

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### Spring Raffle

**Deadline to turn in the tickets is April 23.** Drawing will be held April 24. You may turn in your tickets and money anytime before then. Additional tickets are in the back of church. **Please do not cut or separate the tickets.** Must be 21 years of age to participate. If purchasing the entire page please print your name, address and phone number on each ticket

#### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts. (Jeremiah 31:31-34).

**Psalm** — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51).

**Second Reading** — Christ became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him (Hebrews 5:7-9).

**Gospel** — Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be (John 12:20-33).

#### OUR RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

##### MARCH 25 & 26

#### Saturday, March 25 — 4pm Mass

Attendance	185
Number of Sunday offering envelopes received --	94
Offering from envelopes	\$ 2,200
Loose Offering	\$ 156
Total Offering	\$ 2,356

#### Sunday, March 26 — 9am Mass

Attendance	235
Number of Sunday offering envelopes received --	75
Offering from envelopes	\$ 1,755
Loose Offering	\$ 397
Total Offering	\$ 2,152

#### Sunday, March 26 — 11am Mass

Attendance	455
Number of Sunday offering envelopes received --	30
Offering from envelopes	\$ 279
Loose Offering	\$ 650
Total Offering	\$ 929

**Offerings received via U.S. Mail** \$ 475

**Total Offering from all three Masses** \$ 5,437

**Grand Total Sunday Offering** \$ 5,912

**Amount Needed Each Weekend** \$ 8,500

**(Deficit)** \$(2,588)

**Roof Replacement** \$ 0

**Roof to Date** \$34,626

**Roof Expenditure - Parish Hall 2 upper roofs** \$20,485

**Roof Expenditure - Parish Hall 2 lower roofs** \$14,750

#### STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

**Lord God**, you alone are the source of every good gift, of the vast array of our universe, and the mystery of each human life. We praise you and we thank you for your great power and your tender, faithful love.

Everything we are and everything we have is your gift, and after having created us you have given us into the keeping of Your Son, **Jesus Christ**.

Fill our minds with His truth and our hearts with His love, that in His spirit we may be bonded together into a community of faith, a parish family, a caring people.

In the name and Spirit of Jesus, we commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, to share our time, our talent, our material gifts as an outward sign *of the Treasure we hold in Jesus.* **Amen**

#### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — El Señor hará una nueva alianza con la casa de Israel. (Jeremías 31:31-34)

**Salmo** — Oh Dios, crea en mí un corazón puro (Salmo 51 (50)).

**Segunda lectura** — Cristo aprendió obediencia, y los que ahora le obedecen encuentran en él la salvación eterna (Hebreos 5:7-9).

**Evangelio** — Si el grano de trigo cae en tierra y muere, da mucho fruto (Juan 12:20-33).

#### LA NUEVA ALIANZA

Cuando el profeta Jeremías creó el término “nueva alianza” hacía algo muy radical. Para el pueblo judío, sólo había una alianza, la que el Señor Dios había hecho con Israel por medio de Moisés en el Monte Sinaí. Cuando Jeremías dice que de alguna manera Dios va a reemplazar la antigua alianza con una nueva, seguro que sus oyentes pensaban que era algo muy atrevido. De ese modo Jeremías es un predecesor de Jesús, quien, en el Evangelio de Juan se presenta siempre como alguien que reemplaza el pasado, estableciendo el Reino de Dios de una manera nueva. Y en el pasaje del Evangelio de hoy, Jesús, “la nueva alianza” habla con el lenguaje del “nuevo mandamiento” de amor cuando menciona el grano de trigo que muere y nuestra propia muerte al egoísmo para poder resucitar con Cristo. Al finalizar la Cuaresma y al prepararnos a entrar en la Semana Santa, el grano de trigo que muere es un símbolo excelente del tipo de muerte y autosacrificio al que los discípulos están llamados, un símbolo de esa nueva alianza escrita en lo más profundo de nuestro corazón. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

#### RETIRO DE LAS QUINCEAÑERAS

El misnisterio de las Quinceañeras vana registrar jovencitas el **Domingo, 2 de Abril a las 12pm del medio dia a las salida de la iglesia.** Jovencitas que van a celebrar sus 15 años durante los meses de Junio y Julio de este año tienen que registrarse para este retiro. **Si tiene alguna pregunta** sobre los retiros de Quinceañeras por favor de llamar a Monica Garcia al 1-847-414-9982.

#### HOLBROOK COUNSELING CENTER

Women are invited to join the new Women’s Issues Support Group starting at Catholic Charities’ Holbrook Counseling Center in Mundelein. Open to women of all ages, the group will discuss a variety of topics relevant to today’s women, such as common stresses on women, changes in women’s roles, differences between the generations, and women as caretakers. The group’s goal is to provide a place of comfort and support where solutions to everyday problems can be found. The group starts on Monday, April 3 and meets from 3:30-5pm every Monday. The fee is \$10 per session. Interested women should call Shirley Levis, Ph.D, at 1-847-566-5168.

#### THANK YOU

Thank you to all who helped make the fish fries a success. Thanks to all who worked, baked, served, sold tickets, cleaned up afterwards, and bought tickets to support the dinners and shared your company with us. We want you to know how much you are appreciated. The net profit for the two events and the 50/50 raffles was \$1,258.