

TO: The Parish Council  
FROM: The SSPP Cluster Team  
DATE: November 6, 1993

We met today with the cluster team from St. Francis of Assisi. Both teams are agreed that the cluster planning process involving 7 west-side churches has bogged down. The majority of churches seem unable to make any headway in selecting cluster partners. As a way out of this impasse and in keeping with our strong feelings that we need to move ahead with the good work already accomplished by our two teams, we drafted a proposal today.


We would like very much to send this proposal to the other five churches in the planning process in advance of the meeting scheduled for next Saturday, Nov. 13. Can you, as a Council member, lend your support to this proposal:

**BECAUSE OF OUR SHARED VISION WITH REGARD TO MISSION AND HAVING COVENANTED AND WORKED TOGETHER SINCE THE DAYS OF THE PRT, WE, St. Francis of Assisi and Ss. Peter and Paul, FORMALLY DECLARE OUR DESIRE TO CLUSTER WITH EACH OTHER ACCORDING TO THE CALL OF THE DIOCESE ISSUED JUNE 20, 1993. WE NEED TO MOVE AHEAD IN THE CLUSTERING PROCESS.**

**The Cluster Teams of St. Francis of Assisi and Ss. Peter and Paul.**

I support the proposal

I do not support the proposal

  
(Name)



## FAST AND ABSTINENCE

1. All Catholics 14 years and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent and on Good Friday.
2. All Catholics who are at least 18 years old but not yet 59 may take only one full meal (fast) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Two smaller meals are permitted only if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.
3. Personal disciplines of fasting – not eating between meals for example – or of abstaining – refraining from eating favorite or luxurious foods – is encouraged during Lent.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

“The season of Lent is most appropriate for celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation... It is therefore fitting to have several penitential celebrations during Lent, so that all the faithful may have the opportunity to be reconciled with God and their neighbor and so be able to celebrate the paschal mystery in the Easter Triduum with renewed hearts.”

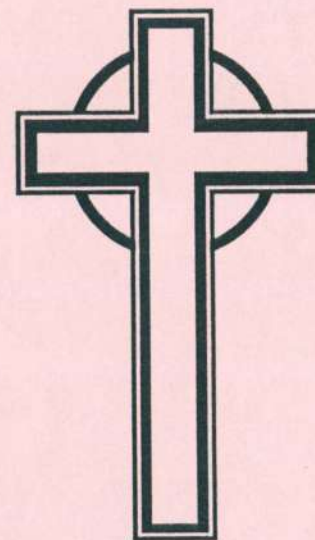
– RITE OF PENANCE,  
Sacred Congregation for  
Divine Worship No. 13

We will offer several different opportunities for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Individual confession: Saturdays, 3-4 p.m. at SFA  
Communal Penance Service with General Absolution:  
Thursday, March 29, 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi

Individual Confession by appointment is always welcome. Please do not hesitate to contact Father David for an appointment.

# Lent 1996



The Cluster of  
St. Francis of Assisi  
and Ss Peter and Paul



*The forty days of Lent, which begin this year on Sunday, February 25th, prepare the Church for its annual celebration of the Paschal Triduum. In these days, we renew our baptismal commitment, lament the woes of our world, and pray for continuing conversion. We pray, fast, give alms and do penance together – so that together we can enter into the death and the resurrection of Jesus.*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### February 21: ASH WEDNESDAY

Eucharist at:

8:00 a.m. at St. Francis of Assisi in English

6:30 p.m. in St. Peter's Kitchen in English and Spanish, 681 Brown Street

We will bless and distribute ashes during these Masses in response to the call to a change of heart proclaimed in God's Word. The evening Mass will be followed by a soup supper. Please bring cooked rice, pasta or vegetables for our community soup kettle.

### March 15-16: LENTEN RETREAT

Co-sponsored and co-presented by the people of Holy Family, St. Francis of Assisi and Ss. Peter and Paul at Holy Family Convent

### March 29: COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

7:00 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi

### WEDNESDAYS IN LENT at St. Francis of Assisi

Noon Stations of the Cross

12:30 p.m. "Living Catholic in Today's World"

*Six adult education units prepared for use throughout the Diocese of Rochester in response to Synod Goal #1: Lifelong Faith Formation*

Feb. 21	The Heart Opening to Prayer
Feb. 28	Reading Scripture
Mar. 6	Ethical Practices in the Workplace
Mar. 13	Making Moral Decisions
Mar. 20	Marriage and Divorce
Mar. 27	Living a Spiritual Life

Study materials for each unit will be available in both churches on the preceding Sunday.

- Note:**
1. On February 21, the noon service will also include blessing and distribution of ashes.
  2. A meal of soup and bread will be available in the rectory each week.

### THURSDAYS IN LENT: Worship and Study at SSPP

7:00 p.m. Eucharist

8:00 p.m. Living Catholic in Today's World  
(see "Wednesdays in Lent")

### FRIDAYS IN LENT: Spanish Bible Study

7:00 p.m. in SFA rectory, beginning February 23

**PLEASE NOTE** that our regular daily mass schedule continues during Lent.

### April 4-6: THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

April 4: **Mass of the Lord's Supper**

7:00 p.m. in English and Spanish at SSPP

April 5: **The Passion of the Lord**

3:00 p.m. in English at St. Francis of Assisi

4:30 p.m. in Spanish at St. Francis of Assisi

7:00 p.m. in English at Ss Peter and Paul

April 6: **The Easter Vigil**

8:00 p.m. in English at Ss Peter and Paul

We will follow our regular Sunday Mass schedule on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. The vigil Mass for Palm Sunday will be celebrated at St. Francis of Assisi at 4:30 p.m. with blessing of palms and procession. Please note, there is no 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, April 6.