

Music Ministry: *Reminder – K-6 choir will be practicing after 10:00 Mass*

Children of Postville

We are collecting canned or boxed foods and toys for the children in Postville. It hardly needs to be said that whoever may be right or wrong in the immigration debate, the children of Postville are simply the victims. And they live in Iowa, and are someone we can help. 100% of donations delivered to 120 West Jefferson Street, Winterset, Iowa, will arrive in Postville. Checks can be given to Mike Montross, left at Montross Pharmacy, or given to Exchange State Bank. All checks should be made to *Toys for Postville*.

Looking for donations of personal items for women who are discharged from prison. Church Women United has set up a ministry at Mitchellville prison. We are looking for donations of the following items to help women being discharged from prison who have no resources or support: Shampoo, conditioner, comb and brush, mirror, tweezers, soap (bar and liquid), hand and bath towels, lotion, deodorant, pocket calendar, phone card, wallet/small purse, wrist watch, underwear, or any other personal items you think a women would need. Please place your donations in the box in the back of the church. They will be delivered at the January 30th Church Women United meeting.

M.3.M Event (Martyrs of the Third Millennium)

Date: Sunday, December 21, 2008

Time: 7:30-9:00pm (Socializing Afterwards)

Topic: Detachment in the Season of Advent

Age Group: 18-30

John Paul II when asked why he began World Youth Day said, "I come to greet the Martyrs of the Third Millennium." M.3.M. is an evening of *adoration, prayer, music and words of inspiration*. Giving the Young Adults of Iowa the tools they need to dive into a Life of Prayer.

"Warm the Hands, Warm the Hearts"

We are inviting you to help decorate our Christmas tree in the Saint Joseph's Parish Hall with mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, and socks. Winters in Iowa are cold, wet, and windy. We hope the warm items we gather on our tree will help to keep hands, feet, and hearts warm, cozy, and comfortable this holiday season.

All shapes and sizes from children to adults will be distributed within our community to those in need and will also be greatly appreciated. Please look for our tree from the weekend following Thanksgiving through Epiphany. Thank you for your thoughtful donations.