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Easter Sunday



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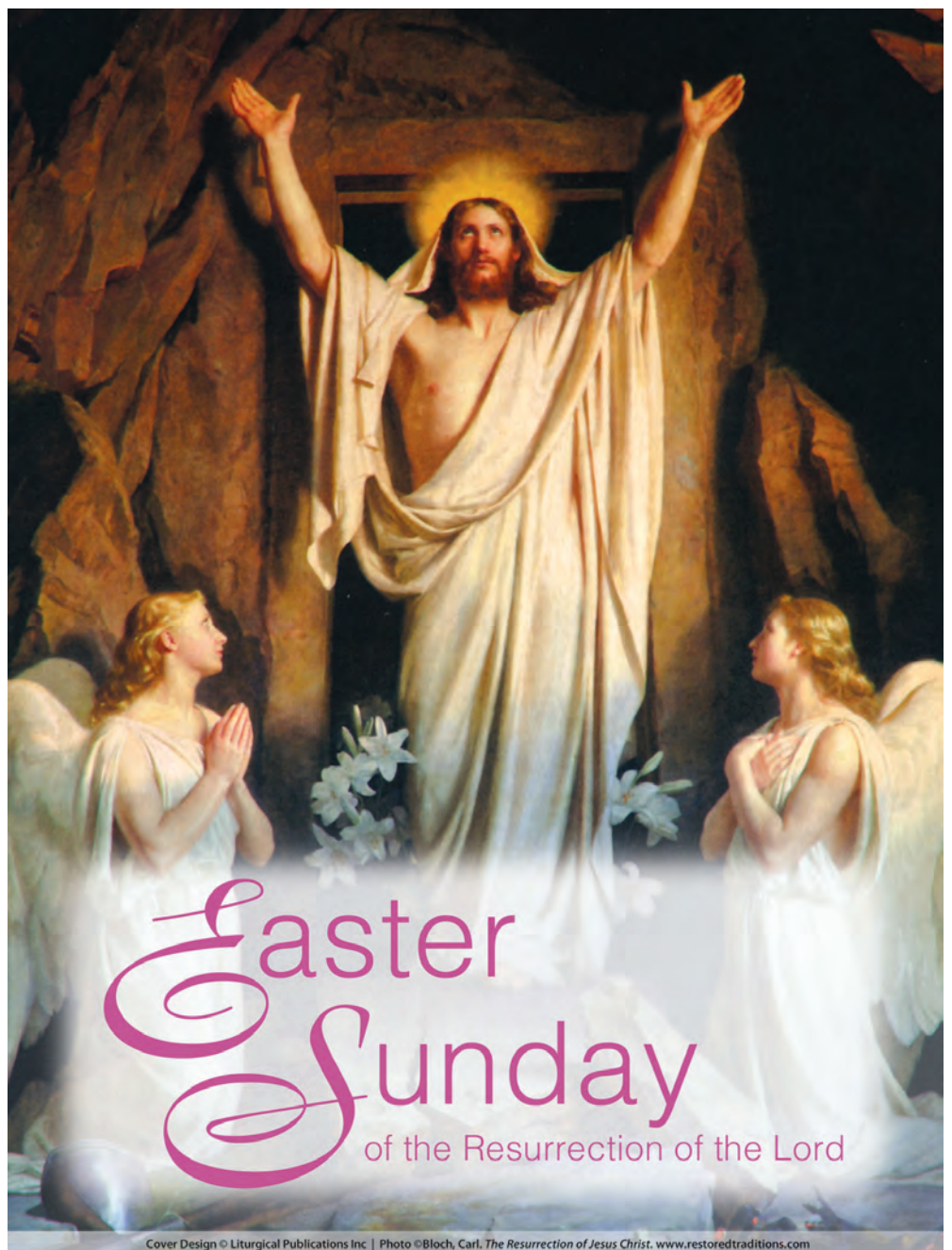
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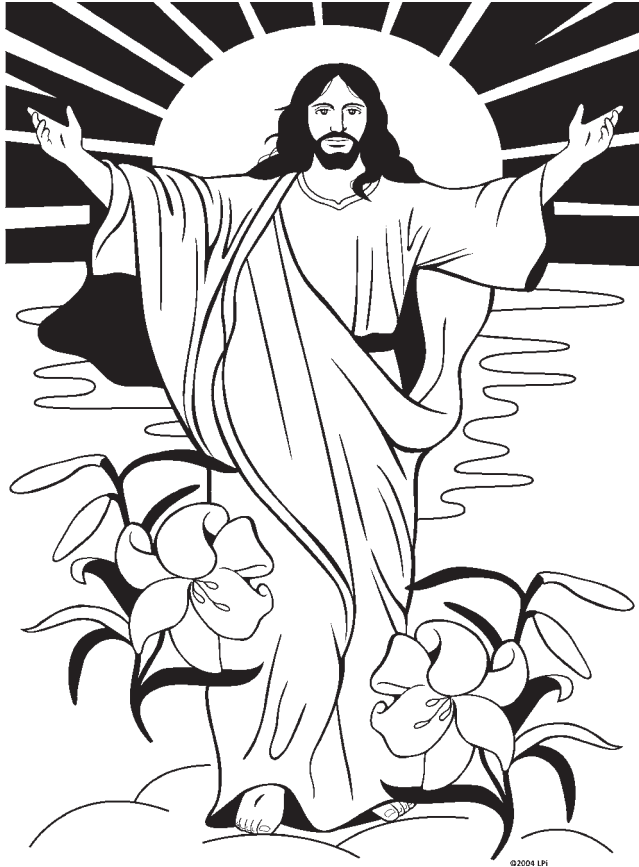
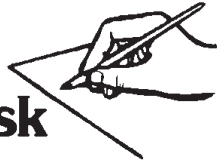
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Easter
Sunday
of the Resurrection of the Lord

From the Pastor's Desk



Surrexit Dominus: The Lord is Risen!! Alleluia!!:

I wish you all a joy that no one can take from you, a joy based on the hard-won truth that our lives have a meaning and purpose that goes beyond the grave and this is the free gift conferred on us who believe in the resurrection of our Lord. I hope your lent has come to a wonderful conclusion as the purples give way to the gold and whites of Easter, in our environment and in our hearts.

First Communion is coming: Right on the heels of Easter will be our Celebrations of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. As I wrote about already in the bulletin... we will hold our First Communions at the 9:00 am and 12:00 noon masses on the two Sundays following Easter. This will mean these masses will be crowded. I have asked the KC's to help with the parking lot to move cars as quickly as possible. Parents and their children will be asked to be in the Hall 30 minutes prior to the start of the mass. A group picture will be taken 15 minutes before mass. After mass pictures can be taken in the hall, not in church. It will be wonderful

two weekends to continue the joyous celebration of Easter which lasts for 50 days anyway.

Confirmation: In the midst of our parish's First Communions is our Celebration of Confirmation by Archbishop Lucas. This celebration will take place on Saturday, April 13 at 7:00 pm. Please say a prayer for our 8th graders and their families as they commit themselves to an active Catholic Faith.

Walk With Pride: Our School's Annual Appeal which benefits the work of our Home and School and directly impacts the educational program in our school, will soon take place. Our students are now sending out their communication asking for your participation. It's a high and lofty goal but if we make \$70,000 then Mr. Garland and I will be coming out to a special school assembly wearing specially school uniforms made from the same plaid that you see in the girls dresses. It would be quite the site. In the past Walk With Pride has made well over \$45,000. Support your school.

Pray for our Religious Formation Program: We have entered into a discernment phase with our program. We are looking at a major change that would impact our families in a most tremendous way. If parents are the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith then why isn't our program (in fact all our catechetical programs) centered around the family? And why isn't our prime mission to help parents build a faith community among themselves while at the same time giving them the tools to actually teach their children. We have to find a way to impact families because this is where faith is caught and taught and the Church has to concentrate her energies on them. The byproduct are young people who not only learn but have fun with their faith.

Check out the following website for more information:

www.familyformation.net

Knight of Columbus: Plans are underway for us to form an Assembly for the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus in our own parish. A meeting was held recently with several men from the parish who are 4th Degree along with myself and the State Master Don Ferneding. An exemplification ceremony hosted by us will inaugurate the Assembly. For more information talk to Jim McNamara or Tom Hegarty or Ron Goodrich. We need to get all our ducks in a row for this by June 9, 2013, that's when we host the exemplification here at St. Gerald's. Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus is the Patriotic Portion of the KC's and is most notable for the garb they wear at various liturgical functions. They stand for a solid faithful fidelity to the Catholic Church and the Freedoms of our Country.

Guardian Angel Dinner & Auction Survey

We are conducting a brief survey to gain feedback from parish families regarding St. Gerald's Guardian Angel Dinner & Auction. This event has been an essential fundraiser each year for the past 15 years for St. Gerald School. Your input is important and appreciated for continued and enhanced success. Please take a few moments to complete the survey via the link on the church website at www.stgerald.org/guardianangel.html

Thank you for your support!



2013 Fr Foster Memorial Golf Tournament

The St Gerald Knights of Columbus and St Gerald Men's Club are sponsoring the 17th Annual Fr William A Foster Memorial Golf Tournament. The tournament is a 4-person scramble at Tara Hills Golf Course on Sat, May 18, with an 8am shotgun start. \$90 per golfer or \$360 per team and includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, raffle tickets, refreshments, fellowship & prizes. Call 402-331-1955 to register and make payment by May 3rd.

Serra Altar Server Awards

Each year our local Serra Club honors a group of Altar Servers with Mass and a certificate. This year the following servers are being honored:

Jonathan Silva
Amanda Pohlman
Bailey Dennis
Emily Bourne
Ryan Fraser
Ashley Jacobson

Congratulations to our honored servers! For a young person serving at God's altar is among the finest examples of stewardship.

God bless all of our dedicated servers who give of themselves to make our Masses run smoothly and help others to worship our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christians Encounter Christ (CEC), A Journey in Faith

Do you want to strengthen your spiritual life, understand that being a Christian involves responsibility, and are willing to evangelize through your everyday Christian actions? Then maybe a CEC weekend is just what you are looking for? Come for a lively, joyous weekend to be strengthened spiritually as you live and study with priests and laity in discussion, prayer and song. Both weekends will be held at the Archdiocese Retreat and Conference Center, 3330 N. 60th Street. The all-inclusive cost is \$80.

MEN'S Weekend – April 5-7 WOMEN'S Weekend – April 12-14

For more information, call **St Gerald parishioners Ken or Pam True, 402-339-1936 or Kenny or Kathy Hanson, 402-593-9120 or e-mail, kentrue@maladon.com**

First Communions

School First Communions will be April 7 during 9am Mass and Noon Mass.

Religious Education First Communions will be April 14 during 9am Mass and Noon Mass.

Donation Report

Sunday(3/17/13)	\$27,447.70
ACH	\$0.00
Week Total	\$27,447.70
Weekly Budget	\$24,750.00
YTD Total.....	\$1,066,188.07
YTD Budget	\$1,129,590.00
Variance.....	\$(63,401.93)

MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE: The league is in need of additional golfers. Several openings are available. Please call Doug Tucker at 402-331-5083 if interested or have questions.

Women's Social

Mother/Daughter Luncheon All Women of the Parish Invited

April 6, a Mother/Daughter catered luncheon will be held at 11:30am in the Fr Larry Dorsey Fellowship Hall, 96th & Q. \$5 per person. Please put your reservation and money in an envelope and drop it into the collection basket or by the business office. Deadline is April 2. Questions, 402-339-4452.

Mother/Daughter Lunch

Names: _____

Phone: _____

Number attending: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Deadline April 2nd.

Craft Group

Please join us on Tuesday, April 2, from 6:30-8:30pm in the Multipurpose Room. We will be decorating Mason jars. Enter through the West chapel doors. For any questions contact Laurita Krejci, 402-339-6046 or krejciljk@yahoo.com

Women's Golf League

Interested in joining our St Gerald women's golf league in its second year? The league is structured to be a social experience and we welcome women at all levels of golf skills. We had a fun first season and hope you will consider joining us. We golf at LaVista Falls on Thursday evenings. Start date is May 9, end date August 22. For more information and to sign up please contact Linda Goecke, lkgoecke@msn.com or call 402-592-3030.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Please join us to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7, at St Thomas More Church, 4804 Grover St. Begins with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 12:30pm. The day includes confessions from 12:30-3pm, rosary at 1pm, Divine Mercy Chaplet at 2:30pm followed by Benediction, Procession, and Solemn Mass.

For more information, call Rita, 402-556-0384 or Connie, 402-339-8253.

Friends on Q Potluck

Wednesday, April 24, 6pm. Bring a covered dish to share at the Potluck dinner and enjoy speaker, Jean Thompson, from the St Gerald's sewing group.

Friends on Q Future Events: Mark Your Calendar

May 9: Lauritzen Gardens
June 30: Werner Park Picnic & Storm Chasers Baseball Game
July 21: Ralston Community Theater & Spaghetti Works
August 28: Indoor Picnic & Bingo
September 25: Pot Luck & Games
October 10: Bus Trip Trinity Heights
November 20: Soup Supper
December 14: Christmas Dinner & White Elephant Gift Exchange

Free Children's Clothing

Trinity United Methodist Church and Ralston Public Schools have joined together to create a children's and young adult's clothing center in the basement of the Frank and Velma Johnson Community Center, 8009 Q St in Ralston. Parents and/or guardians may come on Wednesdays between 1-4pm to choose clothing for their family at no charge. Please call Chris at 402-331-4054 if you have questions or wish to donate clothing.

Religious Education

Mary Harper

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***Classes for Catechists & Adult Education in the school library @ 7:00 pm:**

Apr. 17 Catholic Moral Teaching.

Children's Stewardship Corner

Our parish children's offerings:

This week I cleaned the living room. Dominic

Cleaned my room. Grace

Helped shovel 3 neighbors driveways. Ella

I will obey my Mom and Dad when they ask me to clean my room. Riley

I will pray a Hail Mary for the pope every day. Grant

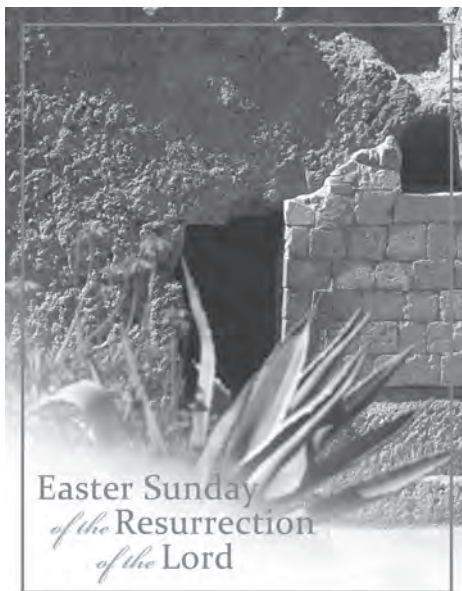
I am thankful for my sister. Tucker

***Totus Tuus** coming to St. Gerald June 23 -28. Registration will begin late April. Please pray for the success of Totus Tuus.

***RE 1st Communion** practice will be at 96th & Q Church, Saturday, April 13 at 9am for the 1st session and 11 am for the 2nd session.

***RE 1st Communion** will be held @ 96th & Q Church, Sunday, April 14th at 9am Mass for the 1st session and Noon Mass for the 2nd session.

Please pray for our Religious Education as we work to offer the best program for our parish children.



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Youth/Young Adults

Making a difference for good in our world.

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Youth Ministry Lenten Events:

"T3: The Teen Timeline" T3 is a teen-friendly, high school Bible Study. We meet on the 1st & 3rd Monday nights thru April.

NCYC 2013: Nov. 21-24

Signed.Sealed.Delivered

25,000 High school students from around the country will travel to Indianapolis for 3 days of prayer, community and empowerment. If you participate in Youth Ministry events and would like to register, contact Kathy before March 20th. *To receive our Youth News by email contact us at kathyk@stgerald.org. Also "friend" us at St. Gerald Youth Group on Facebook or check out our website at www.stgerald.org.*

Young Adults

Freedom to Love, the 5 week Theology of the Body Program for Young Adults that explores God's love through relationships, will meet on April 4th in the Parish Youth Room (in the basement of the business office on 78th & Lakewood) at 7:30 pm. Contact Kathy if you are interested. Please see youngadults@archomaha.org for more young adult activities.

WEEKDAY MASSES FOR APRIL 1-5

Mon 4/1/13	8:15 am - Chapel	†Mary Jo Wilson
	12:15 pm - Church	Special Intentions of the Funeral Committee
Tues 4/2/13	8:15 am - Chapel	†Lois Kubat
	12:15 pm - Church	†Frank Majorek
Wed 4/3/13	8:15 am - Chapel	Special Intentions of the Cullen Family
	10:30 am - Waterford	†Louise Henrikson
	12:15 pm - Church	†Joe & Emma Schindler
Thur 4/4/13	8:15 am - Chapel	†Joe Steyskal
	12:15 pm - Church	Special Intentions of Messah Domlan
Fri 4/5/13	8:15 am - Chapel	†Marion Gorzelanski
	9:00 am - Chapel	†Elaine Spiekar
	12:15 pm - Church	Special Intentions of Jerry & Nancy Murphy
Sat 4/6/13	8:15 am - Chapel	†Bill McEvoy

MASSES FOR 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat 4/6/13	8:15 pm - Church	†Joe Palensky
Sun 4/7/13	7:00 am - Chapel	†Phil, Marg & Pat Sheridan
	7:30 am - Church	†Deceased Parents of Frank & Betty Coppola
	9:00 am - Church	St Gerald Parishioners
	10:30 am -Church	†Nancy Parks
	12:00 pm -Church	†Dr Michael Haller

<i>Sunday, 3/31</i>	
Easter Sunday	
<i>Monday, 4/1</i>	
6:30pm - Scouts	Fellowship Hall
6:30pm - Lord Teach Me to Pray	Multipurpose Room
6:30pm - Women's Core	HOPE
7pm - St Vincent de Paul	Business Office
<i>Tuesday, 4/2</i>	
6:30pm - Lord Teach Me to Pray	Family Room
7pm - Men's Recovery	Business Office
7pm - AA	Conference Room
6:30pm - Women's Crafts	Multipurpose Room
<i>Wednesday, 4/3</i>	
4:30 & 6:30pm - Religious Education	School
6:30pm - Vocations	Family Room
<i>Thursday, 4/4</i>	
9am - Second Grade Practice	Church
7pm - Scouts	Family Room
7pm - KC Officers	Multipurpose Room
7:30pm - Young Adults	Youth Room
<i>Friday, 4/5</i>	
3:15pm - Scouts	School Library
<i>Saturday, 4/6</i>	
Noon - Mother/Daughter Lunch	Fellowship Hall
<i>Sunday, 4/7</i>	
9am & Noon Mass - First Communion	Church
10:30am - African Mass	Chapel

Readings for the Week of March 31, 2013
 Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35
 Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15
 Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31



Rest In Peace
 Please pray for the repose of the souls of Deacon Joe Kracjek and for Paul Windels, father of parishioner Michael Windels. May their souls and all of the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace with our Lord.

St. Stanislaus School Celebration
 Students, alumni, teachers, parents and friends of St. Stanislaus School, mark your calendars for Sunday, April 14, the end-of-school celebration, "Honoring our Heritage, Celebrating our Faith." The 10:30am Mass will be followed by lunch in the school hall and church. School tours until 3pm. Questions or comments, ststanshomecoming@gmail.com or 402-331-2409.

The Beginning Experience Ministry to the widowed, divorced and separated will be offering Coping With Life Alone sessions at Christ The King Church – Omaha, 654 S. 86th, Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m., **April 2 through May 7**. The Coping Sessions are designed to help adult individuals work through the trauma of divorce, separation or the loss of a spouse through death. These sessions are open to individuals of all faiths. This peer-to-peer ministry of people caring for people is sponsored by The Beginning Experience Team of Omaha. Cost is \$20.00. Scholarships are available; please ask if needed, we do not want anyone to stay away because of money. Pre-registration **is not** required. For more information, contact the Family Life Office, Widowed, Divorced & Separated Ministry Coordinator at 402-551-9003 Ext. 1304 or visit www.beginningexperienceofomaha.org

Ministry Schedule for April 6-7

- 5pm:** **EMHC** - M Hood, B Hunt, R & R Iwan, J Zabrocki, V Graff, K Goodman, J Kowal, T Jones, L Harral, N Keenan, L Turco **Lectors** - R Treinen, D Carney **Servers** - H Carney, M Dobney, C Brownfield, K Prosocki **Greeters** - J Cattoni, S & M Harman, R Divis **Security** -J Bertich, K Kush **HOPE** -M McKeighan, K Trudell
- 7am:** **EMHC**- J & M McNamara **Lector**- R Guthrie **Servers** -E Swoboda, S Jensen **Greeter** - J Kolenda
- 7:30am:** **EMHC**-D Banchor, F Abboud, J Perkins, T Waszgis, M White, L Kaup, F & B Coppola, G Hunt, K Goodro, B & S Wachtler **Lectors** - R Martin, T Banchor **Servers**- J & M Riesberg, H Martin, A Heig **Greeters**- J & M Sestak, M Wordekemper **Security**- B & J Rogers **HOPE**- K McGill, D & L Sobczyk
- 9am:** **EMHC**- Volunteers for First Communion **Lectors** - Volunteers for First Communion **Servers**- Volunteers **Greeters** - B Sutton, J Sterba, J Adams **Security**-J Bolin, B Hoffman **HOPE**- T Burns, K Jackson
- 10:30am:** **EMHC** - J Fochek, B Ryba, N Steinbach, J Hood, J Eckerson, S Eschliman, A Goblirsch, N Schmitz, R & B Pille, M Dinneen **Lectors** - P Buck, J True **Servers**- M Chantiam, A Hood, N & E Bourne **Greeters**- S Gallagher, K Jackson, S Prentis **Security**-K Gallagher, J Feda **HOPE**- C Keenan, G Lofgren
- Noon:** **EMHC**- Volunteers for First Communion **Lector** - Volunteer for First Communion **Servers**- Volunteers **Greeters**- F Curran **Security**- T Trigg, T Hegarty **HOPE**- J Schutz, J Haug

April 12th -14th

Seeing God in Everyday Life Retreat

This retreat is for those who currently practice Ignatian or contemplative prayer and feel God calling them to a deeper relationship with Him. Included are presentations, time for personal prayer & spiritual direction, opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Mass both Saturday and Sunday at the Saint Benedict Center (Schuyler, NE). To register or learn more information about the retreat, please call St. Benedict Center 402-352-8819 or email Retreats@StBenedictCenter.com.

Pork Dinner: Fundraiser for the Notre Dame Sisters

Sunday, April 21, 11am-4pm. \$10 adults, \$5 children 10 & under. St Philip Neri Activities Center, 31st & Mormon St. Sisters' Bakery for sale includes Kolaches; live Czech music, Sisters' crafts. Fundraiser support the Notre Dame Sisters Retirement Fund.



Dance Into Spring Spring Salad Luncheon
Trinity United Methodist women, 8009 Q St. Sat, April 13, 11:30am. Reservations due by April 10. Tickets \$7. Entertainment by Omaha's Dancing Granies. Call 402-331-4054 to reserve your spot.

Mercy High School presents "Saint Bernadette"

April 5, 6, 7 at 7pm, 1501 S 48th St. Adults \$8, Children \$5, Mercy Students \$4. For tickets contact Mrs. Dashner at 402-553-9424.

New Pope Francis Called Abortion the "Death Penalty for the Unborn"

The archbishop of Buenos Aires, Jorge Mario Bergoglio, has been selected to become the next Pope, leading the Catholic Church. Like his predecessors, Pope Benedict XVI and Pope John Paul II, he is a staunch pro-life advocate when it comes to abortion. He once called abortion a "death sentence" for unborn children, during a 2007 speech and likening opposition to abortion to opposition to the death penalty. "we should commit ourselves to 'Eucharistic coherence', that is, we should be conscious that people cannot receive holy communion and at the same time act or speak against the commandments, in particular when abortion, euthanasia, and other serious crimes against life and family are facilitated. This responsibility applies particularly to legislators, governors, and health professionals." <http://www.lifenews.com/2013/03/13/new-pope-francis-called-abortion-the-death-penalty-for-the-unborn/>

The Foundational Intimacy: Eucharist as the Model for Marriage:

A one-day retreat with *Jim and Maureen Otremba* from Minnesota, April 13, 10 AM, Saint Benedict Center, Schuyler. In this energetic presentation, **married** couples are invited to discover new connections between the Eucharist and marriage and to explore the mystery of their life in Christ who gave himself for us so that we might live. Applying insights gained and practicing skills for enhancing intimacy, spouses will be renewed in their love for the Eucharist and their sacrament of marriage. Program fee: \$ 60/couple (\$ 55 & free book for those signing up early). Lunch is available at the Center for \$ 9.76 (includes tax). For more information call (402) 352-8819 or email Retreats@StBenedictCenter.com