



Saint Joseph Catholic Faith Community

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Dear _____ :

What are you doing on November 27th? That's the first Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the Church's liturgical year of grace and the official date for the implementation of the new Roman Missal. For you, that's Thanksgiving weekend, hunting season, and family travel time. In Wisconsin, that could also mean a major snowstorm, and thus not the best time to make changes to the way we pray at mass. These changes afford us the opportunity to refocus on the words we use at mass, a time for refreshment, and a renewed impulse to pray and sing as a community of believers.

Introducing and explaining these changes now allows us to use repetition to gradually make us more comfortable with the changes. During March, we started using the new translation of the Nicene Creed which is a fourth century statement of belief to assert the Divinity of Christ. Arius denied that Jesus is the Son of God, and that's why the Creed contains so many phrases about Jesus being equal to God the Father and the Holy Spirit. Formerly, we used the phrase "one in Being with the Father" and now "consubstantial" with the Father. This new word is closer to the original Latin text. Both phrases try to express what is beyond comprehension, the mystery of the Holy Trinity. "Consubstantial" just means one in identity with the Father and the Holy Spirit. All that they are, so too is Jesus.

A second new word is "incarnate" meaning literally "in the flesh", the Son of God being one with us in our humanity, one like us in all things but sin. The last major change is "We believe" becomes "I believe". No longer can an individual hide behind the easier to say "We". Now every person has to stand tall in owning his or her faith in which each individual "I" becomes the corporate "We".

We have pew cards now in church with all the changes in red and the familiar words in black. In no time these changes will be second nature to us, and we won't even remember the year they happened. Next month we'll focus on the dialogue parts between the priest and the congregation. Keep praying.

There is one more issue I need to share with you. In December I sent information to all our parishioners regarding funds needed to repair the main heating and air conditioning units that supply conditioned air to the Church, Day Chapel, Parish Hall and meeting rooms. At a recent Parish Council and Finance Committee meeting they agreed to have all the needed repairs done which will cost approximately \$36,000. We estimate that the yearly savings to the parish will be approximately \$6000 in gas and electric. These needed repairs will be paid through a savings account of the parish, and we hope to repay this account through donations from parishioners. We are going to have a special second collection on Easter Sunday for the needed repairs. If you would like to make a donation now please use the line item on the tear-off of this newsletter, and if you would like more detail information regarding the repairs please contact the parish office at 662-2832 or email us at parish@stjoesbb.com.

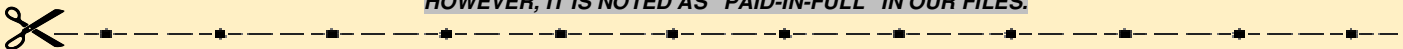
In His Name,

Father Dick Robinson

YOUR "PASS ON THE FAITH TOGETHER" PLEDGE IS \$ _____

As of February 28, 2011, your year-to-date contribution for Stewardship is \$ _____ and your Pass On the Faith Together is \$ _____

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April, 2011 Contribution

Family # _____

My/Our Contribution for April, 2011 is: \$ _____

Pass on the Faith Together Campaign: \$ _____

Operation Rice Bowl: \$ _____

Human Concerns: \$ _____

St. Vincent de Paul: \$ _____

Easter Offering: \$ _____

Holy Land Offering: \$ _____

HVAC Collection: \$ _____

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