

K of C Sponsors Family Mass

The annual Family Communion Breakfast, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Council 178, takes place on Sunday, March 22 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. K of C members and their families will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist, fulfilling their Lenten obligation.

Participants will meet at the Council Chamber on Thurston Road at 9:30 p.m. and march to the church for Mass together. Breakfast will begin at 11 a.m.

This year's guest speaker will be Sister Roberta Tierney, director of education for the diocese.

Reservations are requested by the K of C before March 19. Those interested in attending may contact Richard Quatro, 235-3510.

Library Hours Changed

Three branches of the Rochester Public Library have changed their hours.

Hours at the Charlotte Branch, 3615 Lake Ave., are 2 to 9 p.m. Monday and Wednesday; 9 a.m. to noon and 2 to 6 p.m. Tuesday; 2 to 6 p.m. Thursday; 2 to 5 p.m. Friday; and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.



Portrait Available

In conjunction with the International Year of the Disabled Person the Courier-Journal has available a limited number of portraits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The portraits are available to handicapped individuals or their families free of charge.

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Friday; and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Hours at the Hudson Branch, 1151 Hudson Ave., are 2 to 9 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 to 6 p.m. Thursday; 2 to 6 p.m. Friday; and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Hours at the Lincoln Branch, 585 Clifford Ave., are

10 a.m. to noon and 2 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday; and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

New hours are also in effect at the Central Library in the Rundel Memorial Building, 115 South Ave.: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday; noon to 9 p.m. Wednesday; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday.

Want to Enjoy A Week in the Sun?

Imagine dinner served for 24 people in your home by gourmet chefs... a two-hour flight anywhere... or a hot balloon ride... or being chauffeured to and from a Rochester Philharmonic concert in an antique automobile.

These are just a few of the more than 500 unique services and types of merchandise to be auctioned at McQuaid Jesuit High School's BASH, Friday and Saturday, April 3-4. BASH stands for Building a Scholastic Heritage and is the school's annual fund raising event.

Charles Hetterich, general chairman said, "All funds go to the school which receives no financial assistance from local, state, federal or diocesan sources."

Bidding will begin at 5:30 p.m. Saturday with a silent auction which will be followed by dinner. Complimentary refreshments will be available throughout the evening.

Admission is \$125 per couple. Anyone interested in receiving an invitation or willing to help, please contact Mrs. Liffa at McQuaid, 473-9058 or 473-1130.

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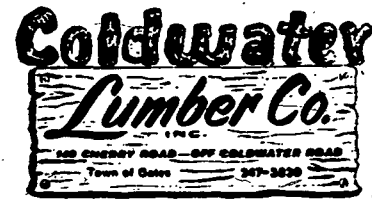
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Fr. Albert Shamon



Word for Sunday

Make your bed. Work, work, work. All I ever here around here is work. I'm tired of being everyone's slave."

With that, Sam ran out of the house — without the garbage. Deep inside, he was filled with emotions. He was sure nobody thought about how he felt. All anyone cared about in the family was using him as a slave.

Sam walked and walked, almost a mile, before he began to calm down. After all, this was pretty silly. Such an explosion over taking out a little garbage. How could he convince his mother he was sorry?

He headed home. As he walked by a drug store, he felt his allowance in his pocket — four dollars. On impulse, he walked into the store, bought a small bottle of perfume for his mother — \$5.98.

He hurried home, feeling everything would now be all right. Home, he went into the kitchen. His mother was there. Sam said, "Mom!" She wheeled about, her face showed she had been crying, but she ran and hugged Sam.

"Where have you been, Sam?" she asked. "I got so worried."

Sam offered her the bottle of perfume. He didn't say anything — he couldn't. He just hugged his mom as if to say, "I'm sorry, Mom!"

God asks so little of us, but even that little irritates us at times. Before we know what we're doing, we take off. All of us need forgiveness and reconciliation with others and with God! Lent is the best time to start.

Washed Of Sin

Sunday's Readings: (R3) Jn. 4:4-42. (R1) Ex. 17:3-7. (R2) Rom. 5:1-2,5-8.

The first week of Lent was a call to awaken to the evil around us and in us. In the second week we were urged to journey away from evil through faith. The theme of water runs through the readings of the third week of Lent. We are called to be washed of our sins by forgiveness through the Holy Spirit poured out (like water) in our hearts (R2), for we have done evil like God's people at Meriba (R1) and like one not of God's people — the Samaritan woman (R3).

Perhaps the most remarkable trait of God's love for us is its constancy. Nothing — no bad behavior, no coldness or indifference — can diminish or alter that mighty love. However, it would be wrong to conclude from this that God is a permissive God — one who doesn't care how we behave. He does care! But should we misbehave, he stands ever ready to forgive.

In Sunday's first reading the Israelites are wandering through the desert to the Promised Land. They are thirsty. Thirst can do strange things to one. Obsessed with thirst, they forgot all the wonders God had done for

them in Egypt. They lose faith.

However, so constant is God's love. He provides water for them. Ever after, the Hebrews remembered this incident as a time of testing. Tested were both Israel's faith and God's constant love. Israel failed, but God failed not!

Jesus' life was filled with forgiveness and reconciliation. In the gospel Jesus met the Samaritan woman. Again, the central topic was water. Jesus promised living water that would spring up inside her and refresh her inner thirsts. She had every need to be forgiven. She belonged to a hated, heretical sect and her personal life was in total disarray. With exquisite kindness, Jesus reached out to her and reconciled her to the Father. Jesus said worshippers need no longer rely on special times and places for God's reconciliation. It reaches out, like the rain itself, to all people everywhere.

Sometimes we are so much like the petulant children in our relation to God. Sam was a 14-year-old boy. One evening Sam's mother asked him to take out the garbage. It wasn't asking much; but even to this day, Sam didn't know why he acted the way he did.

"Take out the garbage," he mimicked his mother. "Take out the garbage."

A Time To Celebrate Your Good Marriage

The Marriage Encounter Weekend

A time to share
What's a Marriage Encounter weekend all about? Basically, it's a 44-hour experience (Friday evening to Sunday afternoon) designed to give married couples the opportunity to celebrate their lives together. It's a time to share feelings, hopes, joys, frustrations and dreams. In a private atmosphere — away from all the tensions and distractions of everyday life.

A time to look at ourselves
What happens at a Marriage Encounter? A series of talks are given by a team of trained couples and a priest. Each talk gives a husband and wife an opportunity to look at

themselves as individuals. Then they examine their relationship together, and how to build on the love they already have.

A time for us to be alone
There is no group discussion. On a Marriage Encounter, you concentrate on your spouse to such an extent that you're hardly aware of the other couples present. The presentations are given to the group as a whole. After each presentation the husband and wife have time in the privacy of their own room for their own personal sharing. Marriage Encounter is not a marriage clinic, a sensitivity session, or a retreat. It's unlike anything you may have heard about or experienced before.

A marriage encounter weekend is not something you need — It's something you deserve.
Up-coming weekends:
March 13-15; 27-29;
April 10-12;
May 1-3; 15-17
A \$15. registration fee is required to insure reservations. Couples are asked to make a contribution on the weekend. However, we do not want money to be the reason for any couple staying away from the Encounter. An anonymous blank envelope contribution is asked for on the weekend, and more details given then.

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