

February 7, 1971

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Palmer, Alaska Telephone: 745-3229

Father James A. O'Carroll, C.S.Sp., Pastor
TODAY IS THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY (the Fifth Week of the Church Year).

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE: PALMER: 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
WASILLA: 8:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church

CCD CLASSES: PALMER---Immediately following 10 a.m. Mass on Sundays.
WASILLA---EVERY SATURDAY AT 2 p.m. beginning this Saturday, February 13.

CONFESSIONS: SUNDAYS BEFORE ALL MASSES.

THE COLLECTION FOLLOWING THE COMMUNION OF THE MASS EACH SUNDAY IS FOR THE BUILDING FUND.

STARTING THIS WEEK, THE ROSARY WILL BE SAID EACH WEEKDAY EVENING AT 6:00 p.m. IN THE PALMER CHURCH, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

THE BLESSING OF THROATS (usually done on the Feast of St. Blaise, February 3) will be given after all Masses today. This blessing may be received by everyone.

WE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM FATHER O'CARROLL THIS PAST WEEK. His fellow countrymen are probably crediting him for their recent cold spell of temperatures down to 30 (above), but we are happy to report the country is still everywhere green. He asks that all the people be thanked for their letters, but if the mail seems slow from Ireland to Alaska it is because "...when the English postal crowd went on strike they asked the Irish postal authorities to help so I went on a one man sympathetic mail strike too!!!!" Father O'Carroll also mentions phone strikes, mail strikes, airline strikes, etc.... He is leaving Ireland this week Friday (voluntarily, as far as we know) and will arrive in Alaska that evening.

FAITH IS A GIFT, AND PRAYER IS PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL THE WAYS OF SEEKING A DEEPER faith from God. All through the life of faith one must resort constantly to prayer because faith is not simply a gift which we receive once for all in our first act of belief. And yet, in spite of our working to acquire it, every new development of faith remains a pure gift of God. Prayer is therefore the very heart of the life of faith. When we read that faith can move mountains, we must not interpret the symbolic language in an exclusively literal sense, as if it meant that prayer were a wonderful means of accomplishing physically difficult or impossible tasks. This is the kind of inanity that athiests come up with, after they have moved a hill with a bulldozer, or after a Russian astronaut has returned to Earth without having seen angels. Faith does indeed deal with impossibilities; but it is not intended as a substitute for mere physical power, or medicine, or study, or human investigation.

When Christ taught His hearers that they must have faith, He did not intend that they should merely use it to change the landscape. He was telling men their faith should be of a kind that was not daunted by any obstacle or any apparent impossibility. The lesson was directed to the qualities of faith, not to the nature of the task to be done. The task did not matter, because anything that was necessary for salvation would be granted by God in an answer to prayer.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ALETHEA SCHEIBL WHO HAS BEEN IN THE PALMER HOSPITAL THIS PAST week but hopes to return home tomorrow.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JIM AND CATHY VICKARYOUS ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR NEW SON. Brian Keith and his mother plan to return home from Providence Hospital today.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK: MONDAY, 8:00 p.m., ALTAR SOCIETY REGULAR MEETING, Rectory Basement Lounge
MONDAY, 3:30 p.m., ACOLYTE TRAINING CLASS in the Palmer Church
TUESDAY, 7:30 p.m., CHOIR REHEARSAL in the Palmer Church. (Reminder:
Only eight practices remain in which to prepare the special music for Holy Week and Easter.)

CARD PARTY...THIS EVENING IN THE RECTORY BASEMENT LOUNGE...AND TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR every Sunday evening...7:30 to 10:00 p.m....featuring progressive Pinochle and Bridge... other card games also welcome. Table prizes, door prize, coffee and homemade cake.... donation: \$1.50 per person. (These card parties are sponsored by the Altar Society and proceeds are used to help meet CCD class expenses.)

BINGO, NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, AT SACRED HEART CHURCH IN WASILLA, BEGINNING AT 2 p.m.... CASH PRIZES. (Bingo is scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, with proceeds being placed in the Wasilla Church Building Completion Fund.)

CONGRATULATIONS TO DORIS McPHERTERS (OF DOOLEY'S DINER IN KNIK) WHO WAS THE WINNER OF THE 50/50 RAFFLE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY. (\$89.50 to her, and \$89.50 to the Wasilla Church Building Completion Fund.) February 50/50 Raffle Tickets are now available.

THIS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, BARGAIN SALE SPECTACULAR...CHOICE CLOTHING AND OTHER ITEMS... from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the basement of Sulzman Hall...all items in practically new condition. (Proceeds to be placed in "SISTERS' CCD CLASSROOM PARTITIONS FUND.")

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20...IF YOU HAVEN'T RESERVED THIS DATE ON YOUR NEW PARISH CALENDAR, NOW'S THE TIME TO DO SO...THIRD ANNUAL PARISH MARDI GRAS. This year's theme is "Mardi Gras in Tampico"---featured will be a Mexican dinner (with serving starting at 6 p.m.) and dancing to the music of Larry Kincaid's band. Families invited.

COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY:
St. Michael's, Palmer...Offertory: \$241.40; Bldg Fund: \$109.25; Latin America: \$140.13
Sacred Heart, Wasilla...Offertory: 51.10; Bldg Fund: 3.00; Latin America: 34.25
(A word of special thanks to those who gave generously to last Sunday's special collection for Latin America.)

LECTORS FOR PALMER, Feb. 14: 10 a.m. - Richard Mastriano; 6 p.m. - Kenneth Soule

ACOLYTES FOR PALMER, Feb. 14: 10 a.m. - Brian Mothershead and Dean Larson
Sam Yadon and Martin Palmer

6 p.m. - Mike Pazaruski and Ed DePriest

CHANNEL 11 TV, Sundays 11:00 to 11:30 p.m.: "LOOKING AT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH"...current series is on the Sacraments, with today's program being on Confirmation.

HOT COFFEE AND FRESH DONUTS...served by CYO members following 10 a.m. Mass in Palmer on each Sunday: coffee - 10¢; donut - 10¢.

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TODAY IS THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR: THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE: PALMER: 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
WASILLA: 8:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church

CCD CLASSES: PALMER---Immediately following 10 a.m. Mass on Sundays
WASILLA---Every Saturday afternoon at 2:00 at Sacred Heart Church

DAILY MASS: 9:00 a.m. daily (except Saturday) in the Palmer Church.

CONFESSIONS: SUNDAYS BEFORE ALL MASSES.

THE COLLECTION FOLLOWING THE COMMUNION OF THE MASS EACH SUNDAY IS FOR THE BUILDING FUND.

(Note: Now that Father O'Carroll has returned to duty the usual daily Mass at 9 a.m. will resume on Monday.)

THE ANNUAL MARDI GRAS FESTIVITIES OF THE PARISH WILL TAKE PLACE THIS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, with serving of the Mexican dinner starting at 6 p.m. The All-Mexican Menu of Enchiladas, Tacos, Refried Beans, and Spanish Rice will be in the expert hands of Chairmen Juan and Nina San Miguel and their capable assistants. Donation: Adults - \$5.00; school age - \$2.50; pre-school - \$1.75; family rate - \$16.00. Jo Gladson will be entertainment chairman; live music for dancing will be provided by the Kincaid band. WATCH NORMA GOODMAN'S HOSTESS HOUSE PROGRAM ON TUESDAY, 10 A.M., CHANNEL 11, FOR A PERSONAL APPEARANCE BY OUR MARDI GRAS REPRESENTATIVES!

CONGRATULATIONS AND HAPPY TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY TO BOB AND LUCY ROBERTS ON THURSDAY, February 18. In this day when divorce is so rampant, it is a wonderful tribute to their faith in God and their love for one another to see the devotion that Bob and Lucy have towards each other. May God grant that it always continue!

WELCOME BACK TO FATHER O'CARROLL AFTER ALL THE TRIALS FROM RAIL STRIKES AND POSTAL STRIKES AND AIRPLANE STRIKES, ETC. IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK IN THE GREAT LAND!

Welcome back also...

to Terry and Chris Hollembaek, who spent a very enjoyable afternoon with Father O'Carroll in Ballybunion, County Kerry, and reminisced about Alaska;

to Buddy and Chris Woods and the boys after their vacation in California;

and to Louise Murray, and daughters Shannon and Holly, who have been lured back by the Spell of the North to re-settle again in Palmer.

RENEWED SYMPATHY TO FATHER ALLIE ON THE LOSS OF HIS TRAILER/RECTORY IN TALKEETNA. FATHER Allie returned to Alaska last week, but according to latest reports he is not allowing himself to be beaten by any adversity and is already planning a new rectory. While he's free to drop in at any time, we can't say that there's a "warm" welcome for him at St. Michael's!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO DOUG AND FLORENE CARNEY ON THE BIRTH YESTERDAY OF THEIR FIRST SON! We haven't been able to get his name yet, but the future of the House of Carney is assured.

WELCOME TO THE WINTER VISITORS FROM NEW YORK: OLD FRIENDS OF ST. MICHAEL'S, Mr. and Mrs. Lonieski (Ha-ha Hanrahan!) who are here to celebrate the arrival of their new grandson Brian Keith Patrick Vickaryous. (No doubt about his nationality!) One set of Brian Keith's grandparents have arrived in Alaska...the others are leaving! We wish a very pleasant vacation to Tony and Alys Vickaryous. They are leaving this week for Hawaii.

BINGO AT SACRED HEART PARISH TODAY BEGINNING AT 2 p.m. Cash Prizes.

CARD PARTY, 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. today in the Rectory Basement Lounge.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK: MONDAY, 7:30 p.m. - CYO meeting in Rectory Basement Lounge

MONDAY, 3:30 p.m. - Acolyte Training Class in the Palmer Church

TUESDAY, 7:30 p.m. - Choir Practice in the Palmer Church (The choir has given us excellent service over the past two years and has added tremendously to our liturgical services. We would ask you please to make a special effort to attend the choir practice meetings.)

THURSDAY, 8:00 p.m. - Parish Council Meeting in Rectory Basement Lounge

THE LADIES OF CHARITY ARE SERVING A CATERED LUNCHEON ON FRIDAY NOON IN SULZMAN HALL. THERE WILL BE A WORK PARTY THAT EVENING TO PREPARE FOOD, TO SET-UP AND DECORATE THE HALL, ETC., FOR THE MARDI GRAS ON THE FOLLOWING EVENING. HELPERS WILL BE WELCOMED.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL THOSE WHO SUFFERED AS A RESULT OF THE EARTHQUAKES IN CALIFORNIA AND IN ITALY.

TV CHANNEL 11, 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. every Sunday: LOOKING AT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. The current series is on the Sacraments; today will be "The Sacrament of the Sick."

ADVERSITY IS THE DIAMOND DUST HEAVEN POLISHES ITS JEWELS WITH. --Leighton

LECTORS FOR PALMER, Feb. 15 - 10 a.m.: Richard Mastriano; 6 p.m.: Hubert Kennedy

ACOLYTES FOR PALMER, Feb. 15 - 10 a.m.: Ron Combs and Elroy Ashmore
Ray DePriest, Jr., and Steve Taylor
6 p.m.: Ben Hermon and Jon Hermon

COLLECTIONS: Feb. 7...PALMER...Offertory - \$131.55; Building Fund - \$96.55
WASILLA...Offertory - 25.19; Building Fund - 5.00

AFTER THE INSTRUCTOR'S LECTURE ON PARACHUTE JUMPING, ONE RECRUIT ASKED NERVOUSLY,

"What happens if the chute fails to open?"

"That," the instructor replied, "is what is known as jumping to conclusions."

(--J.W. Annely, in The Reader's Digest)

HAPPY ST. VALENTINE'S DAY TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS! (For those not in the know: St. Valentine is the patron of teenagers and young lovers!)

HOT COFFEE AND FRESH DONUTS...served by CYO...Sundays following 10 a.m. Mass: Coffee - 10¢
Donut - 10¢

February 21, 1971

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TODAY IS THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE: PALMER: 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
WASILLA: 8:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church

CCD CLASSES: PALMER---Immediately following 10 a.m. Mass on Sundays.
WASILLA---The next CCD Class in Wasilla will be on Saturday, February 27,
at 2 p.m., and on every alternate Saturday after that.

DAILY MASS: 9:00 a.m. daily (except Saturday) in the Palmer Church. (No Mass this Wednesday morning.)

CONFESSIONS: SUNDAYS BEFORE ALL MASSES.

THE COLLECTION FOLLOWING THE COMMUNION OF THE MASS EACH SUNDAY IS FOR THE BUILDING FUND.

THE SPECIAL COLLECTION IN AID OF THE NEGRO AND INDIAN MISSIONS WILL BE TAKEN UP AT MASS NEXT SUNDAY.

WEDNESDAY OF THIS WEEK IS ASH WEDNESDAY AND IS THE BEGINNING OF LENT. THE ASHES BLESSED AT MASS ON WEDNESDAY are made from the palms of the previous Palm Sunday, and they symbolize the transience of earthly things. Their reception on the forehead is a sign of penance as the priest reminds all of us that we shall one day return to dust.

Lent is traditionally a time of penance and repentance. Some people seem to think today that in the light of Vatican Council II and modern theology that these words have an unhealthy or even medieval ring. However, anybody who really thinks can see that human nature does not change essentially in a couple of decades, and that we always have to fight against the selfishness and pride that exists within us. It is here that penance is not only useful but essential. This may sound negative, but it is an essential step on our road to God. And the Gospel message is still quite clear today: We must die to self if we wish to live to Christ.

It would be childish to approach Lent in a spirit of gloom and melancholy. The word "Lent" itself comes from the Old English word meaning springtime, so we should face it in a spirit of joy like another springtime in our relationship with God. There is not gloom in that sacrifice which is so essential a part of true love. HE LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR US.

One form of external mortification, although in a much more modified way, is the retention of ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY AS DAYS OF BOTH FAST AND ABSTINENCE. ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT ARE DAYS OF ABSTINENCE. (All those who are 14 years of old and up are bound to the law of abstinence. The law of fast binds all who are 21 years old and not yet 59 years old.)

Of course, we are all strongly encouraged to perform personal sacrifice and mortification in the true spirit of Lent.

THERE WILL BE NO MORNING MASS ON ASH WEDNESDAY. In order to facilitate the workers, Mass will be at 7:00 p.m. in Palmer. Ashes will be distributed at this time.

MASS IN WASILLA will be at 8:00 p.m. on Ash Wednesday. Ashes will also be distributed then. (Mass at Wasilla will be followed by the meeting of St. Jude's Guild at Sacred Heart Church. St. Jude's Guild includes all the women in the Wasilla area of St. Michael's Parish, and we would remind you of the importance of getting involved in it.)

THERE WILL BE BINGO NEXT SUNDAY, Feb. 28, at Sacred Heart Church in Wasilla, starting at 2 p.m. Bob and Karen Check have volunteered their services as chairmen of the Bingo for the coming year and will appreciate the cooperation which they will need to make it a success. So far the Bingo has been very poorly attended, and unless we get a bigger crowd we may have to close down what can easily prove to be a valuable asset to Sacred Heart. Again we ask you all to try to attend and bring your friends.

THE 50/50 RAFFLE DRAWING FOR FEBRUARY WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT SUNDAY, FEB. 28. The proceeds go to the Wasilla Church Building Completion Fund.

MEETINGS: MONDAY, 3:30 p.m., ACOLYTE TRAINING CLASS in the Palmer Church. (Rich Mastriano would like to rehearse wedding Masses this Monday.)

TUESDAY, 7:30 p.m., CHOIR REHEARSAL in the Palmer Church. (There was a slight improvement in the attendance last Tuesday, but there were still only nine people present. We would again ask all parishioners who would like to help in the choir to make a special effort from now until the end of Lent to contribute to the success of the Easter liturgy.)

WEDNESDAY, 8:15 p.m., ST. JUDE'S GUILD at Sacred Heart Church in Wasilla.

CARD PARTY, this evening from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. in the Rectory Basement Lounge in Palmer.

COPIES OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PARISH WILL BE DISTRIBUTED NEXT SUNDAY.

COLLECTIONS, Feb. 14: Palmer.....Offertory - \$213.16; Building Fund - \$136.00
Wasilla.....Offertory 27.82; Building Fund - 12.00

LECTORS FOR PALMER, Feb. 28: 10 a.m. - Gene Annas; 6 p.m. - Sig Restad

ACOLYTES FOR PALMER, Feb. 28: 10 a.m. - Mike Somerville and Robert Taylor
Craig Butler and Greg Mothershead
6 p.m. - Mike Pazaruski and Ed DePriest

CHANNEL 11, TV, Sundays from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m.: "LOOKING AT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH"...the program today is on the Sacrament of Penance, with Father Creagh and others on the panel.

OLE! OLE!! CONGRATULATIONS TO AMIGOS JUAN AND NINA SAN MIGUEL WHO HAD A MOST SUCCESSFUL "CHAIRMANCY" FOR MARDI GRAS IN TAMPICO!...and to their able workers: Lavon Perkinson, Leo and Lil Yadon, Hal and Carol Butler, Marg Winslow, Peggy Betts, Dutch and Rose Scholtz, Bob and Lucy Roberts, Wayne and Marge Bouwens...thanks to the decorations committee for the beautiful job they did, headed by Virginia Japp and her troupe from Wasilla; Beula Ose, Karen Check, and Janice Seims...and to the clean-up operators (boy, what operators!) the Mothersheads' and Bouwens'...thanks to Jo Gladson for the entertainment arrangements...AND FINALLY, THANKS TO ALL OUR PATRONS, WITHOUT WHOSE HEARTY COOPERATION SO MUCH MEXICAN FOOD WOULD NEVER HAVE DISAPPEARED SO FAST!!

JOKE: Two butchers had shops adjacent to each other and there was great rivalry between them. One day the first butcher put up a notice in his window: "Our sausages are eaten throughout the country." The next day the following notice appeared in the other butcher's window: "God save Ireland."

I'M SURE WE'RE HONEST IN ADMITTING
WE WASTE A LOT OF TIME JUST SITTING,
AND STANDING, TOO--BUT I'VE A FEELING
IT'S NEVER WASTED WHEN WE'RE KNEELING. ---Stephen Schlitzer

///COFFEE AND DONUTS...10¢ each...SERVED BY CYO MEMBERS FOLLOWING 10 A.M. SUNDAY MASS.

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TODAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE: PALMER: 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
WASILLA: 8:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church

CCD CLASSES: PALMER---Immediately following 10 a.m. Mass on Sundays
WASILLA---Alternate Saturdays at 2 p.m. (The next class in Wasilla will be on Saturday, March 13.)

DAILY MASS: 9:00 a.m. daily (except Saturday) in the Palmer Church.

CONFESSIONS: SUNDAYS BEFORE ALL MASSES.

THE OFFERTORY AND BUILDING FUND COLLECTIONS WILL BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER TODAY AT THE OFFERTORY OF THE MASS. THE COLLECTION FOLLOWING THE COMMUNION OF THE MASS WILL BE THE SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE NEGRO AND INDIAN MISSIONS.

TODAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT. LET US START OFF OUR LENTEN PENANCE IN A SPIRIT OF LOVE and determination. The lenten penance imposed by the Church has been so mitigated that it is hardly recognizable any more as a grim time of suffering. However, let's not get the wrong idea--many seem to think that penance is no longer necessary in our modern world. The Gospel truth has not changed, however: "Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it die, it brings forth much fruit." This means that penance is absolutely necessary if we are to keep the passions of human nature within limits and grow in love of God.

What the Church insists on today is not so much the quantity and rigidity of our penances as much as that they should be voluntary and spontaneous.

Our repentance must be internal and external. There is always the danger, as we see from the Old Testament, that external penances degenerate into mere formalism and become false and insincere. To avoid this let us make sure that our penances come from our whole heart and be a free expression of love for God.

MASS WILL BE AT 9:00 a.m. AS USUAL ON WEEKDAYS DURING LENT. THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC STATIONS on Friday, March 5, as the Hall will be in use for a dinner catered by the Ladies of Charity. However, we will have the Stations of the Cross in public on Friday, March 12, at 3:30 p.m. to facilitate the children coming from school. In the meantime, Stations of the Cross are erected in the small chapel (Palmer) where anybody who wishes may stop in and do the Stations in private. This is an old and beautiful lenten custom.

REMINDER: ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT ARE DAYS OF ABSTINENCE. THIS APPLIES TO AGE 14 AND UP.

FRIDAY IS THE FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH. WILL ANYBODY WHO IS ILL PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY IF they wish Fr. O'Carroll to bring them Holy Communion at home.

THE SECOND COLLECTION TODAY WILL BE THE SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE NEGRO AND INDIAN MISSIONS.

WE WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF GOD CHRISTOPHER SEAN CARNEY who was baptized last Sunday after Mass and the admiration of four CCD classes...and Lisa and Michelle who acted as adoring acolytes. The baptism ceremonies were added yesterday evening for Brian Keith Patrick Vickaryous. We are so grateful that his original illness, which necessitated his immediate baptism by Fr. O'Connor at Providence Hospital, has cleared completely. By adding in the ceremonies last night, we've gained another robust young parishioner.

TONY AND ALYS VICKARYOUS, AND CHARLES AND CATHERINE WANSOR, SEND "ALOHAS" (Hawaiian for "Céad Mile Fáilte") from the shining beaches of Hawaii. Could anybody ever imagine Alys caught short for an answer?...she was...when Tony asked her: "Why did we live so long in Alaska?" We feel that Tony's query was prompted by the picture which accompanied their good wishes--a troupe of Hawaiian hula dancers. Our last bulletin from the Wansors is that Charlie is thinking of surfing home to Alaska!

BINGO AT SACRED HEART CHURCH TODAY...starting at 2 p.m....Bob and Karen Check, Chairmen.

USUAL CARD PARTY IN RECTORY BASEMENT LOUNGE OF ST. MICHAEL'S TODAY from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m.

THE 50/50 RAFFLE DRAWING FOR FEBRUARY (in aid of Sacred Heart Building Fund) will take place today. March tickets are now available.

THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH FOR 1970 WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TODAY AFTER MASS.

FIRST COMMUNION: WE WOULD LIKE TO CALL TO THE ATTENTION OF PARISHIONERS THAT THE GENERAL DIOCESAN REGULATIONS FOR THE RECEPTION OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (APART FROM EXCEPTIONAL CASES--AGE, ILLNESS, ETC.) PROVIDE FOR TWO YEARS OF CCD INSTRUCTION AND USUALLY FOR CHILDREN TO HAVE COMPLETED THE SECOND GRADE.

MEETINGS: CYO --Monday, 7:30 p.m., in the Rectory Basement Lounge. A YOUTH GROUP FROM ANCHORAGE WILL JOIN OUR CYO AT THIS MEETING...PARTICIPATION BY ALL MEMBERS IS NEEDED.
ACOLYTE TRAINING CLASS - Monday, 3:30 p.m., in the Palmer Church
CHOIR - Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., in the Palmer Church
PARISH COUNCIL - Thursday, 8 p.m. Due to completion work in Sacred Heart Church, Wasilla, the Parish Council meeting this week will take place in St. Michael's Rectory Basement Lounge instead of Sacred Heart Church as planned.

COLLECTIONS, Feb. 21: Palmer....Offertory - \$211.67; Building Fund - \$96.25
Wasilla....Offertory - 62.20; Building Fund - 14.00

LECTORS FOR PALMER, March 7: 10 a.m. - Rich Mastriano; 6 p.m. - Richard Radford

ACOLYTES FOR PALMER, March 7: 10 a.m. - Elroy Ashmore, Steve Taylor, Harry Scholtz, Sam Yadon
6 p.m. - Jon Hermon and Ben Hermon

(The Acolyte schedule for the month of March has been prepared by Rich Mastriano and is posted on the bulletin board)

CHANNEL 11, TV, Sundays, 11-11:30 a.m.: "LOOKING AT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH"...the current series is on the Sacraments, with today's program continuing on the Sacrament of Penance.

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (SPONSORED BY CHURCH WOMEN UNITED) WILL BE CELEBRATED THIS YEAR ON Friday, March 5, 12:10 to 12:50 p.m., at the Palmer Church of God. The letter received from the committee planning this annual event is posted on the bulletin board.

I REMEMBER THAT WHEN CHRISTIAN TEACHERS TOLD ME THAT I MUST HATE A BAD MAN'S ACTIONS BUT NOT the man, I used to think this a silly, hair-splitting distinction: how could you hate what a man did and not hate the man? But years later it occurred to me that there was one man for whom I had been doing this all my life--myself. (-C.S.Lewis)

MAYOR LINDSAY STILL INSISTS THAT NEW YORK CITY IS FUN CITY. HOWEVER, IN A RECENT CONTEST first prize was a week in New York City. Second prize was two weeks in New York City.

ST. BERNARD'S PARISH, TALKETNA, SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 1971---FIRST ANNIVERSARY PARTY!!!!!!
Mass at 5 p.m. followed by a pot-luck dinner -- followed by dancing -- all invited--
Call Fr. Alile (733-2442) or Mrs. Merle Albert (733-2452) for more information if needed.