

The Catholic Churches of

St Mary, Hague

Sts Peter & Paul, Strasburg

St Michael, Rural Linton

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The Third Sunday of Lent

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News and Events

Lenten Fish Dinner: The Strasburg KC's will be sponsoring a "**Fish Fry**" with baked beans, Macaroni salad, garlic bread, dessert and refreshments this Saturday, March 18th, in the Sts. Peter and Paul Church basement following the 4 p.m. Mass. This will be a free will offering. All proceeds will go to seminarian Christian Smith. Everyone welcome!

The Sacrament of Confirmation

This weekend we welcome Bishop David Kagan to Hague for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Congratulations to our Hague, St. Michael's, and Strasburg students who will receive the Sacrament. And thank you to all parents and religious education teachers who have helped these young men and women to know their Catholic faith. May they continue to respond to God's grace and be His generous workers in the world, spreading the faith they've received.

Our Confirmands

Dawson Bosch, son of Ron & Jenel
 Samantha Bosch, daughter of Ron & Jenel
 Corey Feist, son of Marvin & Tina
 Billy Jo Gross, daughter of William & Patty
 Shalee Gross, daughter of Simon & Melissa
 Cody Heidrich, son of Robert & Carrie
 Jordan Huizenga, son of Chris & Colleen
 Jennifer Keller, daughter of Lynette & Brenden
 Coleman Nieuwsma, son Ken & Shannon
 Thomas Schaeffbauer, son of Tom & Shelley
 Alex Scherr, son of Mark & Jody
 Shannon Schneider, daughter of Gerald/Bobbie Jo
 Faith Theisgen, daughter of Amanda & Allan
 Treyten Vetsch, son of Tony & Tracy
 Raymond Vetter, son of Arnold & Rosie
 Michelle Wikenheiser, daughter of Don & Deloris

Fixing Mary's Roof Campaign Update: A few very generous donors have put our total up to just over \$183,000 this week! Just over \$28,000 to go!

The Week's Schedule

Sun.,	Mar. 19	10:00 a.m.	Mass, Confirmation at St. Mary All Parishioners
Mon.,	Mar. 20		No Mass
Tues.,	Mar. 21	4:00 p.m.	Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Robert & Claude Theisgen+ & Family
Wed.,	Mar. 22	9:15 a.m.	Mass at Strasburg Care Center Katie Klein+ (Mrs. Leo)
		3:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross at Strasburg
		4:00 p.m.	Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Friends, Relatives of Bill & Mae Bosch
		7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross at St. Michael
Thurs.,	Mar. 23	4:00 p.m.	Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Debert, Alice, & Bill Keller+
		5:30 p.m.	Confessions at St. Michael, Linton
Fri.,	Mar. 24	6:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross at St. Mary
		6:30 p.m.	Mass at St. Mary Joe & Anna Meier+
		7:00 p.m.	Penance Service at St. Mary
Sat.,	Mar. 25	4:00 p.m.	Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Michael & Catherine Lipp+ & Family
		8:00 p.m.	Mass at St. Mary Ray & Magdalena Schall+
Sun.,	Mar. 26	8:45 a.m.	Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul All Parishioners
		11:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Michael All Parishioners

Upcoming Lenten Penance Services

St. Michael, Rural Linton, Thurs., March 23rd, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
 St. Mary, Hague, Friday, March 24th, 7 p.m.
 St. Anthony, Linton, Wed. March 29th, 7 p.m.
 Sts. Peter & Paul, Strasburg, Wed., April 5th, 6:30 p.m.
 St. Michael, Herreid, Sunday, April 9th, 4:00 p.m.

The St. Ben's Roof Replacement is under way. The shingles are installed. We are now waiting for crews to replace the flat section of the roof and to install the soffit and fascia.

Mardi Gras Raffle Tickets are for still for sale. Prizes will be drawn at the St. Mary's Council meeting on April 2nd.

40 Cans for Lent: The Strasburg KCs invite you to support our local food pantry. Why not commit, as a family, to donate one non-perishable food item per day in Lent? Drop off donations in the Strasburg church throughout Lent, or whenever you've gathered your "40 cans."

Ladies Night Out, Wednesday, March 22nd, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Linton K.C. Hall. Guest Speaker will be Monica

Synod Snippets by Fr. Jason

This week we conclude our summary of Chapter VII of the Synod Directory and, thus, the Directory as a whole.

Section III deals with “salaries and compensations.” It explains that the bishop approves and sets annual salaries and other compensation rates for clergy (260). Parishes must provide a salary, a furnished rectory, and household expenses for priests assigned to them (261). This does not include purchasing personal items for priests (262). Parishes with missions are to share salaries, benefits, and household maintenance costs, but items specific to one parish will be paid by that parish (263). Parishes which share a pastor annually review (in parish and finance council meetings) their cost sharing agreements. Statute 264 explains that it is the pastor’s right to hire and determine salaries and benefits paid to parish employees, after consultation with the parish finance council, etc. (264).

The chapter then moves on to discuss “Mass Stipends,” which were discussed in detail in a previous column. To what was previously written, I will add just a few details. It’s good to know that priests and parishes cannot accept more Mass intentions and stipends than can be offered in one year (272). It’s also good to know that the pastor of every parish is obliged to offer, every Sunday, a Mass for all the people living in his parish boundaries (273). This means that a priest is praying for you at the altar every week, no matter where you live!

The next sections focus on special collections, acceptance of gifts, fundraising, and parish facility usage rules. In short, they explain that parishes are to take up approved national collections (280). They explain that parishes must seek the permission of the bishop prior to collections other than the usual Sunday, Holy Day, God’s Share, or other approved national collections (284). This means the pastor cannot, for example, spontaneously take up a collection for his favorite personal charity.

The very last statutes of the Synod Directory explain the parish facility usage policy. It says that “only diocesan and parish sponsored events can be held at diocesan or parish facilities. Exceptions to this norm may only be granted by the pastor or administrator and in accord with these Statutes, thus ensuring that the necessary insurance has been acquired and that the event is not contrary to the principles of the Faith” (289). Providing the appropriate insurance may be a hassle for organizations like the Knights of Columbus or the Ladies VFW Auxiliary, but such insurance does protect those organizations, the parish, and anyone who may be involved in an accident at related events.

With that, I conclude this series of bulletin columns on the Diocesan Synod. I hope these words have been helpful. As always, if you want to know more, you may read the Synod Directory for yourself at <http://bismarckdiocese.com/synod>.

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V.F.W. Auxiliary meeting on Tuesday, March 21st, at the Strasburg Senior Citizens Center following the 4 p.m. Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul.

Strasburg KC meeting on Tuesday, March 21st, at 7:30 p.m. at the Strasburg rectory meeting room.

Strasburg Care Center Mass will be held on Wednesday, March 22nd, at 9:15 a.m. for this coming week.

Shamrocks for Home on the Range: The Strasburg KC’s will

be selling shamrocks next weekend, March 25th and 26th. Free-will donations support programs at **Home on the Range**.

St. Michael’s will be having their soup and sandwich luncheon next Sunday, March 26th, following the 11 a.m. Mass.

Strasburg Easter choir practice: Wed. April 5th, at 7:30 p.m.

MinisTREE: Catholic United Financial and St. Mary’s Council #244 are excited to reintroduce the MinisTREE program to our parish. MinisTREE is designed to help identify and meet some of the volunteer needs in our parish and community that are often overlooked. Volunteer service opportunities are listed on activity cards (“leaves”) and hung on the “MinisTREE” located in the Strasburg church. Parishioners are encouraged to review the “leaves” or volunteer guide for activities that interest you. By participating in this program you help fill an unmet need and financially support our religious education program. Once you have completed the activity, sign the card and drop it in the box. For every “leaf” turned in, Catholic United Financial will contribute \$3, up to \$400 in a calendar year, to support our religious education program. If you know of an unmet need in our community that MinisTREE could help address, please contact Cil Van Beek at 336-7358 or Helen Senger at 336-2600.

Pray for the sick: Florian Bauman, Arlene Heidrich, Ben Hulm, Sharon Keller, Leo P. Mastel, Judy Jahner, and Florence Engelhart.

Pray for the deceased: Phyllis Baumgartner, Roland Brandner, Victor Glass, Arvin Roos, and Leona Werlinger.

Liturgy Assignments

Sts Peter & Paul, Strasburg

Weekday Lector: Mae Bosch

March 25th at 4:00 p.m. – Saturday

Servers: Jordyn & Katie Heidrich

Lector: Jessa Heidrich

Head Usher: Robert Heidrich

Giftbearers: Pat Horner & Bertha Holzer

EMHCs: Mona Reis, Carrie Heidrich

Jeanette Tschosik, Lynette Keller,

March 26th at 8:45 a.m. – Sunday

Servers: Malachi Huber & Brock Tougas

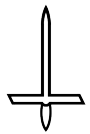
Lector: Mark Mittleider

Head Usher: Ron Bauman

Giftbearers: Tom Weninger Family

EMHCs: Bridget Roth, Joanne Ternes

Jay & Lynette Schmaltz



St Mary, Hague

March 25th at 8:00 p.m. — Saturday

Servers: Thomas Schaeffbauer & Adam Hulm

Lector: Dennis Hummel

Head Usher: Andy Hulm

EMCHs: Betty Volk, Lisa Hulm, Victoria Volk

Money Counters: Andy Hulm & Duane Wald



St. Michael, Rural Linton

March 26th at 11:00 p.m. — Sunday

Servers: Raymond & Dean Vetter

Lector: Marie Vetter

Giftbearers: Andrew & Kristen Vetter

Sacristan: Rod Jacob

Money Counters: Arnold Vetter, Denette Jacob, Deb Leier

Rosary: Isadore Gross

