kollasch (Denny & Pam), Matthew Reding (Mike & Susanne) & Garrett Schmidt (Fred & Cindy).

RAGBRAI will be coming through Whittemore on Monday, July 26. Donations of pies will be needed! No soft pies or pies that need refrigeration. If you would like to donate a pie(s), please contact one of the Rosary Society officers (listed on the bulletin cover) or leave a message at the parish office.



CAYOCA: Youth and adults interested in attending Camp

CAYOCA this summer may register online at www.scdiocese.org

TOTUS TUUS: If you have questions, please contact the Director of Totus Tuus, Sean Martin seanm@scdiocese.org or Judy Forrest judyf@scdiocese.org or call 712-233-7520.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP: If you have a special need for prayer, call Judy Erdman at 884-2228 or Irene Reed at 884-2423 and it will be placed on the Prayer Line.

Choose Life: During Lent, it is good to think about Jesus' words, "Amen I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me." If we do nothing to work for the protection of these least ones, we do nothing for Jesus. *COLFS Newsletter*, San Diego, 11/07 *Prayer for March 14:* That all those who have been involved in abortion may realize that God longs to provide forgiveness and healing, *we pray to the Lord.*

Fourth Sunday of Lent

The parable of the Prodigal Son is often as annoying to the righteous as it is a consolation to the sinners. However no one fits neatly into either group. There are times when we are the "good son" and times when we are the "bad son." Our focus should not be on who gets what but on our loving Father, who is always there for us. We need to have a sense of gratitude. Grateful for the times we are doing what we should and can bask in His love. Grateful for His forgiveness when we have strayed and come home. Such gratitude should lead us to appreciate our siblings and free us to both honor those who are faithful and rejoice in the return of those who have strayed..

Look to Him that you may be radiant with joy.
Psalm 34:6

IN TALKING WITH YOUR CHILDREN, have you neglected to raise the call to Church ministry? The process of answering God's call begins in childhood. Throughout adolescence and adulthood, the attitudes assumed in childhood begin to influence the course of one's life. A vocation or a talent will not grow to fruition unless it is nurtured in childhood and adolescence by a parent. Often children talk about what they want to be "when they grow up": doctors, lawyers, athletes, nurses, movie stars, teachers, carpenters. They may talk about these roles, but do they ever talk about being a priest, sister or brother? You are the hand of God—encourage your children to consider Church ministry. www.thinkingofpriesthood.org



If anyone is in CHRIST

 they are a new creation

Church Support	8,081.00
Children	7.00
Offertory	105.90
Donation	25.00
Easter Flower Donations	40.00
Catholic Relief Services	100.00
3rd World Collection	398.45
DAA Payback	1,233.00

Average Weekly Income Needed: \$5,660.00	
Total Income Received This Week:	9,990.35
Fiscal Year to Date Income:	\$195,839.60
Fiscal Year to Date Expenses:	\$194,087.57
Total	\$ 1,752.03