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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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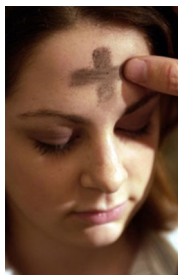
the Quill and the Cloth

"... bless + these ashes which we intend to receive upon our heads, that we, who acknowledge we are but ashes and shall return to dust, may, through a steadfast observance of Lent, gain pardon for sins and newness of life after the likeness of your Risen Son."

- Mass Prayer for Ash Wednesday

Happy Lent! Happy Spring! Happy! Happy!

Everything! This Wednesday marks the start of the Lenten season with the Liturgy of Ash Wednesday. In these past days, we have experienced a reprieve from winter with these record setting temperatures into the 60's. Today, as I write this on "Wednesday", we have another incredible day of warmth and, God willing, I will try to sneak away from the desk and steal a little sunshine and warmth on a brisk walk and a time of reflection and prayer.



As joyful as we Minnesotans are with these warmer temperatures, we should also be as joyful for this season of Lent, bringing with it a springtime of faith and devotion. For, as you well know, the word "Lent" literally means "Spring" or "Spring-time". (**Growing up in a bilingual home, the word in Dutch for the "spring" was "lente".*) Perhaps I am maturing in faith, but I now look forward to the disciplines of Lent. It brings me joy when I am called to invest more heavily into my life of faith through a greater intensity of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

As the children of God, in addition to the three-fold mission of praying, fasting, and giving over these forty days, I thought that, in this week's column, I would give you forty areas that perhaps are not so much "penitential" as they are "prayerful" and will draw us closer into this "spring-time" of the Church.

40 Prayerful Practices for this

Lenten Springtime of the Church:

- 1) Begin every morning and every evening with prayer personally or with your family.
- 2) Begin each morning by greeting the people around you with a "Good morning"!
- 3) End each day at school, work, or at home with a "Good Night", to those around you.
- 4) Begin and end every meal that you eat at home and even in a restaurant with prayer.
- 5) When driving to and from work, leave the radio off. Simply concentrate on being a safe driver and allow God to speak to you in the silence.
- 6) Fast from your cell phone, especially when driving or when you are with someone.
- 7) See the world around you with your God-given eyes and not through the screen of a computer or phone.
- 8) Make it a point to daily do some small act of kindness for a co-worker, fellow student, or family member.
- 9) If your parents are young, obey them. If your parents are old, call or visit them. If your parents have passed, pray for them.
- 10) If you are a parent, take all of your children to Mass wherever you find yourself on any given weekend.
- 11) Plan to attend Mass on Ash Wednesday.
- 12) Plan to attend daily Mass if you are no longer working outside of the home.
- 13) Attend the Stations of the Cross when they are offered at your parish church or elsewhere.
- 14) In keeping with the Precepts of the Church, plan to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Lenten season.
- 15) Pray for an increase of priests and religious to the Church.
- 16) Send a card to someone who is hurting.
- 17) Visit someone who is lonely.
- 18) Fast from the things you enjoy, but do not need - from sweets to soda to alcohol to cigarettes.
- 19) Make it a point to smile at as many people as you can.
- 20) Start exercising if you have not done so.
- 21) Pray the rosary as a family, couple or single person.
- 22) Declutter your house and donate the items to your local church or another place of charity.
- 23) Make an excuse to cut away from your work and make a mini-retreat by taking a drive or over-night stay to be just with you and your God.
- 24) Watch a religious station or a religious movie.
- 25) Tell some young person that is assisting at Mass that they are doing a great job and should consider the priesthood or the religious life.
- 26) Do something to end the scourge of abortion in our country and our world.
- 27) Write a letter to those in political power of support or criticism of policies that jeopardize human dignity or equality.
- 28) Send a care package or gift to someone who is in emotional or physical need.
- 29) Help someone, even if they did not ask for your help.
- 30) Help someone with their homework.
- 31) Contribute each week to the parish offering and support the parish Lenten project to support the needy.
- 32) Volunteer for some needy cause.
- 33) Fast from telling everyone how busy you are.
- 34) Seriously fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday as well as other days throughout the Lenten season.
- 35) Read a passage of scripture every day.
- 36) Read a good book that is based on the spiritual life.
- 37) Try to fast from complaining.
- 38) Try to fast from foul language, gossip or saying anything uncharitable.

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- 39) Plan to attend all three days of the Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil.
- 40) Be joyful that you have this wonderful season of renewal.

If you embrace these things, I believe that the greeting in 40 days, “Happy Easter” will take on new meaning. See you on Wednesday!



Rev. Paul van de Crommert, Pastor

Stewardship of Gratitude

Adult	\$10,398.00
WeShare Electronic Giving	\$1,230.02
Junior	\$76.05
Plate	\$290.00
Fuel Collection	\$275.00
Vigil Light Monies	\$10.00
Faith Formation Tuition	\$225.00
Faith Formation Pizza Free-Will Donation	\$13.00
K of C - Sound System Repairs	\$1,300.00
Music Liturgy Refund	\$112.50
Pop Machine Monies	\$11.00
IRS Payroll Refund	\$4.30
Rental Income	\$795.00
Investment Interest Income	\$655.44
Grand Total	\$15,395.31

Our weekly goal is set at \$13,000.00

Stewardship of Gratitude

Again this week, God is blessing us with an “above budget” offering. Thank you for your gifts. Presently, we are trying to build up our checking account to a reasonable amount after some large recent payouts. We are presently current in all of our billing. We still have to conclude more than a \$100,000.00 of stewardship to our Catholic school system before the close of June 30th.

Attached with this week’s bulletin is a special envelope for our annual Ash Wednesday collection. You have been most generous in the past. We ask again for your support as well the students that will be attending Mass through our religious education programs. Lent is all about giving. Please be as generous as your heart will allow! Happy Lent!

Transitions

This week we welcomed a married couple, a newly baptized baby and eight new parishioners into the faith family of Holy Rosary. Please keep these 11 individuals in your prayers.

Welcome

We welcome Christopher and Jill Schmidt to our parish family of Holy Rosary along with their daughter Emily. Christopher is employed in the airline industry. The Schmidt’s reside here in North Mankato. Welcome to our growing parish family.

**Wedding Blessings**

We are blessed as a parish family to welcome our newest married couple to Holy Rosary parish. Our congratulations goes out to Teresa Bromley and Andrew Briggs who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage this past Saturday at Holy Rosary Church. Teresa is employed in education and Andrew works at Taylor Corp as an IT Specialist. We are delighted that this couple will remain as members of Holy Rosary and are the youngest married couple in our faith community. May God bless you both with a long married life together that is rooted in the love and discipline of the Divine Son, Jesus Christ! Blessings to you both!

**Baptism Blessings**

Our prayers and best wishes go out to Michael & Shannon Hoolihan on the occasion of the Baptism of their daughter, Avery Jean, who will be baptized following this weekend’s 5:00 pm Saturday Mass. May her Baptism be the beginning of a life-long relationship with Christ and His bride the Church! May God bless you on this most joyful occasion!

**Welcome to Holy Rosary!**

Are you new to the area or would like to join Holy Rosary parish? It is now easier than ever and you can do it from the convenience of home. Just go to holyroarynorthmankato.com/membership-registration and download the registration forms to fill out. You can also simply send us your contact information via an easy-to-use form and we will mail you a hard copy of those forms. Come join our growing Holy Rosary parish family!



The Week Ahead

Sunday, Feb. 26: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2:15 pm – RCIA Class (Conf. Rm. 2)

Monday, Feb. 27: Weekday

8:05 am – Rosary

8:30 am – Mass - Bob Frederick†

6:30 pm – Decorate for Lent (Worship Committee - Church)

Tuesday, Feb. 28: Weekday

7:00 am – Mass at Ss. Peter & Paul

8:15 am – Mass at St. John the Baptist

12:05 pm – Mass at St. Joseph the Worker

4:00 pm – CCW Business Meeting (Conf. Rm. 1)

5:30 pm – Ten on Tuesdays Lenten Study Group (Lower Hall)

Wednesday, March 1: Ash Wednesday

(Day of Fasting & Abstaining from Meat)

8:05 am – Rosary

*8:30 am – Mass - Charles & Iola Orcutt†

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm – Sewing Group (Lower Level PC)

4:15 pm – Grades 1-6 Rel. Ed. Meet (attend Mass)

*4:30 pm – Mass - Willard & Edna Arndt†

6:00 pm - 6:50 pm – Youth Group

7:15 pm – Grades 7-11 Rel. Ed. Meet (attend Mass)

*7:30 pm – Mass - Cyrilla Beal†

Thursday, March 2: Thursday after Ash Wednesday

8:05 am – Rosary

8:30 am – Mass - Dick & Carol Arndt Family

Friday, March 3: Friday after Ash Wednesday (USA:

Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin)

8:05 am – Rosary

8:30 am – Mass - Doris & Romie Lorentz†

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass

9:00 am - 3:00 pm – Eucharistic Adoration

9:15 am – Parishioners' Breakfast at the Perkins

Restaurant (1123 Range St) - *All are invited

1:00 pm – River of Life (Conf. Rm. 1)

3:00 pm – Benediction

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm – Fish Fry at St. Joseph the Worker

*5:30 pm – Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 4: Saturday after Ash Wednesday (Saint Casimir)

10:00 pm – Confirmation Rehearsal

4:30 pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 pm – Rosary

5:00 pm – Mass - Sacrament of Confirmation - Mel Ulrich†

Sunday, March 5: First Sunday of Lent

7:30 am – Rosary

8:00 am – Mass - Karen Gagnier Randall†

9:30 am – Rosary

10:00 am – Mass - People of the Parish

(Nursery, Pre-K, and CLW during the 10:00 am Mass)

3:00 pm – Rite of Election in New Ulm (RCIA)

Religious Education Program

Confirmation Mass is Saturday, March 4th, at 5:00 pm

Please pray for our young men and women who will be Confirmed on Saturday, March 4th, at the 5:00 pm Mass. The Sacrament of Confirmation completes the Sacrament of Baptism. Baptism is the sacrament of re-birth and Confirmation is the sacrament of maturity and coming of age. We pray that as these young men and women journey through life, they will always remember the Holy Spirit is at their side to guide them.



Ash Wednesday Class - March 1st

We will ask that all grade levels attend class that evening as follows:

- Grades 1 - 6 will come at 4:15 pm to attend 4:30 pm Mass
- Grades 7 - 11 will come at 7 pm to attend 7:30 pm Mass

**Students will be dismissed after Mass from the Church*

Thank You Ushers

A big thank you to the ushers at the 10:00 am Mass who are always willing to help our students during class Masses. You are awesome mentors!

Eucharistic Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music

BLAZE! is right here in Mankato, held at the Newman Center MSU campus. The next BLAZE youth event (grades 9-12) is Friday, March 3rd, from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Praise and worship, Adoration, games, etc. group discussions with MSU students. There is no cost for this event—bring friends!

Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School will be held June 4th - 9th from 8:15 am - 11:30 am each day. VBS is for students Preschool (ages 4 & 5) through 5th grade. The cost is \$30 per student which includes a t-shirt, daily snacks, and daily gizmos!



Upcoming Dates

- **March 1:** ALL Classes meet! Grades 1 - 6 at 4:15 pm; Grades 7 - 11 at 7:15 pm; Youth Group will be having a pasta meal beginning at 6:00 pm!
- **March 4:** Confirmation practice 10:00 am; Confirmation Mass 5:00 pm
- **March 8:** Class for Elementary Grades 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
- **March 15:** Youth Group 6:00 pm - 6:50 pm; Jr/Sr High Class 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Ash Wednesday - 40 Days of Lent

Lent begins this Wednesday with the celebration of Ash Wednesday on March 1st. Three Masses will be offered at Holy Rosary at 8:30 am, 4:30 pm, and 7:30 pm. St. Augustine once wrote: "Do you wish to fly towards God? Give it two wings: FASTING and ALMSGIVING."



The Lenten rules for the Universal Church for 2017 are as follows: Abstinence from meat to be observed by all Roman Catholics 14 years or older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays during the Lenten season.

Fasting is also to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Roman Catholics who are 18 years of age, but not yet 60. Those who are bound by this may take one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

The special Paschal fast and abstinence are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

By the three-fold discipline of fasting, almsgiving and prayer, the Church keeps Lent from Ash Wednesday until the evening of Holy Thursday. All of the faithful should undertake seriously these spiritual practices of PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING in preparation of the great Triduum celebration of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Failure to embrace the three-fold spirit of the Lenten season is still considered confessable matter in today's Church. However, those who have a medical condition in which fasting may be detrimental to their health, or for the purpose of taking certain medications requiring the consumption of food, are not obligated to keep the Lenten fast. These individuals, however, are then encouraged to take on some other form of penance such as abstaining e.g. certain entertainment as well as other acts of penance or charity. Young children under the age of 14 are not bound by the laws of fasting and abstinence, however, they are to be educated in the authentic sense of penance and encouraged to perform acts of penance suitable to their age.

Thank You Knights

A special word of thanks goes out to our local Knights of Columbus for their recent donation of \$1,300.00 towards the repair and replacement of some of the parts of our sound system that we use in our church. In recent weeks, our sound system has worked perfectly. What a blessing! If you recall, the Knights replaced a number of years ago the parish's sound system with the present system that we are using today. We hope and pray that we still have a few more years out of this present system. Thank you Knights for all the good that you do for the local church.

Ash Wednesday

Ministry Schedule - March 1st

Lectors:

- 8:30 am** Jim Schorn
4:30 pm Linda Hiniker
7:30 pm Jennifer Spaude

Ash Distributors:

- 8:30 am** Darlene Schorn
4:30 pm Karen Winters & Cathy Neve
7:30 pm Mary Homan & Mary Clare Wyrowski

Eucharistic Ministers:

- 8:30 am** Karen Etzell
4:30 pm Brenda Voracek & Cathy Neve
7:30 pm Mary Clare & Tom Wyrowski

Altar Servers:

- 8:30 am** Timothy Cain
4:30 pm Rayna Gruenes, Anna Voracek,
 James Voracek (C/B/B)
7:30 pm Andrew Kohrs, Jacob Reynolds,
 Katie Rooney (C/B/B)

Presentation of Gifts:

- 8:30 am** Dorothy Drummer & Karen Etzell
4:30 pm Dan Wingert Family
7:30 pm Kent & Marilyn Durenberger

Ushers:

- 8:30 am** Mary & Gary Zellmer, Bill Fasnacht,
 Arlyce Anderson (Head Usher)
4:30 pm Steve Enderle, Gerry Hiniker,
 Paul Stevens, Mark Weingartz (Head Usher)
7:30 pm Doug Helget, Frank & Tony Weber,
 Doug Homan (Head Usher)

Music Ministry:

- 8:30 am** Julie Gruber/Janelle Campeau
4:30 pm Kathy Jo Johns/Vicki Galli
7:30 pm Holy Rosary Choir/Jeanne Makela

Ash Wednesday Envelope

Enclosed in this week's bulletin is an envelope for Ash Wednesday. Lent is a time to be more generous with our gifts to charities, the Church and those that are in need. Thank you for this additional offering in order that we can stay ahead of our expenses. May God reward you!



March 4th - 5th, 2017



Lectors:

5:00 pm Mary Clare Wyrowski
8:00 am John Holden 10:00 am Roxi Lang

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 pm Tom Wyrowski, Cathy Neve, Rick Gruber, Maxine Davis, Julie Schoettler, Eileen Wadekamper
8:00 am Margaret Ayers, Terri Compton, Danielle & Peter Backes, Arlyce Anderson, Craig Amundson
10:00 am Curt & Donna Stanke, Kirstin Cain, Tim McGowan, Ryan Howe, Brent Friedrichs

Altar Servers:

5:00 pm Elias & Sheamus Westermann, Zachary Chelstrom (C/B/B)
8:00 am Ben & Lauren Cahalan, Quinn Kelly (C/B/B)
10:00 am Abi Lang, Elaine Adams, Bredan Isenberg (C/B/B)

Presentation of Gifts:

5:00 pm Confirmation Students
8:00 am Terri & Gordy Compton
10:00 am Marth Family (First Communicant Family)

Ushers:

5:00 pm Mark Weingartz, Paul Stevens, Jim Theuninck, Bob Meyer (Head Usher)
8:00 am Bill Cahalan, Dean & Nicholas Cullen, Christopher Backes
10:00 am Steve Kaiser, Glenn Verschelde, Isaac Kolstad, Blaine Kolstad (Head Usher)

Rosary Leaders:

5:00 pm Eileen Wadekamper
8:00 am Arlyce Anderson 10:00 am Donna Wolf

Music Ministry:

5:00 pm Holy Rosary Choir/Jeanne Makela
8:00 am Julie Gruber/Jeanne Makela
10:00 am Emily Schumacher/Lori Christiansen/Vicki Galli

Money Counters - March. 2017: Bill Fasnacht, Shirleen Gulden, Jan Nelson, Carl Steffensmeier, Arlyce Anderson

Bulletin Folders - March 2017: Ruth Fitterer, Rosal Molski, Mary Haley, Ken Thiele, Rose Wilson

Stewardship Corner

Diocesan United Fund (D.U.F.), Diocesan Priest Pension Fund/ Medical, Care Comp Ins, Priest Care Fund, & Audit:

COMPLETED Pd. to Date: \$73,231.32
DUE: \$73,231.32

Annual Diocesan Ministries Appeal (D.M.A.):

NEARLY COMPLETED Rec'd. to Date: \$21,803.00
DUE: \$38,768.53

Loyola Catholic School Assessment:

OVER HALF-WAY COMPLETED Pd. to Date: \$118,344.00
DUE: \$221,268.00

Total Paid to Date 2016-17: \$213,378.32
Apostolate Stewardship 2016-17: \$333,267.85

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Be giving, forgiving, compassionate and loving!" - Anonymous

Lenten Resources

The Lent issue of "Five Minutes with the Word" as well as a new pamphlet entitled "The Busy Family's Guide to Lent" are now available in the church entrances. Rice Bowls will be available again this year starting on Ash Wednesday.

"Ash Wednesday" – THIS WEEK!

Can you believe that Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday? The Universal Church will be celebrating the start of Lent with Ash Wednesday, March 1st. We will be celebrating three Masses on that day at 8:30 am, 4:30 pm and 7:30 pm. Both our Grade School and High School students will be attending Mass as part of their religious education session. (See our Religious Education News for further details.) Last year we had a strong attendance at our 4:30 pm Mass time. We hope the same will hold true this year.



In this week's bulletin there is an envelope attached for Ash Wednesday as Lent is all about sacrifice and giving. There is also this week an insert in the bulletin that is entitled "My 2017 Lenten Resolutions". For, if we have embraced the full spiritual spectrum of the Lenten season with its call to Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving, then Holy Week will be a week that we will truly want to celebrate with the great days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil!

Needed:**New Stations of the Cross Booklets**

In the past couple of years we have seen a noticeable increase in parishioners attending the Stations of the Cross here at Holy Rosary. Our Station of the Cross booklets are very old and in very rough shape. So, as we enter into the Lenten season of 2017, this "Spiritual Springtime" of the Church, we have ordered new booklets for when we celebrate the services on Friday. The cost to replace the booklets is \$200.00. If you would like to donate part or all of these 100 booklets, please call the parish office. Please note that our first Station of the Cross service will be this Friday at 5:30 pm. We hope to see many of you there as you are coming off of work. The Stations last about 30 minutes.

**Home-Bound Eucharistic Meeting
Monday, March 20th, at 12:00 pm**

In conjunction with the Social Concerns Committee, Holy Rosary is hosting a noon luncheon and required meeting in Conference Room #1, in our school building, to review, update and make some needed changes to our home-bound ministry. It has been many years that a meeting was held regarding the practices and spiritual direction for this important ministry of faith. We are blessed to have nearly 20 Extraordinary Minister volunteers to the Holy Eucharist here in our parish. We also presently have nearly 75 homebound parishioners who are visited on a weekly basis. The luncheon is complimentary. We hope to see all of you there. Thank you!

**Fuel Fund**

Thank you for the additional monies we received this week for our Fuel Fund as we took in another \$275.00. Presently we are still less in stewardship from last year by \$823.75. It is not too late to support the cause. God is certainly doing his part by giving us some record setting temperatures. Hopefully we can take in an equal amount to last year. As always, thank you for your support!

Council of Catholic Women News

Feb. 28th: CCW Business Meeting at 4pm (Conf. Rm. 1)

March 28th: CCW Business Meeting at 4pm (Conf. Rm. 1)

**Please note time change due to Lenten Study Group*

K. of C. Council #5551 News

Mar 9 - Planning Meeting Mar 23 - General Meeting

**Lenten Adult Education
2 Session – "Personal Prayer":**

**(2 Sessions – Sunday, March 12th, 2:00 pm
and Sunday, March 19th, 2:00 pm)**

Last year, as pastor, I hosted 5 sessions of the Bible in church during the Lenten season with a strong attendance of more than 100 people each week. This year, with the preparation of receiving 6 more individuals into the Church (last year, we had no candidates), and in consultation with the Education and Worship Committees, I still would like to hold at least two adult-education sessions. This year I would like to focus on "Personal Prayer". Each talk will be about an hour to an hour and a half and will be "fiercely practical" on how to improve or at least acknowledge the prayer that already exists in your life. This could be a great "Lenten Resolution" for this Lent of 2017!

Ten on Tuesdays

Planning your Lenten journey? Plan to include the Small Group offering, "Ten on Tuesdays," at Holy Rosary Parish. The reflections are on the Ten Commandments as they relate to living our Catholic life. This is an opportunity to meet new members of our faith community or spend quality time with members you already know. The small groups will meet on Tuesday evenings starting February 28th. They will meet in the church basement every Tuesday during Lent from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. The evening will include a soup supper, prayer, and sharing about the content presented on the Ten Commandments.

Mark your calendar for these dates:

February 28: "No Strange Gods"

March 7: "Keep Holy the
Lord's Day"

March 14: "Honoring our
Parents"

March 21: "You Shall Not Kill"

March 28: "Called to Chastity"

April 4: "Greed and Generosity"

April 11: "Honesty"

For more information or to register contact by February 26th: JoAnn Borchert (507-388-8813, 507-995-3823, cjborche@hickorytech.net) or MaryBeth Nygaard (507-625-1450, mary.beth.nygaard@gmail.com).

Lord, Hear Our Prayers

Prayers and support for all of our sick and injured of Holy Rosary Parish

Our prayers go out to all of the sick and injured in our parish who are at home, in the hospital, nursing homes or assisted-living residences. May God bless them and keep them under His guidance and protection!

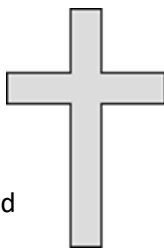
For Those Who Are Ill & Special Needs

Martha VanLoy, Nancy Holden, Frances Lorentz, Marilyn Rieff, Doug Peterson, Rick Linnes, Daniel Crowley, Jo Lindberg, Ruth Gag, Charles Ulman

Home Visitation: If you wish to have yourself or a loved one receive the sacraments, Holy Communion or a personal pastoral visit, please call our coordinator, Lorraine Klaseus at 507-388-4932

For Our Families

Monday	Shawn & Marcy Runing
Tuesday	Frank & Alane Reichel
Wednesday	Daniel & Tracy Makela
Thursday	Charles Maxfield
Friday	Pamela & David Lloyd
Saturday	Joe Kunkel & Mary Beth Nygaard
Sunday	Lucas & Kristi Downs



For Those in the Military

Nick Blace	Matt McGraw	William Backes
Jared Hiniker	Christopher Schmidt	Ben Barsness
Dana Schiller	Jonathan Heintz	Daniel Fitterer
Mark Hansen	Timothy Eick	Anna Drummer



Prayer Chain

If you have a short term prayer request or prayer of thanksgiving for our prayer chain to pray for, please call Teresa Kolstad at 327-9810.



This Week's Sanctuary Light Intention:
Peace & happy death for Charleen Rheame

This Week's Readings

Mon:	Sir 17:20-24/Mk 10:17-27
Tues:	Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31
Wed:	Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thurs:	Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Fri:	Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
Sat:	Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
Sun:	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11



SINCERE SYMPATHY

To the family of **Caroline Jones†** and **Arlo Sandvig†**
-May they rest in peace.

Black & Indian Mission Collection

This 125-year-old National Collection for Black and Indian people continues as the embodiment of the Church's concern for evangelizing the Black and Indian peoples of the United States. The funds are distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the United States, supporting and strengthening evangelization programs which otherwise would cease. Please be as generous as your hearts allow and drop your envelope (found in your envelope packet) in the main collection at Mass next weekend, March 4th & 5th.

Social Concerns Project – Feeding the Hungry

At our most recent Social Concerns Committee meeting, we discussed adopting an apostolate of stewardship for those brothers and sisters in Christ who are disadvantaged through a lack of food, shelter and the very basic, necessities of life. As pastor, I shared with the committee that, in previous assignments, we had raised money all year, but especially during Lent, for the missions in Guatemala. The Social Concerns Committee felt that raising money for the mission lands was important, but also felt that there is a great need right here, in our own Blue Earth and Nicollet counties. The ECHO Food Shelf is always trying to raise food and money to feed the many hungry souls in our midst. With that in mind, we will be taking a collection at all of the weekend Masses through Lent for the ECHO Food Shelf. At the close of Lent we will present a check to the Food Shelf to be used as they need to feed the poor and the economically disadvantaged. There are great graces that come to us when we give alms to the poor. We will post in the bulletin the amount that we receive along with a running total. *"When you give, you are not to let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. Keep your deeds of mercy secret, and your Father who sees in secret, will repay you."*



Birthright Raffle

Birthright Raffle tickets are once again available at the Holy Rosary parish office. The Raffle will take place at the K of C's General Meeting in March. For more information, please contact David Mutch at 387-5406.



LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Enrollment information for the 2017-18 school year is available for **Preschool-grade 12**. For details, visit the **LCS website** and click on **"Re-Enrollment Information for 2017-18"** on the homepage. Questions? Please call 507-388-0600.

Kindergarten Round up is Friday, March 10, 9:30-11am and 12:30-2pm (school will be in session giving you a sense of Loyola's culture) and Tuesday, March 14, 6:30-7:30pm.

Preschool - Grade 12 Open House March 14, 5:30-7:30, Upper Campus, 145 Good Counsel Drive

Family Tours and Student Shadow Days scheduled at your convenience. Call 507-388-0600.

Did you know? Students enrolled in Loyola's **all day-every day PreKindergarten class** participate in **"specialist" classes** for **Music, Spanish, PE and Library Time**. Our Kindergarteners add **specialist Art classes** and daily **SMART time** (multi-sensory exercises developing small/large motor skills, balance, dexterity, and eye-hand coordination).

Loyola placed second overall at the **Scarlet Invitational Speech Meet** last week. Students placing 1st were Anita Goharfar, Becca Kohlmeyer, Isabel Zwaschka, and Megan Hillesheim; placing 2nd was Elizabeth Benzmillier; placing 3rd were Charlotte Lena, Luiza Flores and Peter MacLean. Eight other students also placed.

Regional Science Fair high school entrants Elaine Adams, Ella Haefner and Alyssa Compton will go on to the *MN State Science and Engineering Fair* next month and to the *International Science and Engineering Fair* in Los Angeles in May. Ella and Elaine will also go to *ISWEEP* in Houston, Texas in May. 15 of 19 Intermediate entrants will move on to State: Addison Frazee, Lauren Cahalan, Caroline Cardenas, Anna White, Sarah Yenish, Sadie Blace, Samantha Naples, Olivia Kreykes, Annelise Winch, Kaitlyn Wolff, Paige Frutiger, Elaine Ludvik, Isabella Roe, Duram Kelly, Emily Coudron. Many Loyola students received awards and accolades at the Science Fair award ceremony as well.

Loyola's 6th and 7th grade basketball team won the **Southland Tournament** last week, and Loyola's 6th grade team won the Blue Earth Tournament.

Loyola will host a **Red Cross Blood Drive** in the Upper Campus gym on February 28 from 8:30-1:30. The drive is open to the public.

Ash Wednesday: All-school **Mass on March 1st at 10:40** in our Upper Campus chapel. All are welcome.

Save the Dates: **Crusader Golf Classic** on May 15th & **LoyolaPalooza** on July 29th.

Catholics at the Capitol

Protect Life & Human Dignity

Thursday, March 9, 2017 - Saint Paul, Minnesota

Our state faces real challenges. Assisted suicide threatens the vulnerable. Underprivileged kids are stuck in failing schools. And too many families are trapped in poverty. Christ asks us to boldly step into the public square to protect life and human dignity. Will you answer the call?

Join Minnesota's bishops, dynamic Church leaders, and 1,000+ Catholics from across the state for **Catholics at the Capitol**, a day of inspiration and advocacy at our State Capitol.

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- Be **EQUIPPED** to effectively engage your elected officials.

Legislators pay attention to their constituents. We WILL influence what they do. This is our moment. Let's go!

Learn more and register at CatholicsAtTheCapitol.org or call 651.227.8777. Diocesan transportation is being arranged. Please contact JoAnn Borchert (388-8813, 507-995-3823, cjborche@hickorytech.net) or Darlene Schorn (345-8667, 507-779-6751, jdschorn@hickorytech.net) if you're interested in riding the bus.

Pasta with the Padres

We would like to invite you to attend "Pasta with the Padres" - an annual dinner to benefit ECHO Food Shelf which is sponsored by the four Mankato Area Catholic Churches. This great event will be held on Sunday, March 19th, at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in North Mankato. Serving will be from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.



Shamp's Celebrate 65 Years!

Our prayers and best wishes go out to Charlie and Juliette Shamp, long-time and active members of Holy Rosary parish as they celebrate 65 years of married love this Sunday, February 26th. As they have loved God and one another these many years, so God has blessed them with health and happiness as they still are able to attend Mass and reside in their own residence. As pastor, I got to know Charlie particularly well as we did a great deal of restoration work on the rectory when I arrived. May God grant this special couple only the best that God has to offer. Congratulations!



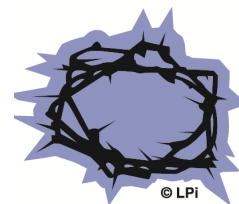
Card Shower

To Celebrate Mary Jane Ledwein's 95th Birthday on March 2nd
Send cards to: Koppen Garden #711, 615 Nicollet Ave.,
North Mankato, MN 56003

My 2017 Lent Resolutions

(Please make a check mark by the resolutions you wish to make and return on Ash Wednesday)

- ☐ *I resolve to attend **Mass each weekend** as prescribed by the Church's teachings and the Third Commandment of God.
- ☐ *I will attend the **morning Masses** that are scheduled during the week.
- ☐ I will attend the scheduled **Stations of the Cross** during Lent.
- ☐ I resolve to receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** during Lent.
- ☐ I will give alms by contributing to the **Operation Rice Bowl** for the poor and our annual **Fuel Fund**.
- ☐ I will refrain from eating in between meals and fasting from sweets, pop and unnecessary food.
- ☐ I will watch television programs and movies that are non-violent and do not contain sexual impurity.
- ☐ I will **pray the Rosary** (all/port of it) alone/with family during Lent.
- ☐ I will read from **Holy Scripture** each day of Lent.
- ☐ I will attend the **2 Sessions on Prayer** that is being offered in our parish.
- ☐ I will refrain from watching endless hours of television or being on the computer.
- ☐ *I resolve that, when I attend Mass, I will always sign myself with holy water and genuflect (or bow) before the Blessed Sacrament when I come to Mass and when I leave Mass.
- ☐ I resolve that I will arrive **on time** and come at least **ten minutes** before the start of Mass to spend time in prayer and review the readings for the day.
- ☐ I resolve to pray out loud at Mass and hold the song book even if I am not able to sing well.
- ☐ I resolve to be attentive at Mass and particularly during the time of the readings, the proclamation of the Gospel, homily, and most especially at the consecration of the Mass.
- ☐ I resolve to give at every Mass a small monetary offering as the offertory is a liturgical action that we participate in at every Eucharist as we offer a little of ourselves as Christ offered Himself on the cross.
- ☐ *I resolve to receive the Holy Eucharist unhurried and with reverence and, when I receive Holy Communion, to say, out loud, "Amen."
- ☐ I resolve to join our parish choir that gathers at 6:00 pm on Wednesday to assist the choir for Holy Week. (Please contact the Parish Office for further details. 507-387-6501).
- ☐ *I resolve to attend all three days of the Sacred Triduum where I find myself on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil.



The practices listed above are in addition to my faithful **weekly attendance at Sunday Mass**, my observance of the Church's law which requires me to **fast and abstain on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**, and to **abstain from eating meat on all Fridays of Lent**.

With God's help, I will try to be faithful in these practices. I am offering these penances for the following intention: _____

****Strongly encouraged for Lent 2017***

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Social Concern Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2017 4:30 PM Conference Room 1 Parish Center

(Note change of date – snowed out on January 16. 2017)

Opening Prayer: Prayers for the Human Family

Present: Marla Endres, JoAnn Borchert, Darlene Schorn, Mary Beth Nygaard, Arlyce Anderson, Jeanette Barsness, Lorraine Klaseus, Jeanette Barsness, Ruth Fitterer, Fr. Paul van de Crommert

Reports:

WHO – Work order requests. Needs are slow at this time. Someone has come forward to do sewing when needed. Need to put an article in the bulletin with more detail.

ECHO FOOD SHELF – The new procedures are working well. More food is being collected and taken to the Food Shelf. A second collection will take place during March for the ECHO Food Shelf. What is collected will be matched.

PRAYER CHAIN - The list of individuals in this ministry has been updated. There are two ways to participate now. Information flow can either be done by the phone list or email list. A more in depth article was suggested to appear in the bulletin to get more involved in this important ministry. This invitation to pray is for people who have immediate needs.

WELCOME TO THE PARISH AND MINISTRY FAIR – On November 13, 2016 a Welcoming Event for new parishioners in the past two years and a Ministry Fair was hosted by the Social Concerns Committee. This event will take place annually in January.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND – Discussion took place about the practices implemented now. A workshop will take place for the people involved in this ministry. It will include a lunch. A fitting case to use will be researched.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT – Co chairs of the Social Concerns Committee Darlene and JoAnn attended the meeting to represent Social Concerns on January 9, 2017. There are many things in the area of Social Concerns that happen at Holy Rosary. The CCW, and KC's are very active in these areas. The Education and Liturgical Ministries and Parish Staff also deal with Social Concerns activities. Many of these activities overlap with Social Concerns. The role of the Social Concerns committee is to be active with services in the parish, local community, and to be aware of and speak to issues in the larger whelm of church and society.

There was discussion at the Parish Counsel, meeting about developing a Small Group Faith Sharing project in the parish. One of the goals would be to foster community and faith sharing in small groups while building community that would permeate the larger parish. Various models were discussed.

LENTEN SMALL GROUP – A seven week opportunity on Tuesday evenings will be offered Lent 2017. This was well received last year. Mary Beth and JoAnn will implement this project. It will be called "Ten on Tuesday's" The content is about the Ten Commandments

CARD MINISTRY Tasks to get up and running: Get pertinent lists, decide who to send cards to, get cards. Marlene, Marla and Jeanette will work on this project

Identify and prioritize tasks for 2016-2017

Jeanette and Mary Beth lead a discussion on the work that was presented as a model of planning. This model looks at the:

- On – going or standard tasks of the committee
- Developing work of the committee that is started
- Learning tasks – study and develop activities not started.

ON – GOING

ECHO FOOD SHELF
PRAYER CHAIN
WHO
NEW COMERS
ANOINTING MASS
MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND – Workshop
PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS – Assist when called on

DEVELOPING WORK

USHER WORKSHOP – With Liturgy Committee Medical Care
NEWLY BAPTIZED
SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUPS

LEARNING TASKS

FAITH AND GROWTH DEVELOPMENT
CARD MINISTRY
SERVICE – MINISTRY TO THE POOR

This outline is a blueprint of tasks for 2016 – 17

Other: Next Meeting: March 20.

Agenda items:

New Members

Closing Prayer