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MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

February 8th-14th, 2016

Monday:

8:00 a.m.
5:30 p.m.

Tuesday:

7:00 a.m.
8:00 a.m.
5:30 p.m.

Wednesday:

7:00 a.m.
7:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
5:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Thursday:

8:00 a.m.
5:30 p.m.

Friday:

7:30 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
5:15 p.m.
5:30 p.m.

Saturday:

4:00 p.m.
4:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m.

Sunday:

8:00 a.m.
8:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

February 8th, (Weekday, St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josphine Bakhita, Virgin; 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13, Mk 6:53-56)

SSPP-James Hamman, by his family

SHW-All Souls, by Patty Runge

February 9th, (Weekday; 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30, Mk 7:1-13)

IC-Holy Hour

IC-Tom Nutt, by Karen Nutt

SMH-Fr. Christopher J. David, by M/M Glenn Otto

February 10th, (Ash Wednesday; JI 2:12-18, 2 Cor 5:20-6:2, Mt 6:1-6, 16-18)

IC-Distribution of Ashes-NO MASS

SMH-Distribution of Ashes-NO MASS

SSPP-Leo Bollin, by John & Peggy Siegfried

SHDC-Antonia Bernardy, by Hoemmen family

SHW-Ron Acker, by M/M Brock Yuskis

IC-Ron Burling, by Karen Wear

SMH-Patricia Otto 82nd birthday (L), by M/M Glenn Otto

February 11th, Thursday after Ash Wednesday, Our Lady of Lourdes; Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25)

IC-Brittany Wear, by Gloria Dadant

SHW-Fr. Lukoskie, by M/M Rod Yuskis

February 12th (Friday after Ash Wednesday; Is 58:1-9a, Mt 9:14-15)

SSPP-Holy Hour

SSPP-Betty Bergmeier, by Florence Parrish

SHDC-Stations of the Cross

SHDC-Francis Bergmeier, by Cory & April Hamma

February 13th, (Saturday after Ash Wednesday; Is 58:9b-14, Lk 5:27-32)

SHDC-Frank, John & Tony Markey, by Dorothy Johnson

IC-Dick Ripple, by Judie Marschall

SSPP-Tom Vance, by Dot Lange-Vance

SMH-Grandma Marilyn Guedesse, your grandchildren, Sara, Holly, Chris, Josh & Tash

February 14th (First Sunday of Lent; Dt 26:4-10, Rom 10:8-13, Lk 4:1-13)

SSPP-David Hamma, by Alan & Julie Metternich

SHW-Harley Lowman, by Scott Mudd & family

IC-For the People

SHDC-All Souls, by Alene Markey

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday: 9:30 a.m., SSPP
3:30 p.m., IC
3:30 p.m., SHDC
After Mass, SMH

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., SSPP
After Mass, IC
After Mass, SHDC
7:30 a.m., SHW

Gifts for God

January 31st, 2016

Sts. Peter & Paul (Sunday)	\$2,385.50
Sacred Heart DC (Sunday)	\$823.00
Immaculate Conception (Sunday)	\$6,802.12
Sacred Heart W (Sunday)	\$1,013.00
St. Mary (Sunday)	\$849.00

ROSARY INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY: The unemployed.

ALTAR SERVERS

Weekend of February 13-14, 2016

4:00 p.m.	(SHDC)
4:00 p.m.	(IC) Mason & Kamryn Burling
5:30 p.m.	(SSPP) Claire & Milo Koechle, Isabella Poppe
8:00 a.m.	(SSPP) John & Lexi McIlmoil, Ethan Reinhardt
10:00 a.m.	(IC) Michael Carroll & Holly Boyles
10:00 a.m.	(SHDC) Cicely Stevenson

FOR EVERYONE

Ash Wednesday is THIS Wednesday, February 10. Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular prayer days of the year. Even though it isn't a "Holy Day of Obligation," many Catholics treat it as such. Because of this, as we did last year, we're going to have morning services at 7:00AM (without Mass) in Carthage and Hamilton. For those who work or for those with children who want to receive Ashes before school, you'll have the chance to do it. These will be simple services with readings and the distribution of ashes, so they will hopefully last only 15 minutes. **Here's what the schedule will look like:**

7:00AM IC Distribution of Ashes - Not a Mass
7:00AM SMH Distribution of Ashes - Not a Mass
8:30AM SSPP (Opening of the Holy Door)
5:30PM SHDC
5:30PM SHW
7:00PM IC
7:00PM SMH

WARSAW CHURCH HOLDS ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7TH at the parish hall located at 835 Webster Street from 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The meal includes pancakes, homemade sausage patties and links, homemade biscuits and gravy, special scrambled eggs, orange juice, milk and coffee. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children (ages 5 thru 11 years) Tickets are \$1.00 more at the door. Carry-outs are available.

SACRED HEART DALLAS CITY LENTEN FISH FRY. Please come and enjoy a great meal and fellowship. The Fish fry will be held Friday, Feb. 12 at Father Schramm Hall from 5:30PM-7:30PM. Menu includes fish, potato salad, baked beans, bread & butter, dessert, and drinks. Cost is free will donation and everyone is welcome.

Ladies of all parishes are invited to the IC CWC Mardis Gras party to be held on Fat Tuesday, February 9th, at 6:30 p.m. in the basement of Immaculate Conception Parish. Fun, food, and drink will be provided, but please bring an item for the food pantry as entry into the event. Come celebrate with us! Hope to see you there. Please RSVP to Maggie Bolen at 309-333-9605 by text or call or email mbolen0713@gmail.com.

SCHOOL NEWS

Thanks to everyone who helped with **Catholic Schools Week** – we had so much fun celebrating our wonderful school!!

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events:

St. Pat's Family Fun Night – Thursday, March 17

Ooey Goey Fun Night – Friday, April 15

Fine Arts Night – Friday, April 29

God Bless

,Lisa Gray, Principal

As Christian stewards, we share the responsibility of making our Church a true community of faith and a vibrant source of service to the larger community. That includes providing a bequest in your will so that your parish will be here for future generations of young people.

More on the Holy Door at Sts. Peter and Paul So, what is the meaning and purpose of the Holy Door? Here's an explanation (partially in my own words, and partially in words stolen from the internet):

Since the year 1300 when Pope Boniface VIII declared the first Holy Year, the Catholic Church has regularly celebrated "Holy Years," usually every twenty-five years (at least since 1470), except for special circumstances, like in 1983 when a Holy Year was declared to mark the 1950th anniversary of the death and resurrection of our Lord...or like this year to celebrate the Father's Mercy. A major aspect of the Holy Year has been the holy doors - which are found most prominently in the Basilicas in Rome but also in churches throughout the world.

A very important symbolic act performed by each pilgrim has been to pass through the Holy Door. Christ identified Himself as "the door." Pope John Paul II stated that the Holy Door "...evokes the passage from sin to grace which every Christian is called to accomplish. Jesus said, 'I am the door' (John 10:7) in order to make it clear that no one can come to the Father except through Him. This designation which Jesus applies to Himself testifies to the fact that He alone is the Savior sent by the Father. There is only one way that opens wide the entrance into this life of communion with God: This is Jesus, the one and absolute way to salvation.

Our Holy Door Will Be Established and Opened on Ash Wednesday at the 8:30AM Mass. We'd love to have you there!

My dear Friends,

Soon our diocese will take up the Collection for the Church in Central Europe (CCEE). Many living in Central and Eastern Europe are still suffering the effects of living under communism. Grants funded by this collection are a source of hope to **restore the Church and build the future** in these areas.

The people of Armenia face many challenges, and recovery from a devastating earthquake in the late 1980s and the fall of the Soviet Union in the early 1990s has been difficult and slow. Many children in Armenia live on the street because of poor family situations or the need to earn their own money. The Sisters of the Immaculate Conception have used a grant from CCEE to fund a summer camp for 850 children ages 8 to 15.

The camp is provided for children who are orphans, live in extreme poverty, or live in poor isolated villages. At camp, the children receive much-needed rest along with physical and spiritual support, all in a nurturing environment. Local and international volunteers help create an atmosphere of safety and trust while guiding and mentoring the children. Some of the camp activities include attending catechetical classes, going hiking and on field trips, and participating in sports and acting in theatrical presentations. While at camp, the children can experience encouraging love and support of God and others.

In order for projects like this one to continue, the collection needs *your help*.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Daniela R. Jenky, C.S.C BISHOP OF PEORIA

Throat Blessings this Weekend Every year about this time we offer throat blessings in honor of St. Blaise. You may wonder: what's the history of this? Here's a brief explanation. St. Blaise was a bishop in Armenia in the 300's. On one occasion, as he was heading toward his martyrdom, a woman brought her son to him so that St. Blaise would heal the son...who was choking on a fish bone. St. Blaise did so. We use candles for the blessing, since his feast day immediately follows the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord – a day when we bless candles. (And, be honest, you'd rather have candles around your throat instead of someone's hand, wouldn't you?) The candles help us connect the work of St. Blaise to the Person of Jesus.

A SNEAK PEEK AT THE LENTEN SEASON As you look to the coming Lenten season and the Fish Fry dinners we have planned for our parishes, this would be a good time for us to remind ourselves that we need prayer - lots of it. Our nation and the world need prayer - lots of it. Without sounding like a doomsday prophet, it's safe to say that the world is proving that to straighten things out, human effort of the most noble and heroic kind isn't enough. We need prayer. So, please, don't excuse yourself from prayer; most especially this Lenten season, come and pray the Stations of the Cross and celebrate the Sacrifice of the Mass before going to our Lenten dinners. The food will be there, waiting for you. But first, God is waiting for you in the Blessed Sacrament to come to Him! Beware of what the use of language can do to say something other than the words used themselves. For example: "There's more than one way to pray to God," all too often winds up meaning, "I put off prayer." Besides...If you come to Church this year, there will be some added features to our worship of God during these Friday evening Masses.

First, on Friday, February 12th, at SHDC, after the Stations of the Cross at 5:15 p.m., we will celebrate Mass with the Anointing of the Sick. This Sacrament of Healing is for those who are elderly and want to be sure they receive the benefits of this Sacrament; for those who are anticipating surgery; and for those who are contending with ongoing serious illness. **THIS SACRAMENT IS NOT TO BE CELEBRATED IN THIS SETTING FOR MENTAL OR EMOTIONAL ISSUES.** We will ask people who want to receive the Anointing of the Sick to come forward after the brief sermon of the Mass. Those coming forward will do so, as they come forward for Communion. And then, the rest of the Mass continues. Mass with the Anointing of the Sick will also be celebrated at ICC on Friday, March 11th.

Next, on Friday, February 19th at SSPP, and on February 26th at ICC, we will celebrate the Candlelight Mass for the Dead. Are you aware of the beginning of the tradition of votive candles in our Churches? Very briefly...during the days of persecution in the early Church, Christians would have to bring candles to find their way through the underground caves and tunnels where they gathered to celebrate the Eucharist. When Christians were captured and on their way to martyrdom, they would tell family members and friends that, while they would no longer be able to be bodily present with the community gathered at the Eucharist, they would be there, spiritually, because that's what the Mass does: it unites us with the angels and the saints in heaven. So they would tell family and friends, "Bring my candle with you when you gather for the Eucharist, and although you won't see me there, you will see my candle, and that will remind you that I am truly with you in the Holy Spirit at Mass." We ask you to bring a candle with holder or stand (your name attached, so that you can bring your candle back home with you after Mass). After the sermon, all will come forward, and the candles will be placed around the altar. When all the candles are lighted, the lights will be turned off in the Church - and all present will experience the visual reminder of the presence of all the saints, including our loved ones, gathered around the altar with us at Mass. Any singing will be chanted without instrumental accompaniment. The gesture is extremely simple - and extremely powerful, especially if you're remembering your own loved ones. The Candlelight Mass for the Dead will also be celebrated on Friday, March 18th, at SMH.

Once again, on Friday, March 4th, at SSPP, we will celebrate the Living Stations of the Cross at Sts. Peter and Paul School, before Mass in the Church. We thank the children who present to us the Stations of the Cross in such a reverent, moving manner. If you haven't been to this before, you really ought to make use of the opportunity this year.

And, of course, there are the Fish Fries! We encourage your attendance and your fellowship for some great food and time together. But...and please, give this some thought...Remember that the world needs prayer. From you. --

Fr. Tony

GUIDELINES FOR LENT AND THE EASTER TRIDIUM

1. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year. Priests, religious and laity are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial, attentiveness to prayer, and especially to works of charity and mercy.
2. Everyone of 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2015, and all the Fridays of Lent.
3. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2015, and Good Friday, April 3, 2015.
4. On these two days of fast and abstinence, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
5. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is a serious matter.

THE YEAR OF MERCY: GET REACQUAINTED WITH THE WORKS OF MERCY

In the teaching of the Catholic Church, the mercy of Jesus Christ, the Divine Mercy, is manifested in the active works of his believers. These works of mercy are of two kinds: spiritual (having to do with the soul), and corporal (having to do with the body). The Spiritual Works of Mercy are: to admonish (confront and correct) sinners; to instruct the ignorant (the uninformed about Jesus and the Catholic faith); to counsel the doubtful; to comfort the sorrowful; to bear wrongs patiently; to forgive offenses; and to pray for the living and the dead. The Corporal Works of Mercy are: to feed the hungry; to give drink to the thirsty; to clothe the naked; to shelter the homeless; to comfort the imprisoned; to visit the sick; and to bury the dead. Here's an idea for the Year of Mercy, and for the Pilgrimage Journey to Sts. Peter and Paul Church to benefit from God's grace. Instead of that New Year's Resolution you've probably forgotten about by now; why not make it a point to practice at least one work of mercy each day? You can never go wrong praying each day for the living and the dead; surely you have occasions in which you can bear wrongs patiently instead of "flying off the handle." Forgiving offenses and comforting the sorrowful? Plenty of opportunities there! Seeing to the needs of the poor in so many different ways...Let's build into our lives this year a deep understanding that Jesus could well want to bestow mercy on others through us. Let's practice the works of mercy so much that the practice isn't hard anymore - it will have become (super)natural to us!

STATIONS, MASS, FISH FRIES As we have done in the past, on the Fridays of Lent we'll have a rotation of locations where we will host Stations of the Cross (at 5:15 p.m.), Mass (at 5:30 p.m.), and Fish Fry (also at 5:30 p.m.). Here's the schedule:

- Feb. 12th - Sacred Heart, Dallas City
- Feb. 19th - Sts. Peter & Paul, Nauvoo
- Feb. 26th - Immaculate Conception, Carthage
- Mar. 4th - Sts. Peter & Paul, Nauvoo (Living Stations)
- Mar. 11th - Immaculate Conception, Carthage
- Mar. 18th - St. Mary, Hamilton

SPIRITUAL FORMATION GROUP will meet in the future on Monday nights at the Gray Homestead near Hamilton instead of St. Joseph House. They live 1 ½ miles south of the corner of Hwy 136 and Connable Road.

CIA Youth Group will NOT be meeting on February 7 and 14th. Enjoy a couple weeks off!!

IWHS STUDENTS - LUNCH on Monday, February 8 at the Carthage rectory!! Please let Ann know whether or not you will be coming.

Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry. Our first Lenten Fish Fry will be held Friday 2-19-16 at the KC Hall Nauvoo. Doors open and serving begins at 5:30 PM. Menu includes fried catfish fillets, potato salad, coleslaw, bacon-free beans, apple sauce, bread and butter. Carry outs are available. Cost is a free will donation. Families are asked to donate a pie for dessert. Please join us for a delicious supper and fellowship. Proceeds benefit council's charitable activities. Any questions please contact Kent at 309-331-3414. Thank you

Old Palms to Dispose of? If you have old palms from Palm Sunday, you can bring them to our churches over the next several weeks. We will have a place for you to leave them so that they can be burnt and disposed of in an appropriate manner.

PASSAGE THROUGH CARTHAGE

"Prayer Requests: Connie Kreps 309-333-9483 or email cj-kreps@wiu.edu"

LECTOR SCHEDULE: Saturday, February 13th at 4:00 p.m., Ellie Tubbs. Sunday, February 14th at 10:00 a.m. John Huston.

EXTRAORINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE: Sunday, February 14th at 10:00 a.m., John Huston & Carrie Carroll. Ciborium-Chris Talley.

ROSARY SCHEDULE

4 p.m. Saturday, February 13th, Edie & Bob Filz
10 a.m. Sunday, February 14th, John & Sherry Huston

GREETERS/GIFT BEARERS:

February 14 Rick & Kris Pilkington

CHURCH CLEANING

Feb. 8-21 John & Sherry Huston
Janet McKenney

BASEMENT CLEANING

Feb. 8-21 Sandy Hurlburt & Dina Schaller

End of Year contribution statements are being prepared and mailed. If you haven't received yours in the mail by February 5th, please call Susan at the Villa Marie Rectory (453-2428). Thank you!

HAMILTON HAPPENINGS

Prayer Tree Requests: Daniela Harris: 217-847-2522

Let's start our Lenten Journey together! St. Mary's Women's Club will be having their Annual Meatless Soup Supper on **Ash Wednesday-Feb. 10th following Ash Wednesday Services** You don't need to bring anything; just come and enjoy!

As was noted in the bulletin last week, St. Mary's in Hamilton is responsible for providing food for the February Bloodmobile. However, the date for the **BLOODMOBILE IS TUESDAY, FEB. 9TH,** not Feb. 2nd. Sign-up sheets to help serve and/or provide cookies are in the back of the church.

WHAT TO SEE IN WARSAW

Prayer Tree Requests: Melanie Longenecker: 217-256-3367

A special thank you to Jason Beeler, Marc Longenecker and Brock Yuskis for your help with trimming the trees and hauling off the branches from our Church grounds. It is very much appreciated!!

There are a few poinsettias left in the back of the church, please feel free to take one.

LITTLE BUSY IN DALLAS CITY

SH LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE: FEB 13-14

	<u>4:00 P.M.</u>	<u>10:00 A.M.</u>
EMC, CUP		Tom Schaefer Rita Schaefer
LECTOR	Jessica Menke	Mary Ann Kane
USHERS	Randy Gibb Alan Menke	Robert Clifton Had Gracey

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We will be making Valentine plates for the special people who sometimes can't get out this time of year. We will be doing this on Saturday, February 13th at 1:00 p.m. Please have your treats at the Father Schramm Hall by 12:30! We will have the door open by 8:00 a.m. If you have any questions or would like to add someone to the list contact Esther Newberry at 217-852-3575.

ALTAR AND ROSARY ANNUAL QUILT RAFFLE. There are only a few weeks left to buy your quilt raffle tickets! The winner of this beautiful quilt will be drawn after Mass on Sunday, February 14th. This is Altar and Rosary's main fundraiser, help us make it a success. Tickets are in the back of the church. Special thanks to Alene Markey and Beth Greenig for once again piecing, quilting, and donating this lovely quilt. Thank you to all who sell or buy tickets!

WHAT'S NEW IN NAUVOO

Prayer Requests Phone tree: Beth and Mickey Kripe 453-2562 or Peggy and John Siegfried 453-6545 or 309-221-3488

SSPP CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

If you are unable to clean during your week please find someone to switch with you.

February 8-13 Edith & Pat Ewing
February 15-20 Kim & Jerry Ourth

SCRIP CARD SCHEDULE FOR STS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH: 5:30 P.M. MASS 8:00 A.M. MASS
Feb 13-14 Cathy Bergmeier Rachel McIlmoil

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SSPP CWC will be serving the FS Supper on February 15th. We will be needing salads, desserts, and helpers. Please sign up in the back of church or call Julie Metternich (217-453-6368) if you can help in any way.