

St. Gregory the Great

Williamsville, New York 14221

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 5 & 6

Pastoral Message

LENT – THE SPRINGTIME OF THE CHURCH

Let us enter into Lent this coming Wednesday with the exuberance we experience when we see the first sign of spring pushing its way through the dark and cold ground after a long winter. Yes, most of us will come to our parish church to receive the blessed ashes, which tell us once again the truth of ourselves: that we are “but dust and will return to dust.” But sometimes we forget the rest of the story – that God became human in Christ and through His suffering and death has raised us up to share in Eternal Light and Life. For us, it all begins with our Baptism that calls us to continuing conversion, a turning from darkness to light all through our lives.

Next Sunday, all those in our diocesan parishes preparing to be received into the Catholic Faith Family will be presented to our Bishop, who will bless them and encourage them to open their hearts to conversion. During the whole season of Lent they will be responding to that invitation at various rituals within Mass, commonly called the Scrutinies. And yet, it is not only they who are called to this ongoing process, but we, as well, who have been living in baptismal grace for a length of time. In truth, although baptismal grace is assured, continual conversion is required.

The Church provides us with actual laws of fasting and abstinence during this holy season. We also need to make some personal decisions to give ourselves over to this “growing in God.” Permit me to make a few suggestions:

- Participate in the Mass daily or frequently.
- Pray and adore in the Adoration Chapel.
- Join the parish at Stations of the Cross each Friday.
- Plan to participate in the Parish Reconciliation Service – March 18.
- Sign on to help prepare a beautiful Church environment for one of the days of Holy Week.

Choices such as these may put us on a road less traveled, but that is the point. That road will have the potential of leading to the Easter Garden of new life and love. Have a blessed and fruitful Lent.

Sister Maureen

Highlights and Notices

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: SPREADING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Reading I: Isaiah 58:7-10 (true fasting)

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 (preaching on Christ crucified)

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16 (the similes of salt and light)

Key Passage: Jesus said, “In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)

Adult: In what way might you be hiding the light of Christ from others? What could you do to improve this?

Child: How can you let the light of Christ in you shine for others this week?

MISSION XX TEAM MEETING

The next Mission XX TEAM Meeting is **Wednesday, February 9, at 8:00 pm in the Gathering Room**, following the Ash Wednesday Mass at 7:00 pm. If you have already made Mission and would like to help with Mission XX, come to the meeting. Any questions, call Bob & Sue Kreppel, lead couple of Mission XX, at 759-8431. Hope to see you there!

THANK YOU LADIES OF CHARITY

Youth Ministry wishes to thank the Ladies of Charity for their generous donation in helping to defray the cost of our recent trip to Washington, D.C. The 9 youth had an incredible experience with their Jewish brothers and sisters. We look forward to being able to share that experience with you. Thank you so much for your support!

BRING IN YOUR BLESSED PALMS

If you have blessed palms from last year, please place them in the box in the vestibule of the church to be burned for our Ash Wednesday services.



CELEBRATING WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

Please join us for your “Marriage Vow Renewal” at the 6:00 pm Mass on Saturday, February 5. A family reception will follow in the Gathering Room

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Moving In? Moving Out?

Please contact us to register,
or inform us of your departure.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

8:30 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M. M-F

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY: 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.; 12:30 & 4:30 p.m.

HOLY DAYS: As listed in the Bulletin.

WEEKDAYS: (Monday-Friday) 7:00, 8:00 & 12:00 noon; (Saturday) 8:00 a.m. only.

Sacraments

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated the first, second, third, and (when applicable) the fifth Sunday of each month after the 12:30 p.m. Mass – limit of 6 babies, no Mass, ceremony only. On the fourth Sunday, Baptism is celebrated during the 12:30 p.m. Mass – limit of 2 babies. Pre-baptismal class is held the first Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. in the Gathering Room. Prospective parents in the parish are asked to attend. If you have not had a child in 3 or more years, please plan to re-attend the class. Call Jo at 688-5678 to register.

Letters of Recommendation: See guidelines on page 5.

PENANCE (CONFESSIONS)

First Fridays at 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Saturdays at 3:00-3:30 p.m. and 5:00-5:30 p.m., other times on request.

WEDDINGS

Celebrated on Fridays (5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.) and on Saturdays (10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 2:00 p.m.). Either the bride or the groom must be a parishioner.

Marriage Preparation – Engaged couples should call the Parish Office at least 6 months before their wedding to make an appointment with a priest.

MINISTRY TO SICK, HOSPITALIZED, AND SHUT-INS

Sick calls and emergencies – anytime day or night. Call 688-5678.

Please call the parish office to arrange to receive Holy Communion at home or to report the hospitalization of a parishioner.

Anointing of the Sick – This Sacrament is administered the first Saturday of each month immediately following the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

Prayer and Devotion

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Perpetual Adoration in the chapel 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

If, for any reason, you cannot make your scheduled hour of adoration, please arrange for a substitute. If you need help in arranging a substitute, please call your hourly captain.

On the First Friday of each month, the Blessed Sacrament is placed in the church for adoration from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is recited or sung at that time.

Any questions? Call Kathy at 759-7149.

PRAYER

The **Rosary** is prayed publicly at the following times:

Monday-Saturday, 8:30 a.m., church

Monday-Friday, 12:30 p.m., church

Thursday, 6:30 p.m., grotto or church (Respect Life Rosary)

Contemplative Prayer – Mondays at 10:30 a.m., crying room and church

Christian Morning Prayer – Monday-Saturday, 7:40 a.m., church

Ladies of the Lord – 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m., MC #1

Prayer Group Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. in the Gathering Room

Men's Prayer Group Wednesdays, 7:20 a.m. in Gathering Room

For more information on the above, call the Parish Office (688-5678).

OUR MISSION

St. Gregory the Great Parish, a large and diverse Faith Community, affirms the presence of Christ in the Eucharist and among us. We sustain our vitality through shared experiences of prayer, sacrament, liturgy, and service. We dedicate ourselves to being a vital part of the Church in the Diocese of Buffalo by maintaining and expanding our:

— *Spiritual focus*

— *Knowledge and understanding of our Faith and our Church*

— *Spirit of welcome and reconciliation*

— *Compassion and concern for those in need*

— *Generous sharing of our God-given talents and resources*

Masses for the Week and Religious Events ** Family Faith Formation

Saturday, February 5 – St. Agatha

8:00 am Lucy A. Kassman (birth.) by Dan & Laurie Plis & Children

Vigil Masses:

4:00 pm Joseph A. Amato (birth.) by wife, Margaret Amato & Children
6:00 pm Nancy Tritschler by Tom & Mary Kay Barrett
7:00 pm **Anointing**

Sunday, February 6 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Deceased Members of Wesolowski Family
9:30 am Mark V. Conley, Jr. (anniv.) by Nancy & Christine Conley
(Liturgy of the Word with Children, GR)
11:00 am Susan Priore by Son Frank & Family
12:30 pm Harold & Dorothy Feiner by Tom Tiberia
4:30 pm Laura Vilardo (anniv.) by Mr. & Mrs. James Migliore

Monday, February 7

7:00 am John Gambino (birth.) by Family
8:00 am For the Parishioners of St. Gregory the Great
12:00 pm Joseph & Blanche Gagnon (birth.) by Family

Tuesday, February 8

7:00 am Michael Quarcini by Flory Marinaccio
8:00 am Daniel Carey by The Pittman Family
12:00 pm Dr. Henry Jans by Barbara & Bob Warren

Wednesday, February 9 – Ash Wednesday/Fast and Abstinence

7:00 am Donald G. Held by Barbara Pelosi
8:00 am John Wesolowski by Bob & Mary Nelson
(SCHOOL MASS)
12:00 pm Angelo Quagliano by Frank & Caroline Graziano
5:00 pm **Distribution of Ashes (No Mass)**
7:00 pm William E. Swan by Wally & Marie Brewer

Thursday, February 10 – St. Scholastica

7:00 am Frances Barone by sister, Terry Campagna
8:00 am Sharon Townsend by Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Ripstein
12:00 pm Stephen R. Loverich, Jr. by The Lytles, Wagner & Lee Families

Friday, February 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes

7:00 am Jeanette Van Tuyl by John T. Murphy Family
8:00 am Margaret Sheldon by The Paul Metzen Family
12:00 pm Raymond Fiutak by Helen Fiutak

Saturday, February 12

8:00 am Dorothy B. Rupert (birth.) by Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Fiegl

Vigil Masses:

4:00 pm Bertha Cleary (birth.) by Rick & Mary Kate Vivacqua
6:00 pm Leo Cwiczewicz (anniv.) by Robert & Joanna Conway
(FFF First Communion Mass of Enrollment)

Sunday, February 13 – First Sunday of Lent

8:00 am Stella Myszkowski (anniv.) by Daniel & Lorraine Pawlak
9:30 am Rita E. Lehner (birth.) by Willard Lehner & Family **(Family Mass)**
11:00 am Richard Panepinto by Family
12:30 pm Lorraine Woodward (birth.) by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Deveans
4:30 pm Dorothy Brenner by James & Diane Kelsch & Family

THE FOLLOWING MASSES

...will be offered by Rev. John Kuhlman at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Bemus Point, N.Y. at 8:30 am and 12 noon:
Monday, February 7 – Joseph Papilarski by Maria Sylvia Ripley
Thursday, February 10 – Pat Sebian by George & Lucille Daddario

LENT AND BAPTISMS

During the Season of Lent, St. Gregory's prefers not to schedule the Sacrament of Baptism except for a serious reason. These 40 days are devoted to prayer and penance for all of us, and especially for those preparing to be received into our Catholic Faith Family. Therefore, we ask parents to schedule Baptism of their young sometime after Easter.

DECEASED

Kathryn L. Bass, Gerard Stetter, Eva Malony, Frances T. Cardina, Paul F. Perna, Mario Leone.

Inquire about a **Bereavement Breakfast** when making funeral arrangements.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, February 7 – Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56
Tuesday, February 8 – Genesis 1:20-2:4a; Mark 7:1-13
Wednesday, February 9 – Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday, February 10 – Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25
Friday, February 11 – Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15
Saturday, February 12 – Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32
Go to www.stgregs.org for full text (click on Mass Readings). Read the Bible.

HEART TO HEART FOOD DRIVE

The Heart to Heart Food Drive, in memory of Fr. David Kirsch, is February 12 & 13. Please bring your non-perishable food donation to the front vestibule of the church. We will serve: St. Vincent de Paul, Soup Kitchen and here at St. Gregory's; St. Adalbert's Response to Love; St. Luke's Mission; The Little Portion Friary; and the Franciscan Center for Boys on Seneca Street.

Please complete and drop this form in the collection basket or at the rectory, or call the Family Faith Formation Office at 688-5760.

Heart to Heart Tear Off

Please indicate if you can volunteer to help deliver the food to those locations after the applicable Masses.

Name _____

Phone _____

Saturday, February 12

- 4:00 pm – St. Adalbert's
 6:00 pm – St. Luke's Mission

Sunday, February 13

- 8:00 am – Franciscan Center
 9:30 am – St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen
 11:00 am – Little Portion Friary
 12:30 & 4:30 pm – St. Vincent de Paul at St. Gregory's (Help needed loading only; St. Vincent de Paul members will collect.)

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Family Program: See FFF events schedule below. Our outreach is a collection of toiletries: shampoo, deodorant, any soap product, combs, brushes, hair accessories, etc. for migrant workers and School No. 33.

Ash Wednesday Prayer Service: All students in Grades 1-8 who attend class on **Wednesday, February 9**, will have an Ash Wednesday Prayer Service and will receive ashes during their class time.

FFF Classes: There will be no FFF classes Saturday, February 19, through Sunday, February 27, because of the President's Day holiday and Winter Break. The FFF Office will be closed during this period.

SACRAMENT INFORMATION

High School/Confirmation Students:

Grade 10 "12 Tough Issues" Workshop: See FFF events schedule below. All students and parents are expected to attend. Students are asked to bring a toiletry item for the needy and a monetary donation for Catholic Charities.

Confirmation Sponsor/Candidate Session: Sunday, March 6, from 1:30-2:30 pm in the School Gym for all Grade 10 students being confirmed this May. Students and their sponsors are expected to attend.

First Communion Parent Meetings: See FFF events schedule below. Parents are expected to attend ONE of the two meetings.

First Communion Mass of Enrollment: See FFF events schedule below.

First Penance: Grade 2 First Penance will take place on Monday, March 7, OR Wednesday, March 9, at 7:00 pm in the church. A reception will follow in the Gathering Rooms.

FFF CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday, February 5, Children's Choir, 10:30-11:15 am, Gym
- Saturday, February 5, Easter Pageant Rehearsal, 10:30-11:15 am, Music Room
- Sunday, February 6, Family Program A, 10:30 am – 12:00 noon, Gym/Cafe/Classrooms
- Wednesday, February 9, Ash Wednesday Prayer Service Gr. 5-8, during class time, Church
- Thursday, February 10, First Communion Parent Meeting, 7:00-9:00 pm, GR #1 & #2
- Saturday, February 12, Children's Choir, 10:30-11:15 am, Gym
- Saturday, February 12, Easter Pageant Rehearsal, 10:30-11:15 am, Music Room
- Saturday, February 12, First Communion Parent Meeting, 9:15-10:15 am, GR #1 & #2
- Saturday, February 12, First Communion Mass of Enrollment, 6:00 pm, Church/Cafe
- Sunday, February 13, Family Program B, 10:30-12:00 noon, Gym/Cafe/Classrooms
- Monday, February 14, Gr. 6-8 Penance Service, 7:00 pm, Church
- Wednesday, February 16, Gr. 3-8, Penance Service, 7:00 pm, Church
- Thursday, February 17, Gr. 10 "12 Tough Issues," 7:00-9:00 pm, Church/Gym/Cafe

THANK YOU!!!!

Thank you for the hundreds of beautiful coats, warm jackets, boots, hats, mittens & gloves, clean blankets, wonderful sweaters and a terrific variety of men's, women's and children's things! We divided these things and shared them with these parishes in the city: SS. Columba & Brigid, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Valentine's, SS. Rita & Patrick and the Cephus Ministry, Immaculate Conception, St. John Kanty and Most Precious Blood in Angola, and the Seneca Babcock Community Center. We have received many expressions of gratitude. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!**

Barbara Barbarossa,
Family Faith Formation Office

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

- Sunday, February 6, **SUPER BOWL SUNDAY PARTY**, 5:30 pm – ????, MC #1
- Thursday, February 10, Drop Inn Day, 3:00-5:00 pm, MC #6
- Friday, February 11; Saturday, February 12; Sunday, February 13 – **DIOCESAN YOUTH CONVENTION** Adams Mark Hotel

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Are you ready for some Super Bowl Football? **Join us Sunday, February 6, in Ministry Center #1 after the 4:30 pm Mass.** We will watch THE game of the season, have some food and have some fun! Pizza, wings and pop will be provided. Want something as a snack? Bring it to share! Who are you rooting for — Eagles or Patriots?

MORNING PRAYER DURING LENT

Are you thinking about what you want to DO for Lent? How about joining other young people on Tuesday mornings at 6:30 am for prayer. We will meet in MC #1 for 25 minutes of prayer and discussion. After prayer you are welcome to join us for Mass at 7:00 am. Need to head right out for school? We'll have a quick breakfast for you! Parents – you are welcome to join us as well! The first Morning Prayer is scheduled for Tuesday, February 15. Join us as we pray our way to Easter!

GREAT SCHOOL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Friday, February 11 – 11:00 am Dismissal – PT conferences
- Friday, February 11 – 4:00-7:00 pm, Fish Fry
- February 21-25 – Winter Break – No School
- March 11 & 12 – School Play "Rock Around the Block"

OPEN HOUSE FOLLOW-UP

Thank you to all who attended the recent School Open House. If you did not get a chance to visit the school and would like to set up a personal tour, or have any questions about our school, please call Principal Patty Freund at 688-5323.

Fall 2005 enrollment is now OPEN.

MUSIC MINISTRY REHEARSALS

6:00 pm Ensemble – 5:00 pm, Saturday, February 12, GR #2

9:30 am Ensemble – No Rehearsal on Monday, February 7

11:00 am Choir – 7:30 pm, Tuesday, February 8, GR #2

Youth Ensemble – 3:15 pm, Sunday, February 13, Church

Children’s Choir – 4:00 pm, Monday, February 7, GR #2

The next Family Mass will be on February 13.

Bell Choir – No Rehearsal on Thursday, February 10

Easter Triduum Choir Rehearsals – 7:00 pm, Tuesdays, February 15 and 22, March 1, 8, 15 and Monday, March 21, Church

The Easter Triduum Choir provides musical leadership during the Holy Thursday Evening Mass, the Good Friday Service and the Easter Vigil Mass. This seasonal ensemble is an opportunity for members of the parish community to participate in Music Ministry – an inclusive approach to Music Ministry.

Interested in Music Ministry? Contact Daniel Victoor at 688-5678, ext. 308. Please see the Music Ministry page on the parish Web site for further details. www.stgregs.org click Parish, then click Music Ministry.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION
“FANNING THE FLAME”**

Dawn Iacono – Chair 636-8987
CIRCLE OF SEASONS

Lent Isn’t Fashionable

Lent may never become fashionable, especially in a consumer society. The dictates of consumerism are: “more,” “take,” “buy,” and “own.” Whereas the invitations of Lent are: “less,” “give,” let go,” and “share.” Unlike every other Christian season or holy day, Lent successfully resists the commercialization of faith. Can you imagine sending greeting cards for Lent? “Have a happy conversion of heart.” “Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return.” Could little packets of ashes be marketed as a fashion statement? Anything is possible – but not likely. **Lent, certainly more than Advent, draws us to faith in a profound way.**

Ash Wednesday (February 9) is the official start of Lent. It is a day when Christians are encouraged to think about death and, in doing so, to meditate on the meaning of their lives. Ashes are placed on the foreheads of the faithful to remind them to do penance for their sins.

Lent is a season of intense prayer, fasting and concern for those in need. It offers all Christians an opportunity to prepare for Easter by serious discernment about their lives, with particular attention to the word of God that enlightens the daily journey of all who believe.

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL



With Valentine’s Day approaching, consider giving someone you love the gift of prayer. Holy Hour prayer cards are available in our Adoration Chapel. Prayer is a true gift from the heart.

MISSION XX: FEBRUARY 26 – MARCH 5

This is a great opportunity for people of all ages to experience an eight night spiritual journey of renewal right here at our parish! Call Jo in the Business Office, 688-5678, to reserve a spot.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST VIEWING

During this season of Lent, please join our parish community for a viewing of the film *The Passion of the Christ*. Our Men’s Small Prayer Groups and our Holy Name Society are hosting this special evening. The film will be shown on Friday, February 18, at 7:30 pm in the Church. If you have already seen this film, consider making it a Lenten reflection; if you haven’t seen it, this may be a nice environment for seeing the film for the first time. **Note: We are only encouraging adult participation due to the film’s R rating.**

**2005 COLLECTION TO AID THE CHURCH
IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE**

– *Roots of Faith, Both Fragile and Strong*

Next weekend’s special collection supports seminaries, social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral centers, church restoration, and the spreading of the Gospel message through the press, radio, and television. Please help the many Catholics in Central and Eastern Europe to nurture the still-fragile restoration of the Church in the region. Thank you.

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 440 EAGLE COURT OF
HONOR AND EAGLE PLAQUE DEDICATION**

On Tuesday, February 8, at 7:30 pm in the School Gym, St. Gregory’s Boy Scout Troop 440 will hold an Eagle Court of Honor recognizing Andrew Smyczynski, Matthew Handley and Adam Danni for earning Eagle rank. The troop will also unveil a plaque honoring all 76 Scouts who have earned the Eagle rank in it’s 44 year history, which will be permanently displayed in the School. Former Troop 440 Scouts and Scouters, especially Eagle Scouts, are invited to attend. For more information, contact Jim Handley at 689-4968 or Jim Chirumbolo at 689-1116.

SCOUT SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 20

On Sunday, February 20, the Boy Scouts of Troop #440, Cub Scouts of Pack #440, and the Girl Scouts of St. Gregory’s will attend the 9:30 am Mass. A reception will follow in the School Cafeteria.

PARISH COUNCIL – CALL FOR CANDIDATES

St. Gregory parishioners who wish to offer their time and talent by serving a 3-year term on the Parish Council are invited to complete the application below, put it in an envelope marked “Attention: Parish Council Nominating Committee,” and place it in the offertory basket. The Committee will meet with each candidate and three will be selected. The deadline for applications is March 1.

**APPLICATION FOR PARISH COUNCIL
MEMBER-AT-LARGE**

Name _____

Phone (home) _____ (work) _____

Address _____

Signature _____

SENIOR TRAVEL

- **February 20** – Lancaster Opera House, “Meshuggah-Nuns.” Dinner to follow the matinee performance at the Red Mill Restaurant.
- **June 5-11** – Savannah, Hilton Head and Jekyll Island. Cost \$485; **deposit of \$75 due March 1; final payment due April 1.**
- **April 10** – Studio Arena, “Shear Madness.” **Lunch and show** held at the Tralf. Cost of \$69; 37 reservations are available.
- **May 17** – “Let’s Make a Car” tram tour of Toyota plant in Canada. Lunch and tour of Cambridge, Ontario. Cost of \$65; 24 reservations are available.
Send checks to Helen Pendolino, 71 Thamesford Lane, Williamsville, NY 14221. Call her at 634-0002 for further information or check out the Senior’s page at www.stgregs.org.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: We have received so much from the good Lord that we encourage others to experience his love for them through our ministry of assistance.

ST. GREG’S SENIOR ORGANIZATION: The next meeting is on Monday, February 14, at 1:00 pm in the Ministry Center. Hear the marvelous voice of Mary Beth Wrobel, Channel 4 Meteorologist. This is our annual PIZZA PARTY, along with Valentine goodies. Not a member of our group? Come and check out the fun!

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

ADULTS: Please consider helping the children of our Parish understand the scripture readings at Mass by becoming a Leader (Minister of the Word).

STUDENTS (GR. 8-12): Please consider assisting the Leaders of the Liturgy of the Word by becoming a Hospitality Team Member.

The leaders and assistants operate on a rotating basis, and serve approximately once every three months during the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday. If you are interested, please contact Paula Gilbert in the FFF Office at 688-5760.

JUNIOR LADIES OF CHARITY: Our next meeting will be on Sunday, February 13. We will visit the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur (257 Lafayette Ave.). Please meet at the Ministry Center by 1:30 pm. We will leave by 1:35 pm and return by 3:30 pm. Permission slips signed by a parent must be turned in before leaving. Drivers are needed. Any questions, please call Dr. Susan Wright at 632-4240. There will be no March meeting.

**LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAYS, 7:00 PM**

We invite all our parishioners to participate in the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent. Different ministries have taken responsibility for leading on specific dates.

- February 11 – Liturgy (Ushers and Greeters); Scriptural Way of the Cross
Watch future Bulletins for details of subsequent programs.

KNITTING YARN COLLECTION

Please consider donating your *extra* yarn (full skeins preferred) to our parish outreach ministries who will use it for knitting lap blankets for the infirmed and prayer shawls for parishioners in need. Receptacles are located in the Church vestibule.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

FAMILY-TO-FAMILY THANK YOU

Dear Parishioners,

We sincerely thank you and your team for the food, clothing and gifts you provided at Christmas for the poor and needy of our parish neighborhood. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. So many families had a happy Christmas because of you.

Special thanks to the team for delivering all the gifts.

Wishing you all the blessings of the New Year!

Sincerely,

Sister Mary Augusta Kaiser, SSJ

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW

Would you like to strengthen your relationship with God, your family and the Church? The 3rd Annual Catholic Men’s Fellowship Conference on Saturday, February 26, will help you. The program includes keynote speaker Gerry Faust, Mass with Bishop Kmiec, music by Fr. Art Smith and time for Confession. Tickets are \$25 (\$10 for students), which includes lunch. Brochures are in the back of the Church, or go to www.spiritiscalling.org on the Web.

LUNCHTIME LECTURE SERIES

These lunchtime sessions will be on Wednesdays from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm at Christ the King Parish (lower Church), Snyder. Dates are February 16, March 2 and March 16. Speakers and topics will be announced.

**THE LENTEN LECTURE SERIES
BEGINS ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

7:30 pm, at SS. Peter and Paul Church
“How to Forgive and Be Forgiven”
with Msgr. Angelo Caligiuri

LENTEN REGULATIONS

February 9 marks the beginning of the Season of Lent.

ABSTINENCE: All Catholics 14 and older are bound to abstain totally from meat on the following days; Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.

FASTING: All Catholics between 18 and 60 years old are also bound to observe the Law of Fast on the following days: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions in the course of the day.

EASTER DUTY: After being initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season – between February 29 (First Sunday in Lent) and June 6 (Trinity Sunday) – unless, for a good reason, it is fulfilled at another time during the year.

Parish Activities ** Parish Calendar

NEEDED...

Used furniture and household appliances for a family in School 33 who lost everything in a fire. If you can help, please call Beth Porterfield at School 33, at 688-5823.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE ST. GREGORY TWELVE

Each year, on the weekend of Pentecost, we recognize and express our appreciation for twelve individuals, couples or families who have contributed significantly to our parish life and ministries. If you know of parishioners whose voluntary efforts have enhanced our parish community, please nominate them for the St. Gregory's Twelve Award. Nomination forms can be obtained from the Parish Office or by contacting Kathy Behan at 636-5168, or kathybehan@hotmail.com.

SPLIT CLUB WINNERS – 4TH WEEK IN JANUARY

Total Winnings	\$142.00
First Prize...Mr. & Mrs. Walter Weber	50%...\$71.00
Second Prize...Dr. Richard Romanowski	20%...\$29.00
Third Prize...Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth Munroe	10%...\$14.00
Fourth Prize...Mr. & Mrs. Peter Donnelly Sr.	10%...\$14.00
Fifth Prize...Mr. & Mrs. James Chirumbolo	10%...\$14.00

FREE TEETH CLEANING AND ORAL HEALTH CARE

No-charge services are provided by the Erie Community College Dental Hygiene Program students under the supervision of licensed dental hygienists and dentists. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call Donna (a hygiene student at ECC North and a long-time parishioner of St. Greg's) at 688-8222.

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 6

- 9:25 am FFF "Little Cherubs" Sunday School (School Classrooms/Cafe/Music)
- 9:30 am AFF Babysitting (School Nursery)
- 10:30 am FFF Children's Catechumenate (School Rm. 704)
- 10:30 am FFF Family Program Session A (School Classrooms/Cafe/Gym)
- 11:00 am FFF Confirmation Class (MC #5)
- 5:30 pm Youth Ministry Youth Group – Super Bowl Sunday (MC #1)

Monday, February 7

- 10:00 am AFF Little Rock Bible Study (MC #1 & #2)
- 7:00 pm AFF Little Rock Bible Study (MC #1 & #2)
- 7:00 pm Athletic Association Meeting (MC #5)
- 7:00 pm FFF Gr. 6-8 Sessions (School Classrooms/Cafe/Gym)
- 7:00 pm Spirit & Life Newsletter Committee Meeting (MC #3)

Tuesday, February 8

- 9:00 am HSA Fashion Show Meeting (MC #3)
- 10:00 am Catholic Bible Studies (MC #1)
- 4:30 pm Basketball Games (School Gym) – Games at 4:30 & 5:30 pm
- 6:00 pm Stewardship Meeting with CSC & Ministry Heads (School Library)
- 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Eagle Court of Honor Dinner (School café)

- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts Webelo's Den #2 Meeting (MC #3)
- 7:00 pm Great Race Committee Meeting (MC #5)
- 7:00 pm Marriage Preparation Session 2 (GR #1 & Church)
- 7:30 pm Boy Scouts Troop #440 Eagle Court of Honor (School Gym/Cafe)
- 7:30 pm Caring Arms Support Group Monthly Meeting (MC #4)

Wednesday, February 9

- 7:20 am Men's Prayer Group Meeting (GR #1)
- 7:30 am Finance Council Executive Committee Meeting (BO Conf. Rm.)
- 10:00 am Senior Citizens Board Meeting (MC #4)
- 10:00 am Wednesday Prayer Group (GR #1)
- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC #3)
- 6:30 pm FFF Gr.1-4 Sessions (School Primary Classrooms)
- 7:00 pm Buildings & Grounds Meeting Monthly Meeting (MC #4)
- 7:00 pm FFF Gr. 5-8 Sessions (School Classrooms/Cafe/Gym)
- 7:00 pm RCIA Meeting (MC #1)
- 8:00 pm Men's Basketball (MC Gym)
- 8:00 pm Mission XX TEAM Meeting (GR #1)
- 8:00 pm RCIA Rehearsal for Rite of Election (Church)

Thursday, February 10

- 9:30 am AFF Renew Meeting (MC #3)
- 10:30 am SCC Wisdom Seekers (MC #1)
- 1:45 pm Girl Scouts Jr. Girl Scouts #1202 Meeting (MC #5)
- 4:15 pm Basketball Games (MC Gym) – Games at 4:15 & 5:15 pm
- 4:30 pm Basketball Games (School Gym) – Games at 4:30 & 5:30 pm
- 5:30 pm Boy Scouts Pack #440 First Aid Course (MC #4)
- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts Bear Den #1 Meeting (MC #3)
- 6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (MC #5)
- 7:00 pm FFF First Communion Parent Meeting (GR #1 & #2)
- 7:00 pm Ladies of the Lord Prayer Group (MC #1)
- 7:00 pm Mission Music (Church)

Friday, February 11

- 4:00 pm H S A Fish Fry (School Gym/Kitchen)

Saturday, February 12

- 8:30 am SCC Family in Faith Meeting (MC #1)
- 9:00 am FFF Gr. 1-8 Sessions (School Classrooms)
- 9:15 am FFF First Communion Parent Meeting (GR #1 & #2)
- 11:15 am FFF Board Meeting (School Art Room)
- 11:15 am FFF Gr. 1-5 Sessions (School Classrooms)
- 3:00 pm FFF *Heart to Heart Food Drive* After Masses (Church Foyer)
- 6:00 pm FFF First Communion Mass of Enrollment (Church)

Sunday, February 13

- 8:00 am FFF *Heart to Heart Food Drive* After Masses (Church Foyer)
- 9:25 am FFF "Little Cherubs" Sunday School (School Classrooms/Cafe/Music)
- 9:30 am AFF Babysitting (School Nursery)
- 10:30 am FFF Family Program Session B (School Classrooms/Cafe/Gym)
- 11:00 am FFF Children's Catechumenate (School Rm. 704)
- 1:30 pm Jr. Ladies of Charity Meeting (MC #5)
- 5:30 pm Youth Ministry Youth Group (MC #6)

See page 4 for other FFF and Youth Ministry events