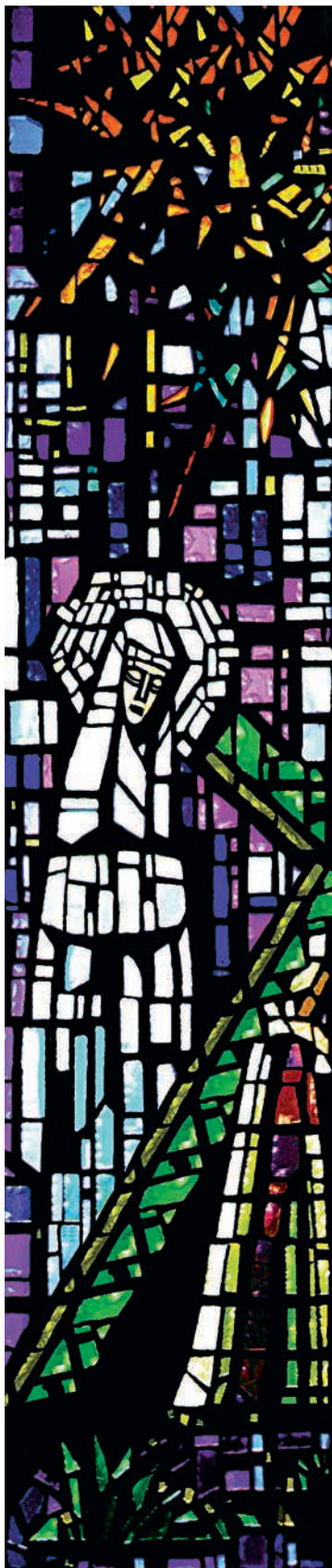


Our Lady of Sorrows

farmington, michigan



CHRIST MEETS HIS MOTHER CARRYING HIS CROSS ON THE WAY TO CALVARY

MISSION STATEMENT

OUR LADY OF SORROWS IS A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE COME TOGETHER UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO GIVE WITNESS TO JESUS CHRIST. OUR MISSION IS TO CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST, TO PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS, TO ENCOURAGE STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE, AND TO GROW IN FAITH, JUSTICE, LOVE AND SERVICE TO OTHERS.

NOTES . . . FROM THE PASTOR

march 2, 2008

This Lenten season, like most of life, seems to be flying by as we celebrate this Fourth Sunday of Lent. This joyful season when we are presented with so many images in the Gospel according to Matthew and now John, we are reminded of God's mercy and love.

The Gospel of the first Sunday of Lent was Jesus being tempted in the desert but did not sin; the second Sunday was the story of the Transfiguration where Jesus was transfigured in His glory; and the third Sunday was the story of the woman at the well, how Jesus satisfies our thirst for eternal life. Today's Gospel reminds us just as Jesus cures the man born blind so too are we brought from darkness into light. Such powerful images of God who continues to call us back, to awaken our hearts and to renew the Spirit of the Lord that is within each of us.

This past Wednesday we brought to a close our Parish Mission entitled "Awaken Our Hearts." Mr. Vince Ambrosetti, who directed the mission, presented to us images of God who loves us so deeply. A God who searches for us when we are lost and carries us home; a God who heals our brokenness and makes us whole. A God who offers us the Son of God in the Eucharist for the forgiveness of our sins, a God who has destroyed death and restored life – a God of blessings.

The Parish Mission was a "timeout" from the busyness of our lives; a pause in our spiritual journey that renewed our community of faith with the precious gift of God's love through Word and song. The call to let go of those heavy burdens that weigh us down and to lay them at the foot of the cross is a call to freedom from our burdens – to let go and let God bring healing in our lives.

I am grateful to so many of you who volunteered to serve in whatever capacity for the parish mission – as well as those of you

came to the mission. I am especially thankful to our pastoral staff that assisted with the planning and executing of the parish mission.

Let us continue the journey towards Easter and ask the risen Lord to continue to awaken our hearts with His Spirit of mercy and love.

Lenten Fish Fry – This Friday, March 7th, we will have a Lenten Fish Fry in our school cafeteria from 4:30 – 7:30 pm. Come and bring your families and friends. Please refer to page 7 of the bulletin for further information.

Annual School Auction – We are in need of items for this year's auction. The PTG who sponsors the auction works very hard throughout the year to support and enhance educational tools in the school. If you are able to offer an item to be auctioned off, please contact Carolyn Russo, this year's chairperson – thank you for your assistance.

Peace,
Fr. Mark Brauer



PANCAKE BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY!

**BREAKFAST WILL BE
SERVED CONTINUOUSLY**

From 8:30 am to 1:00 pm
and includes

ALL YOU CAN EAT:

Sausage, pancakes, fruit slices, applesauce,
juice and coffee.

**New this year: Eggs,
Sausage Gravy and Buttermilk Biscuits!**

Minimum Donation:

\$17.00 per immediate family
\$6.00 per person, \$4.00 for seniors and
children under 10