

# 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

—February 14, 2010 A.D.

## *Saint John Eudes and the Formation of the Diocesan Clergy* Benedict XVI

St. John Eudes was a tireless apostle of the devotion to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary who lived in France in the 17th century.... It was the time of the Thirty Years' War, which devastated not only a large part of Central Europe but also souls....

In the context of the Year for Priests, I want to dwell on the apostolic zeal of St. John Eudes, which he focused in particular on the formation of the diocesan clergy. The saints are true interpreters of Sacred Scripture. In the experience of their lives, the saints have verified the truth of the Gospel; thus they introduce us into a knowledge and understanding of the Gospel. In 1563 the Council of Trent issued norms for the establishment of diocesan seminaries and for the formation of priests, since the Council was well aware that the whole crisis of the Reformation was also conditioned by the inadequate formation of priests who were not properly prepared for the priesthood either intellectually or spiritually, in their hearts or in their minds. This was in 1563; but since the application and realization of the norms was delayed both in Germany and in France, St. John Eudes saw the consequences of this omission. Prompted by a lucid awareness of the grave need for spiritual assistance in which souls lay because of the inadequacy of the majority of the clergy, the Saint, who was a parish priest, founded a congregation specifically dedicated to the formation of priests.... The path of holiness, which he took himself and proposed to his followers, was founded on steadfast trust in the love that God had revealed to humanity in the priestly Heart of Christ and in the maternal Heart of Mary. In those times of cruelty, of the loss of interiority, he turned to the heart to speak to the heart.... He wanted to recall people, men and women and especially future priests, to the heart by showing them the priestly Heart of Christ and the motherly Heart of Mary. Every priest must be a witness and an apostle of this love for Christ's Heart and Mary's Heart. And here we come to our own time.

Today too people feel in need of priests who witness to God's infinite mercy with a life totally "conquered" by Christ and who learn to do this in the years of their seminary training.... [The] true starting point for an authentic reform of the life and apostolate of priests ... [lies in] the foundations laid in seminary formation,... [where one] "learns Christ", letting oneself be gradually configured to him, the one and only High Priest and Good Shepherd. The seminary period should therefore be seen as the actualization of the moment when the Lord Jesus, after calling the Apostles and before sending them out to preach, asks them to be with him (cf. Mk 3:14).... In being with him always, they really proclaim Christ and bring the reality of the Gospel to the world.

During this Year for Priests I ask you to pray for priests and for all those who are preparing to receive the extraordinary gift of the ministerial priesthood.... I conclude [with] the exhortation of St. John Eudes to priests: "Give yourselves to Jesus in order to enter the immensity of his great Heart, which contains the Heart of his Holy Mother and the hearts of all the Saints, and lose yourselves in this abyss of love, charity, mercy, humility, purity, patience, submission and holiness" (*Coeur admirable*, III, 2).

*General Audience, Wednesday, August 19, 2009*

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

All children of the parish are invited to participate in Children's Lenten Liturgies on the Sundays of Lent at the 9 a.m. Mass starting Sun., Feb. 21.

### ASHES TO ASHES

We will be making ashes out of old, blessed palms on Tues., Feb. 16, after the 9 a.m. Mass. Please join us and bring your old palms.

### CHURCH DECORATION

Please come and help decorate the church for Lent on Tues., Feb. 16, after the 9 a.m. Mass.

### ST. PATRICK'S DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

Get your tickets for \$15 for dinner on Sat., Mar. 13, at the Vets' Hall at 5:30 p.m. Please call Kay at 772-4653 to make a donation to the Silent Auction.

### CRAFT FELLOWSHIP

Everyone is welcome to bring a craft or hobby on Sun., Feb. 21, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

### OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be close on Mon., Feb. 15, in observance of Presidents' Day.

### BISHOP'S ANNUAL MINISTRIES APPEAL

We are grateful for the good response and look forward to meeting our goal soon.

### TRIP TO LAUGHLIN

Sign up soon for a trip to Laughlin, NV, on May 3-6. Tour Includes: deluxe transportation on a new motorcoach, 3 nights lodging at Riverside Resort & Casino, 2 breakfasts & 1 choice buffet. Single, double, & triple occupancy rates at \$210, \$189, & \$179 per person. \$50 deposit will hold your place. Final payment due by Mar. 22. For more info., please call the office at 995-3243.

Next Sunday's readings:  
Deuteronomy 26:4-10, Psalm 91:1-15,  
Romans 10:8-13, Luke 4:1-13.

## Lenten Schedule

### Ash Wednesday

Day of fast and abstinence.

Mass at 9 a.m.

(At St. Timothy's at 8 a.m. & 7 p.m.)

### Morning Prayer with Mass

Tuesdays of Lent at 9 a.m.

### Stations of the Cross

followed by

### Soup Supper

Fridays of Lent at 4:30 p.m.

### Lenten Adoration:

Thurs., Feb. 18 & Mar. 18.

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Let us Pray For the Sick:** May our prayers be a comfort to those who are sick or chronically ill: Marjorie Danielson, Vincent LoBianco, Don Fontaine, Oscar & Kate Linscott, Bill Coyle, Jack Sable, Dennis Domaille, Gloria Aulbach, Evelyn Menn, Jeanne Lowe, Bill, Danny & Kelly Wade; Jim Greene Sr. & Jr., Mayre Marcollo, Denise Clark, Amelia Casaletti, Onnie Midiri, Jill Kelly, Don Monson, Margaret Jung, Tricia Scot, Joseph Henderson, Mark Sigmund, Jenna Franklin, Jennifer Pasa, Katy Wilson, Benjamin Kafman, Jim James, Shalom Tinsley White, Kelly Pittner, Elizabeth English Porter, Maria Howe, Jacqueline Durazo, Bobbie Planansky, Richard Lyons, Barbara Gray, Jack McGilvray, Larry Stayton, John Dias, & Jim Sohler.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE (Feb. 20-21)

### 3rd Saturday & Sunday

Sat. 5 pm: Lector: Cindy Mazzacane

EMs: B. Mazzacane, E. Sigmund, J. Edwards

Ushers: Ron Rindge, Frank Hlavaty

Server: Red Harris

Cantor: \_\_\_\_\_

Sun. 9 am: Lector: Evie Pellaton

EMs: Ski Planansky, Anita Ayoob, Stan Piwowarski

Ushers: Sallee Detomaso, Arlene Dellfous

Servers: Sam Ayoob, Quinnten Thomas

Cantor: \_\_\_\_\_

Hospitality: Tim & Teresa Woodman

Sun. 11 am: Lector: Glen Bennett

EMs: A. Piotrowski, E. Sigmund, S. DeCicco

Ushers: Annette Nehls, Dustin Blashaw

Server: Walter Terrio

Music: Terry & Judy Ann Cross

Hospitality: Irene Sigmund

## MASS INTENTIONS (Feb. 13-21)

Sat. 5 †Innes MacKenzie

Sun. 9 St. Joseph's Parishioners

Sun. 11 †Jimmie Cross by the Starkenburgs

Mon. Joe & Joyan Svancara

Tues. †Mike & Miriam Hull by Sandy & Helen Hull

Ash Wed. †Deceased parishioners of St. Joseph's

Thurs. Sonia DeCicco

Fri. Agnes & Bill Wade by the Svancaros

Sat. 5 Millie Faherty

Sun. 9 St. Joseph's Parishioners

Sun. 11 The living & deceased members of St. Joseph's Women's Society

While every effort will be made to offer Mass for your special intention on the requested date, please understand that circumstances occasionally make this impossible.

Mass Intention Envelopes are available in the church.

For further information call Mary at 995-aaaa.