



# RCIC/RCIT Newsletter

St. Frances Cabrini Parish

February 21, 2010

## ***Important News & Reminders!***

**Rites of Sending and Election**—These rites are scheduled for **Sunday, February 28th**. Now is the time to start praying and thinking about whether you are ready to become a member of the church. Plan on arriving at 10:45am, for 11:15am Mass at Cabrini. Plan on meeting at the Cathedral, at 3:45pm, for 4:30pm Mass. Parking and seating will be tight. This is **only** for those coming into the church.

**Rites of Sending and Election Sponsor Practice**—Sunday morning, February 28th, sponsors will have a practice for the Rite of Sending and Rite of Election. Please make every effort to arrive by 10:45 a.m.

**Confirmation Names** — While a saint's name is not required to be confirmed in the Catholic Church, most people (candidates and catechumens only) choose a saint that they admire or strive to be like. Your choice must be turned in by **March 21st**.

**Make-up Session**—For those that missed the January 17th class on the Eucharist and Confirmation, there is a make-up session next Sunday, February 28th, from 9am-10:45am, in the basement of the Community House.

**Attendance is Key** —In this process, attendance is very important. We only meet once a month and it is so important for your child to be at the RCIC/RCIT sessions. We ask that you make this process a priority in your child's schedule. **At least one parent is required to attend every RCIC session with their child.** RCIT participants need not have a parent in attendance.

**Lenten Fish Fry Dinner & Stations of the Cross**—The Knights of Columbus will be serving a Fish Fry Dinner during Lent, each Friday, through March 26th, from 5pm-7pm. Also, at 7pm, each Friday during Lent, please join the parish community in the church for Stations of the Cross.

## ***1st Communion Only***

For those children preparing for 1st Communion only, please mark your calendars with the following dates:

### **March 10th at 7pm:**

- Only those already baptized (**Candidates & First Communion Only**) will make their First Reconciliation.. Check other churches in the area for their Reconciliation schedule if this time is not convenient.

### **Saturday, March 13th:**

- 1st Communion Retreat from 1pm-4pm.

### **Saturday, May 1st:**

- 1st Communion celebration at 1:00 p.m.



## **Reminder**

Scrutiny Schedule at the 11:15am Mass:

- March 7th—Scrutiny #1
- March 14th—Scrutiny #2
- March 21st—Scrutiny #3



**St. Martha**  
**Feast Day: July 29th**

One of the most precious things in life is to have a home where you can go at any time and find people who accept, love, and understand you. Jesus found such a home in Bethany, at the house of a woman named Martha. She welcomed him and served him, and they developed a special bond of friendship.

Martha lived with her sister Mary. Like many other pairs of sisters, these two women were different in personality. Martha was energetic and outspoken, while Mary was quiet and reflective. Jesus loved both of them and appreciated the gifts that each one had.

The Gospel of Luke records that once, when Jesus was visiting, Martha prepared the meal while Mary sat talking to their visitor. Martha complained that Jesus should tell Mary to help her. Jesus said that because Martha was worrying so much about the work, she did not have time to enjoy being with him and listening to his words.

Another time recorded in John's Gospel, the sisters sent a message to Jesus that their brother, Lazarus, was ill. They knew Jesus would come and cure him; they trusted in his loving care for them. When Jesus finally came, Lazarus had already been dead for four days. As soon as she heard that Jesus was nearby, Martha, a woman of action, went out to meet him, while Mary stayed in the house. In her grief, Martha told Jesus honestly what she had expected from him. Jesus asked her to believe that he was the resurrection and that he had power to give eternal life to all who believe in him. Without really understanding this mystery, Martha trusted Jesus totally and said, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world" (John 11:27). That day Jesus raised her brother Lazarus from the dead, showing that he has power over life and death and power to give eternal life.

The home Jesus found in Bethany was not only in the house but in the faithful heart of a woman named Martha.

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Lord God,  
you who breathed the spirit of life within me.  
Draw out of me the light and life you created.  
Help me to find my way back to you.  
Help me to use my life to reflect your glory  
and to serve others  
as your son Jesus did.

May the Lord bless us,  
protect us from all evil  
and bring us to everlasting life.  
Amen.

***In Brief:***

- ***Next Session: Sunday, March 21st***— From 8:30am—11am, our topic will be: "Mary and the Saints". We will attend 11:15am Mass with dismissal to break open the Word. *Please let Sherwood and/or Kristen know if you will not be able to attend.*
- If you are already baptized, we need your baptism certificate now.
- Let us know your prayer requests!

