

**St. Elizabeth Seton, St. Joseph &
Annunciation
Cluster Parishes**

We are All One Family at the Table of Our Lord

Penance – before weekend Masses & First Friday

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February 5, 2012 ~ 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mon	10:00AM (TRH)	Louis Meiners Family, LaVerne Sporrer
Tues	6:00PM (G)	Peggy Stovall
Wed	8:15 AM (HS)	Dale & Janice Sporrer Family, Hattie Meyer
Thur	6:00PM (D)	Mary Heman, Sally Heithoff, Living and Deceased of Gene & Vera Derner
Fri	NO MASS	
Sat	5:30PM (G)	Lowell Daniel, Parishioners
Sun	8:00AM (D)	Don Pletchette, Bernard & Delores Klocke, Andy Schreck, Parishioners
	10:00AM (CR)	Shorty Bass, Parishioners

“The happiness of most people is not ruined by great catastrophes or fatal errors, but by the repetition of slowly destructive little things.”

COMBINED PARISH NEWS:

Fiscal Year: 01 July 2011 – 30 June 2012

St. Joseph:

For week of 1/29/12

Adult \$669.00; Loose \$69.60; Youth \$10.00;

Black and Native American \$10.00

DAA 57 pledges for \$4620.00

Annunciation:

For week of 1/29/12

Adults \$ 1522.00 Loose \$92.00; Youth \$14.00;

Briar Cliff \$5.00

DAA 70 pledges for \$5,899.50

St. Elizabeth Seton:

For week of 1/22/12

Adult \$812.00; Loose \$65.00; Youth \$3.00;

Solemnity of Mary \$10.00; Briar Cliff \$5.00

DAA 44 pledges for \$3103.00

OUR MISSION – TO LIVE THE GOOD NEWS! Today’s readings invite us to ponder deeply. Job speaks of human life as akin to slavery, a time of emptiness and misery that passes like a breath. Yet we know that, despite many trials, Job never lost faith in God. When Paul speaks of his own calling to proclaim the gospel, he says he has made himself “a slave to all” in order to fulfill his mission. Mark’s gospel shows us a day in the life of Jesus. He visits the synagogue and then goes to Simon and Andrew’s home, where he heals an ailing mother-in-law. Her fever dissipates at the touch of his hand! We can imagine him chatting companionably with friends until they gather around a table to share a meal. At dusk, crowds gather around the door, seeking to be healed. With compassion, Jesus cured “many who were sick.” Perhaps he sleeps awhile, but before dawn, Jesus goes to a deserted place to pray. No day is complete without a time of intimate communion with his Father. Each one of today’s readings holds a message for us. In trying times we must be people of faith. Our mission is to passionately live the good news, for we may well be the only gospel some people ever experience. Furthermore, we are called to spend time in intimate communion with God. How good it is to sing God’s praises!

SAINT OF THE WEEK – ST. JEROME EMILIANI: Jerome pursued a career in the Venetian army and gave very little thought to God. After being captured and imprisoned, he experienced an inner conversion, became a priest, and devoted himself and his wealth to the education of orphans and the care of the poor, the hungry, and abandoned children. He founded an order of priests, commonly called the Somaschi, to help with this work. Jerome died during a plague, while caring for the sick. Like him, may we use our resources to seek out and help those who are abandoned in our society, especially children.

LENT: The revelry of Mardi Gras will slam shut with the ashes of Wednesday, February 22. Life takes on a more astringent side, a more serious approach. Lent takes aim as a spiritual shape up time. It is truly a time to fact facts. No matter how fat the cushion, nothing material will absorb the crash of death. The church reminds us, while we are facing facts about material possessions, we ought to give some away. What are your top 10 charities? What do you support with your monies? Iowa State? Girl Scouts? Your parish? American Cancer Society? If you were to add up all of your out of pocket and checkbook charitable offerings what would the total be? What bang for the buck are you getting? Are there new charities which I should be looking at? Can I make a connection between Lenten sacrifice and what I contribute to this Lent. The Church will give us several major charities to consider. 1. Retired Women Religious – Easter; 2. Catholic Relief Services – 5th Sunday of Lent; 3. Eastern European Churches – Ash Wednesday; 4. Home Missions – 1st Sunday of Lent. 5. Shrines of the Holy Land – Good Friday. P.S. I’ve ranked them in the order of the punch they give for a dollar donated.

MASS INTENTIONS: Since we are territorial, Masses are offered in our “home” church. We have an abundance of Mass intentions at this time for St. Joseph in Dedham. We schedule multiple intentions for each Mass in an effort to offer Masses at home. We have a scarcity of Mass intentions for Annunciation Parish. We have an abundance of Mass intentions for a small number of persons at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish. In the case of Annunciation and St. Elizabeth Seton, we schedule one intention per Mass in most cases.

GLOBE BILLS: We have received lists of those who are receiving the diocesan newspaper, The Globe and who have not written a check for their subscription. You will be receiving a bill in the mail. If at all possible, please send a check in payment to Sioux City. If you can't, your fellow parishioners will pay the bill for you. Either way, Sioux City will be paid.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS are burning for the Soldiers from Carroll County for their safety and also for the repose of the souls of all the Soldiers from Iowa who died since the beginning of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. Please pray for our troops.

DAFFODIL DAYS: Anyone interested in buying daffodils please contact Edie Hoffman at 683-5652 or 210-7652. You may purchase a bunch for \$10, bunch and a vase for \$15, dainty daffodils for \$15 or Bear and Bunch for \$25. Deadline for orders is February 19. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. Thank You.

ST JOSEPH PARISH FISH FRY: Dedham Legion Hall on Friday, February 24th and March 9th. Serving 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Fish, potatoes, coleslaw, bun & dessert. Adults \$8.00 6-12 \$5.00 5 & under Free. Drive-up will be available 5:00 -7:30 pm (\$8.00 only). Call: 712-830-0424 to order ahead.

A KNIGHT ON MEMORY LANE: 28th Friends of Kuemper Ball -

Plans are under way for collecting parish contributions for the 2012 Friends of Kuemper Ball. Volunteers will be available after Masses on the weekends of Feb. 11-12 and Feb. 18-19. We'd appreciate you taking the time to make your donation at one of these two times. The more parish members who make their contribution on one of these weekends, the fewer personal contacts will have to be made. With rising operational expenses, please consider increasing your donation level from last year; all increases would be greatly appreciated. A big Thank You to the Chairs who are heading the parish committee: John & Stacy Peter, and Mike and Jean Seidl. Thanks also to the parents of Kuemper students and their volunteers for working on this project.

10TH ANNUAL ST. JOSEPH PARISH RAFFLE: \$5,000.00 to be given away_Grand Prize - \$1,000._2 - \$500. 8 - \$250. 10 - \$100.

Drawing will be held at St. Joseph Parish Fish Fry at the Dedham American Legion Hall on Friday, March 9, 2012 at 8:00 pm.

Tickets are available from any St. Joseph Parishioner or call Gary Wiskus 683-5503 or Deacon Louis Meiners 683-5795. All proceeds go toward the

Restricted Building Repair Fund.

STALEY'S CHICKEN DINNER: at St. Lawrence on Sunday, February 12, 2012 from 4:00-6:30pm. Adults/\$8. Children/\$5. Carry-outs are available \$8/ea.

Drive up to the stage entrance.

TEMPLETON SACRED HEART PARISH is having its annual Breakfast and Bake Sale Featuring DAD'S BELGIUM WAFFLES on Sunday February 5. Waffles with flavored syrups & toppings, sausage, strawberries, orange juice and coffee will be served from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Sacred Heart School Gym. Adults \$8.00, children 6-10 \$5.00 and children 5 and under are free.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER: Save the Dates: Saturday February 18th, and March 24th, 7pm, Halbur Community Building. \$10 per person (lunch included). Prizes based on number of entries. Bring your own Alcoholic Beverages (pop available). Sponsored by: Halbur Community Development Corporation to be used toward improvement projects. Please contact Susie Hoffman 712-658-2060.

ANNUNCIATION NEWS:

Prayer Chain: Please contact Lois Hoffman 999-5584.

Sun Feb 12/10am: \$- Doreen & Allen Schroeder

R-Jon & Lori Esdohr

S-Jade Hays, Rachel Tapps

L-Kelly Hays

EM-Joan Hart, Bev Ramsey, Ruth McKenzie

G-Terry Dentlinger Family

U-Don Meiners, Tom Meiners

TEACHER NEEDED: A teacher is needed for the 10th grade due to the teacher moving out of town.

CHOIR PRACTICE: Choir practice will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm. Please come and sing with the choir of angels.

ST. ELIZABETH SETON NEWS:

Sat Feb 11/5:30pm:

S- Noah & Mitchell Borkowski

L- Ralph Bock

EM- Connie Bock, Barb Brauckman

G- Jerry & Jean Ball

U- Mike Headleee

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are available in the back of the church. If they have any discrepancies contact Kathy at 659-2210

ST. JOSEPH NEWS:

Prayer Chain: Please contact Ruth Schreck 683-5885.

Sun Feb 12/8 am/Adult Choir: \$Counters- Gene & Vera Derner, Tony Seidl

S- Rachel Grossman, Kalee Peter

L- Alice Behrens

EM- Donna Ankenbauer, Shelli Juergens, Floyd Klocke

G- Steve Baumhover family

U- Dale Klocke, Dean Klocke

FISH FRIES - February 24th and March 9th - Please sign up to work on the schedules in the back of church by January 29th. We encourage grade school and high school students to sign up. We will also need all guild members to bring desserts for both events. If you would like a meal delivered to your home in Dedham, please call 830-0424 on the day of the fish fry.

BULLETIN HUMOR!! *A farmer named Muldoon lived alone in the countryside with a wee dog that he loved and doted on. After many long years of faithful companionship, the dog finally died, so Muldoon went to the parish priest: "Father, my dear old dog is dead. Could you be saying a Mass for him?" Father Patrick replied, "I am so very sorry to hear about your dog's death. But, unfortunately, I can't say Mass for the poor creature..." Muldoon said, "I understand, Father, I do. I guess I'll go to this new denomination down the road; no tellin' what they believe... Do you think \$500 is enough to donate for the service?" Father Patrick: "Why didn't you tell me your wee dog was Catholic?!"*