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NOTES FROM FATHER CHUCK

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BEGINS

This week we begin our annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week. There will be many activities at St. Albert Catholic to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. There are several thoughts I have as we begin this week. First, I don't know if you have noticed that I have been referring to St. Albert as St. Albert Catholic. One of the things I have noticed is that many of the Catholic schools have been making certain that Catholic is in the name of the school. Too often St. Albert is referred to as Council Bluffs St. Albert. So I hope from this point forward that we all refer to St. Albert as St. Albert Catholic. My second thought is to think about the purpose of any Catholic school. I believe there are four purposes for a Catholic school. First, the Catholic school should deepen the relationship of the students with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, through prayer and worship. Especially through the celebration of the Eucharist. Second, the Catholic school should deepen the student's understanding and appreciation of the doctrines and traditions of the Catholic church. Third, the Catholic school should foster and encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life. It should be the goal of every Catholic school to have young men and women entering the seminary and the convent. Fourth, the Catholic school should train the future leaders of the Catholic parishes. These four goals I have written about are very easily attainable and are great guides to evaluate a Catholic school.

My other thought is the most important Catholic school is your home. I am so grateful to my mother for providing us with a wonderful Catholic school in our home. I encourage all of you to work very diligently to have a Catholic environment in your home.

My last thought is our parish should be a good Catholic school. One of the greatest blessings of this parish is that we have a wonderful teaching church. So often I use the sign and symbols in the church to explain some biblical or symbolic teaching. It truly amazes me how much our children know about the signs and symbols of our church. Please pray for our Catholic School: St. Albert Catholic.

THANK YOU

I wish to thank the Knights of Columbus for the wonderful breakfast last Sunday. I am very proud of our council and the breakfast was out of this world. I can't wait for Mother's Day for the next breakfast. The money raised from this breakfast will be used for scholarships for students from St. Peter's that attend St. Albert Catholic.

BLESSING OF THROATS

Next Sunday at all the masses we will bless throats. The actual feast of St. Blaise is Wednesday, February 3. Since most people will not be able to get their throats blest at that time so we extend the blessing to the weekend. This is a wonderful sacramental of the church so I hope that everyone will get their throats blest.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION

The feast of the Presentation is the commemoration of the presenting of Jesus in the temple. This day is a traditional day when candles are blest. The reason candles are blest on this day is that with the presentation Jesus Christ became the light to the world. We will have blest candles in front of the altar on Sunday, February 7. The cost of these candles is \$3.00. Please take as many as you wish. They are a wonderful reminder of the people who need our prayers. This will be a wonderful time to remember two of the great traditions in our church.

LENTEN MATERIALS

It is hard to believe but the Lenten season is quickly approaching. We will have the Lenten materials available next Sunday. There are booklets and activities for every age group. More information on the Lenten season will be in next Sunday's bulletin.

A NICE TRADITION

Last Sunday Steve and Diane Schmitt attended the noon mass. I married Steve and Diane 36 years ago. Each year around their anniversary they come to St. Peter's to celebrate their anniversary. I remember their wedding because it was 36 below zero and the wind chill was 66 below zero. They have several pictures of me at the wedding and needless to say I really looked like Jesus Christ.

MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. Feb 1	8 am Communion Service	St. Francis
Tue. Feb 2	8 am Mass: Rose Chico	St. Francis
Wed. Feb 3	8 am Mass: Chuck Schroer	St. Francis
Thu. Feb 4	8 am Mass: Earl Jones	St. Francis
Fri. Feb 5	8 am Mass: Edith Moore	St. Francis

Saturday, February 6 4 pm Ruth Brich

Lectors:	Amy Rallis, Mark Osterhaus
Euch. Min:	Shirley McConnell
Servers:	Pat Osterhaus, Haley Whitesel, Conor Donegan
Gifts:	James Beck Family
Ushers:	Maxine Gotto, Fred Schaben, Steve Whitesel, Joni Thomas
Scrip Sales:	Jackie Mulvihill

Sunday, February 7 8 am Mary Sciortino

Lectors:	Amy Hardin, Jim Pidgeon
Euch. Min:	Don Slobodnik
Servers:	Elijah Finn, Eddie Gorman, Sean O'Neill
Gifts:	Terry Shea Family
Ushers:	Don Goeser, Lindsay Andersen, Kevin O'Neill, Don Friedrichsen
Scrip Sales:	Amelia Andersen

Sunday, February 7 10 am James Stageman

Lectors:	Fifth Grade Mass
Euch. Min:	Joan Von Tersch
Servers:	
Gifts:	
Ushers:	
Scrip Sales:	Mary Lou Kinard
Child. Lit.	Joan Von Tersch & Danielle Sturm

Sunday, February 7 Noon Joe & Mary Lou Franks

Lectors:	Sam Moffatt, Chad Kavars
Euch. Min:	Jean Thomas
Servers:	Charlie Donaldson, Este Smiley, Caitlyn Maher
Gifts:	Tony Petersen Family
Ushers:	Jim Murphy, Angela Cash, Jon Thomas, Chris Franks
Scrip Sales:	Mary Moffatt

Liturgy Corner

Who was St. Blaise and why is he the patron saint of the blessing of throats?

St. Blaise lived in the fourth century. Legend has it that he was a physician before he became a bishop. He was martyred for his faith. The reason that he is the patron of the blessing of throats is that while he was in prison a young boy was choking on a fishbone caught in his throat. He was brought to St. Blaise and St. Blaise prayed over him and he was cured of the bone being caught in his throat. One of the wonderful aspects to our church is that we have many great traditions and treasures of our church and the blessing of the throats is one of those great traditions.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, February 7

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

PARISH MEETINGS

Committee Meetings: Tuesday, February 2 at 6:30 p.m.
Parish Council: Tuesday, February 2 at 7:30 p.m.
Women's Prayer Group: Tuesday, February 2 at 1:30 p.m. in the conference room.
Men's Prayer Group: Thursday, February 4 at 7:00 p.m.

2ND GRADE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First Reconciliation meeting will be held Saturday, February 6 at 9:00 a.m. in the social hall. All 2nd grade students and their parents MUST attend.

FIFTH GRADE MASS

The 5th grade students of St. Peter's will do the mass ministries on Sunday, February 7 at the 10:00 a.m. mass. Please sign up on the form located in the back of the church.

ST. ALBERT CATHOLIC OPEN HOUSE

To kick off Catholic Schools Week, St. Albert Catholic is hosting an open house, today, January 31, from 1-3 p.m. Stop by to check out our facilities and meet the staff.

CHRISTIAN HUMOR

The country preacher was explain the Ten commandments the best way he knew how to his congregation of farmers and cowboys:

1. Jes' one God.
2. Put nothin' before God.
3. Watch yer mouth.
4. Git yourself to Sunday meetin'.
5. Honor yer ma and pa.
6. No killin'.
7. No foolin' around with another fella's gal.
8. Don't take what ain't yers.
9. No tellin' tales.
10. Don't be hankering' for yer buddy's stuff.

 A preacher was repairing the fence around the old country church. He noticed that a small boy had been watching him for some time. "Do you want to speak with me, son?" the pastor asked. "Oh, no," the boy replied. "I'm just waiting." "Waiting for what?" the preacher asked. "Waiting to hear what a preacher says when he hits his finger with a hammer!"

Indigestion: A falling out between the head and the stomach.

Fasting: When the table is covered with fish.

Glutton: One who digs his grave with his teeth.