

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19, 2012

Monday, February 20th WATERLOO CAMPUS

THE SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekday

Jas 3:13-18 | Mk 9:14-29

6:30pm Deceased Members of the Plachy Family †

Tuesday, February 21st MARSHALL CAMPUS

Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor (oM)

Jas 4:1-10 | Mk 9:30-37

8:15am For the Holy Souls in Purgatory †

Wednesday, February 22nd

THE SEASON OF LENT

Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18 | 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 | Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

6:30am Liturgy of the Word w/ Distribution of Ashes
(Marshall Campus)

8:15am Ernest & Arluwine Scribner

All School (Waterloo Campus)

3:45pm Liturgy of the Word w/ Distribution of Ashes
(Waterloo Campus)

6:30pm Marilyn Pekar, for healing
(Marshall Campus)

Thursday, February 23rd MARSHALL CAMPUS

Polycarp of Smyrna, Bishop & Martyr (M)

Dt 30:15-20 | Lk 9:22-25

8:15am Loretta Blaschka †

Friday, February 24th WATERLOO CAMPUS

Lenten Weekday

Is 58:1-9a | Mt 9:14-15

8:15am Benedict & Christine Zimmerman †

Saturday, February 25th MARSHALL CAMPUS

Lenten Weekday

Is 58:9b-14 | Lk 5:27-32

8:15am Deceased Members of the Peter Haag Family †

The First Sunday of Lent

Gn 9:8-15 | 1 Pt 3:18-22 | Mk 1:12-15

4:30pm Deceased Members of the Ponti Family †
(Marshall Campus)

8:30am Pro populo
(Waterloo Campus)

10:30am Michael Weisensel †
(Marshall Campus)



St. Joseph Parish Offertory

February 12, 2012 Collections

Envelopes.....	\$ 1,722.00
Loose.....	\$ 79.00
Altar Sodality.....	\$ 20.00
Catholic Herald.....	\$ 40.00
Needs for the School.....	\$ 20.00
TOTAL DEPOSITED.....	\$ 1,881.00

Seeking Matching Funds Sponsors



Thanks to those who have signed up to be matching funds sponsors. Currently, we have the months of January – March covered; we are still seeking sponsors for the remaining months of the calendar year. Matching funds sponsors are invited to match the monies collected up to \$150. If you would be interested in sponsoring a collection, feel free to call or email Fr. Michael.

Let the Journey Begin!



Our **Bible Study** sessions will begin on **Thursday, February 23, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the Marshall Campus**. All who plan on attending are asked to meet in the parish hall. A check for \$20.00 will cover the cost of your book should be made out to your respective parish name and brought along with you that evening of class. Any questions can be directed to Peg Martin 655-4416 or Eileen Bender 478-3232.




St. Mary of the Nativity Parish Offertory

February 5, 2012 Collections

Envelopes.....	\$ 1,614.50
Loose.....	\$ 102.97
Catholic Herald.....	\$ 120.00
Council of Catholic Women..	\$ 5.00
TOTAL DEPOSITED.....	\$ 1,842.47



Liturgical Roles – Saturday, February 25 and Sunday, February 26, 2012

Eucharistic Ministers	Servers	Lectors
4:30 pm (M) Ruth Schultz	4:30 pm (M) Lilly Meinholz and Mitchell Motl	4:30 pm (M) Gary Molz
8:30 am (W) Sharon Burbach	8:30 am (W) Christi Forman and Bridget Krueger	8:30 am (W) John Spies
10:30 am (M) Duncan McFarland	10:30 am (M) Rosemary and Rachel Wahlquist	10:30 am (M) Deb Popp
	Greeters	Ushers
	4:30 pm (M) Lynn Schultz and Marion Stuntebeck	4:30 pm (M) Rich and Robert Meinholz
	8:30 am (W) Carolyn Whittaker	8:30 am (W) Jeff Wagner and Eugene Zimbric
	10:30 am (M) Rita Meinholz and Maureen Lazars	10:30 am (M) Rod and Chris Meinholz

Religious Education News

St Joseph - Waterloo Campus

All students involved are being reminded that Wednesday, February 22nd is Ash Wednesday...Liturgy and distribution of Ashes will take place over at our Marshall campus that evening at 6:30pm...Out next set of classes for all grade levels will begin again on March 7th at our regular times.

St Mary - Marshall Campus

Classes will be held this weekend for students in grades Pre K to 6th grade.

Wednesday evening students will be attending the Ash Wednesday Service here at our Marshall campus...please keep in mind that this liturgy will begin at **6:30 pm**, so please plan accordingly!!!

Our March sessions will pick up for elementary children on Sunday, March 4th at 9:00 am.

Marshall Community Blood Drive



American Red Cross

American Red Cross Blood Drive
Tuesday, March 6th – 1:30 to 5:30 pm
St. Mary of the Nativity Parish Hall

- All participating donors will receive a Culver's Free Scoop coupon
- All participating donors may also enter a drawing for a \$20 Kohl's Gift Card!

Volunteers always welcome. Please contact
Jayne Boebel at 764-5119

First Communion



A special thanks to all you parents who faced the icy roads on the 13th of February to attend our First Communion parent meeting...We had a wonderful turn out!!! Thanks for being so conscientious! More info will be sent as we move along towards the big day!

Reminder to All Ushers

A reminder to all ushers that you are to be finding members in the assembly to bring up the money and the offertory gifts during weekend Mass.

Pancake Breakfast



The Waterloo Knights of Columbus February Pancake Breakfast will be held in the St. Joseph School Cafeteria this Sunday February 19. Serving from

8:00 to 11:30 am. Menu includes: Pancakes, Sausage Patties, Scrambled Eggs with Ham, Sweet Rolls, Applesauce, Coffee, Milk, and Orange Juice. Adults - \$6.00, Children 6 to 12 years of age - \$3.00, Children Under 6 -FREE.

Jim and Kurt's Crew is hosting this breakfast. Don't forget your cap!

Diocese of Madison Annual Catholic Appeal 2012 "Fountains of Living Water"

The theme for the 2012 Annual Catholic Appeal of the Diocese of Madison shows how each of us is touched by the living water of God. We ask that God grant us a renewed sense of responsibility for the work of our parish, our diocese and the Church throughout the world. We ask that His grace make us even more generous in supporting those needs.

Each pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal supports diocesan ministries, education and services today and assures a strong future for the Diocese of Madison and the people that it serves.

This year each of us is asked to consider making a pledge, payable over five months. Your gift will help enable the diocese to reach its goal and provide grant opportunities for Catholic schools, religious education programs and assisting distressed parishes in need.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

Pastoral Pulse

There are many items to discuss as we look to the beginning of Lent, so we'll get right down to business! ☺

You will notice a few changes at the Marshall Campus when you come for Mass. I would like to offer my special thanks to John Kulka for his work and assistance in making these projects possible. The pews in the front of the church have undergone a minor reconfiguration to allow for additional handicap seating and additional space for funerals and weddings. Visitations in church are becoming much more common, and space gets very tight when many people are gathered in the front. Communion during funeral Masses has also been a challenge due to the narrow aisle as well as the movement of the casket before Mass and at the time of the recessional. I am hopeful that the new configuration will open things up a bit and make things a bit easier for everyone, while at the same time offering additional opportunities for those with challenges to their mobility to be seated toward the front of the church if they choose.

We will also be completing some minor renovations in the confessional. I have elected to put a door back on the confessional, instead of the curtain and half-door that is currently in place. When the Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated, it should be done in a way that allows for complete confidentiality and anonymity on the part of the penitent. With the open structure we had before, that confidentiality was sometimes compromised. We will be adding a few icons and a new crucifix in the confessional to make it a more welcoming environment to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance. Similar modifications will also be done to the confessional at the Waterloo Campus in the future.

At a recent meeting of the pastoral council, some decisions were made on the parking lot at the Waterloo Campus. We are all aware that the parking lot is in need of major attention, and it is getting to the point where patching will no longer be an effective means to repair what has been damaged. New pavement for the parking lot and the driveway around the rectory is an expensive proposition, totaling approximately \$65,000. I realize that this will be next to impossible to raise such a large sum of money to complete the project all at once. With input from the maintenance commission, the council approved a three-year repaving project for the parking lot. The project will be done in thirds over the course of three years, with final completion slated for 2014. Currently, we have about \$13,000 that has been reserved for the parking lot project. We will need another \$7,500 to cover the first 1/3 of the project. It would be in our best interests to begin work as the school year finishes up. That gives us three months to raise the remaining \$7,000 needed. This will be our first large-scale project that we will approach together as one parish family. If we're able to get more money in, we can finish the project sooner. I would ask that you please be generous in your support of the project – not only is it important for our safety, it is important for the safety of the school children as well. I hope you will join with me in supporting the restoration of the parking lot. Thanks in advance for your help.

We have also had a close inspection of the surface cracks in the church at the Marshall Campus. The most visible cracking can be found on the southwest wall, to the left of the statue of our Blessed Mother. These cracks will need some attention. The patchwork that was done on the northeast and southeast portions of the ceiling, while visible, is holding up well, and no work is needed on the patchwork at this time. Plans are underway to address the surface cracks on the wall, and I will provide additional information to you as it becomes available.

This will be our final celebration in Ordinary Time for awhile. This coming Wednesday, we begin the season of Lent as we receive ashes – a visible mark which reminds us of the brevity of earthly life and the need for us to assess where we stand in our relationship with Christ. You will find an insert which highlights many different opportunities for prayer throughout the Lenten season. The Holy Week schedule is also included for your reference. Make sure to pin the insert on the bulletin board, put it on the fridge and refer to it often!!

Wishing you a prayerful beginning to the Lenten season; may we use these days of prayer and fasting to worthily prepare for the gift of salvation brought to us through the Lord's passion and cross.

Peace,

Fr. Michael