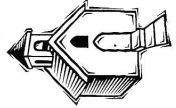




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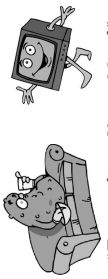
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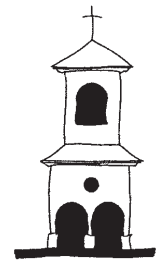
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February 25, 2007 — 1st Sunday in Lent

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Home Calendar Guides and the “Bowls” are at the back of the Church. This Lenten program give us the opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of others, but more then that it gives us the opportunity to make a positive difference in our own lives.

Whether you give the money to your favorite charity, or give it to CRS, using the home calendar guide will make a positive difference in your life and Easter season.

Last year I gave a calendar and rice bowl to a non-catholic friend of mine. She expressed her joy throughout the season. She would call me and remind me to “do my calendar”: she would say, “Have you done your calendar?” She would then proceed to tell me about what she experienced and learned that day from the calendar.

I would like to challenge you to take a calendar and bowl to your friends and family and “do the calendar” in solidarity with them. Last week Father talked about daring to be different in our individual lives. Here is another opportunity for you to do just that. —*Elizabeth McInally*

STEWARDSHIP

“For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be. Much will be required of the person entrusted with much.” —*Luke 12:32-48*

Collection for February 18..... \$ 215.66

(Amounts reported do not include restricted funds)

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 3-4: Lenten retreat at Sacred Heart in Emmett.

Sunday, March 11: DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS! Set your clocks ahead on Saturday night!

Sunday, March 11: SJPC meeting in the hall after Mass.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Idaho Catholic Appeal: Your contributions to the Idaho Catholic Appeal (ICA) make it possible for the diocese to provide a wide variety of pastoral services. Every day in our diocese, people in need turn to the Church for help and support. Every day our own parishioners are served, in one way or another, by our parish, with the backing of diocesan resources funded by the ICA. Plan to contribute generously to the ICA that makes it possible for the Diocese of Boise to function. *St. Jude's assessment for this year is \$3,775.00.* If we do not make this goal, we must pay the balance out of our general fund, leaving less for operating expenses, programs and charity. If each of our registered families donates \$100.00 to the ICA, we will come very close to meeting this goal. In the past, we have only met our assessment due to the generosity of two families, each of who have had to scale back their ICA donations due to family circumstances. It's time for YOU to step up to the plate and help our St. Jude community meet this goal!

LENTEN REGULATIONS

The church asks us to observe the following penitential practices during Lent. All Fridays: abstinence from meat and meat products (applies to those 14 years of age and older). Ash Wednesday, Good Friday (March 29): fast and abstinence (Applies to those between the ages of 18 - 59). Fasting involves: One moderate full meal, two very light meals for the purpose of necessary nourishments. Persons experiencing health problems and receiving medical treatment are asked to exercise good judgment and prudence when planning their Lenten penitential practices. The other Lenten penitential practice: almsgiving.

ST. JUDE BIRTHDAY CORNER

Mike Riedinger: Monday, February 26.

Pam Froom: Tuesday, February 27.

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship: consecrating to God some of your time, talents, and treasure. Stewardship and devotion to the Holy Eucharist go together. To become more and more sincere and effective as a Christian steward of God's gifts, our practice of Christian stewardship must stem from and be rooted in our devoted participation in the communal celebration of the mass, or liturgy. During mass God speaks to us through the Scriptural readings and we recall and celebrate Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. The Scriptural readings and recalling Christ's mysteries (his passion, death, and resurrection) offer to us supernatural motivation to be devoted Christians stewards of God's gifts. Receiving Christ's own life, during communion, gives us the necessary grace to be selfless Christian stewards. Meeting our fellow parishioners, before, during, and after the mass, renews and re-confirms the human bonds that we have with each other, and this also deepens our motivation to keep becoming good Christian Stewards.

THE ENVIRONMENT

"We cannot use and abuse the world and matter merely as material for our actions and desires; we must consider creation a gift that has not been given to us to be destroyed, but to become God's garden, hence, a garden for men and women

Freedom and responsibility go hand in hand. True freedom is demonstrated in responsibility, in a way of behaving in which one takes upon oneself a shared responsibility for the world, for oneself and for others . . . The Holy Spirit . . . makes us sons and daughters of God. He involves us in the same responsibility that God has for his world, for the whole of humanity. He teaches us to look at the world, others and ourselves with God's eyes. We . . . are personally responsible for the world; because we love truth and goodness, because we love God himself and therefore, also his creatures." —Pope Benedict XVI, Homily, June 3, 2006

BAPTISM

"Baptism is something quite different from an act of ecclesial socialization, from a slightly old-fashioned and complicated rite for receiving people into the Church. It is also more than a simple washing, more than a kind of purification and beautification of the soul. It is truly death and resurrection, rebirth, transformation to a new life." —Pope Benedict XVI, Homily, April 15, 2006

Rules from God for 2007

1. Wake Up !! Decide to have a good day. "Today is the day the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalms 118:24
2. Dress Up !! The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks. "The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at outward appearance; but the Lord looks at the heart." I Samuel 16:7
3. Shut Up!! Say nice things and learn to listen. God gave us two ears and one mouth, so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking. "He who guards his lips guards his soul." Proverbs 13:3
4. Stand Up!!... For what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything.. "Let us not be weary in doing good; for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good..." Galatians 6:9-10
5. Look Up !!... To the Lord. "I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13
6. Reach Up !!... For something higher. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, And He will direct your path." Proverbs 3:5-6
7. Lift Up !!... Your Prayers. "Do not worry about anything; instead PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING." Philippians 4:6