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Look up at the sky and

count the stars

if indeed you can count them...

*so shall your
offspring be*

GENESIS 15:5

2nd Sunday of Lent

03.13.22

Welcome New-member registration forms are available in the church entrances and on our website. One Eucharistic family united on our faith journey: Welcome Home!

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Lent & Easter Schedule:

Stations of the Cross:

Fridays @ 5:15PM

Mar. 25th & Apr. 8th @ SJW

Mar. 18th & Apr. 1st @ HF

Lenten Reconciliation:

Sunday, April 10th, 1:00PM @ SJW

Holy Thursday (April 14th):

7:30PM @ SJW

Good Friday (April 15th):

12:05PM @ SJW, 5:30PM @ HF

Holy Saturday (April 16th):

8:00PM @ SJW

Easter Sunday (April 17th):

8:30AM @ HF, 10:30AM @ SJW

Interviews ... or Faith Conversations?



Last Wednesday, I had the privilege of meeting with our students asking to be confirmed this year, which will take place on Friday, May 6th. We call them "Confirmation Interviews" and it is one of the latter steps in the preparation process for this sacrament. I am not sure what the students call this "opportunity" or think about it, but the word "interview" might cause a little trepidation and anxiety. Hard to believe because I am such a laidback and easy-going pastor! (Pause for laughter.) As I reflected upon this positive experience (for me, at least), I thought I might share some general observations about the interviews, especially framing them as faith conversations between young adults and their pastor. The questions I use might help all parishioners to review their own understanding of and commitment to the Catholic faith, and participation in the life of the Church.

Like many conversations, I begin with general topics of interest – how was your day? Do you like school? Any favorite subjects? Extra-curricular activities? We have some rather amazing young people with talents in music, athletics, robotics and other areas. I was fascinated to learn about their interests and the challenge some of them have in balancing their time for school, activities, work and church. As your pastor, I wish that I knew more about the individuals and families I serve and regret that I don't have many chances for similar conversations. (A parishioner can always make an appointment, but another and more informal way is to invite me to coffee, lunch or dinner.) The next questions revolve around the student's desire to be confirmed, the reasons for that interest and the meaning of the sacrament. I am always interested in learning if they have any hesitation or reluctance to be identified as a member of the Catholic Church. Sometimes I even ask, "Can you affirm or agree with what we believe? Are you willing to live this crazy Catholic way of life?" Whatever one's age, these are good questions to ponder, especially during the Season of Lent.

Another important topic is how the student has engaged in service during the preparation process – at home, in the community and in the parish. It's interesting to learn which experiences they find more meaningful or rewarding. I also ask them to pick at least one way they will continue to serve in the parish after they are confirmed. My rationale is that these service projects, or better experiences, are not "hoops" in the process, but part and parcel of living as an active member of the Church. Again, this topic is worthy of reflection for each and every parishioner. Imagine what our parish life might be like if every person, who was able to do so, participated in one form of service or ministry! Perhaps this "challenge" could be part of your Lenten practice this year – prayerfully choose one way to be more involved in our parish life. The "interview" ends with a few items more directly related to Confirmation and a question about considering a religious vocation. To me, it's much more of a faith conversation!

Sincerely in Christ, *Father Tim Reker*

P.S. A very happy St. Patrick's Day to the Irish this Thursday; for the non-Irish, 'tis a day of fast and abstinence, not? 😊

Thank You!

The SJW Men's Club would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with this year's drive thru and carry-out Fish Bake. They would also like to give a big thank you to those from the parish and community who shared our event on social media and by word of mouth and of course all those who attended the fish bake and made it a great success!

Liturgical Music Director Job Opening

St. Joseph the Worker and Holy Family Cluster Parishes are looking for a part-time Liturgical Music Director. Directly accountable to the Pastor. As the Director of Music Ministry this individual is a pastoral musician of service to the parish at prayer. Responsible for coordinating and regularly scheduling musicians to provide music for parish Mass as well as other liturgical celebrations throughout the year. A person with good knowledge of the Catholic liturgy preferred. Proficient piano accompanying skills desired. Starting May 2022, approximately fifteen hours per week, pay based on experience. Send your application and/or resume to Fr. Reker at the Parish Office or email treker@sjwhf.org. For more info call the Parish Office at 388-3766.

We are
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Stewardship of TREASURE

Holy Family

Mar. 5, 2022
\$2,817.25

Fiscal Year to Date
\$80,872.08 Actual
\$80,203.16 Budget

St. Joseph the Worker

Mar 5 & 6, 2022
\$7,328.17

Fiscal Year to Date
\$289,406.84 Actual
\$272,472.56 Budget

Children's Weekly Stewardship

Treasure: SJW: \$44.00 HF: \$5.00

This Week at a Glance

- Mon. 3/14:** 2:30pm Girls on the Run - SJW Gym
6:30pm Music Practice - SJW Church
- Tues. 3/15:** 8:30am Bible Study - HF Hall
6:30pm Bible Study - SJW Gym
- Wed. 3/16:** 8:15am ECFE Screening - SJW Gym
4:00pm 1st Communion Learning Centers
6:00pm **No** Faith Formation - SJW & HF
- Thurs. 3/17:** 2:30pm Girls on the Run - SJW Gym
- Fri. 3/18:** 5:15pm Stations of the Cross - HF
- Sat. 3/19:** 4:00pm Confession - SJW
- Sun. 3/20:** 8:00am Confession - HF

Liturgical Ministries

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

SJW—5:00 P.M. MASS

Reader: Joyce Wilcox

Servers: Gracen & Austin Ruch

ECM: John Kanyusik, Jan Mountain, Terri Michels

Ushers: Gwen Stavenau, Warren Michels, **2 Needed**

Musicians: Cindy Lawrence, Jeanne Hassing

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

HF—8:30 A.M. MASS

Reader: Marty Cassem

Servers: Nathan Sickler, Jon Seppmann

ECM: Mary Cassem

Ushers: Ken Roos, **1 Needed**

Musicians: Jan Osten, Jackie Slama

SJW—10:30 A.M. MASS

Reader: Caroline McGowan

Servers: Cecelia Gair, Sophie Nachreiner

ECM: Val Koch, Shelly Nachreiner, Susan Peller

Ushers: Rich Peller, **3 Needed**

Musicians: Ann Van Deusen, Teresa Anderson,
Anne Richardson

Doorkeeper: Terri Michels

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday, Mar. 15:

SJW 12:05pm - †Charlotte Jansen

Wednesday, Mar. 16:

Hillcrest 9:30am - Word & Communion

Pathstone 10:00am - Word & Communion

Good Counsel 11:00am - †James Weir

Thursday, Mar. 17:

HF 8:30am - Ray Reker (Blessing)

Friday, Mar. 18:

SJW 12:05pm - †Dianne Honermann

Saturday, Mar. 19: 3rd Sunday of Lent

SJW 5:00pm - †Bob Meurer

Sunday, Mar. 20: 3rd Sunday of Lent

HF 8:30am - For the Parishioners

SJW 10:30am - †William Moran

Mon: Dn 9:4b–10 • Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 • Lk 6:36–38

Tues: Is 1:10, 16–20 • Ps 50: 8–9, 16bc–17, 21 and 23 • Mt 23:1–12

Wed: Jer 18:18–20 • Ps 31:5–6, 14, 15–16 • Mt 20:17–28

Thurs: Jer 17:5–10 • Ps 1:1–2, 3, 4 and 6 • Lk 16:19–31

Fri: Gn 37:3–4, 12–13a, 17b–28a • Ps 105:16–17, 18–19, 20–21 •
Mt 21:33–43, 45–46

Sat: 2 Sm 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16 • Ps 89:2–3, 4–5, 27 and 29 •
Rom 4:13, 16–18, 22 • Mt 1:16, 18–21, 24a

Sun: Ex 3:1–8a, 13–15 • Ps 103:1–2, 3–4, 6–7, 8, 11 • 1 Cor 10:1–6,
10–12 • Lk 13:1–9

*Congratulations to Deb Evan,
the "301" winner of \$100 for March 5!*

Parish & Area Announcements

CATHOLIC CHARITIES DIAPER DRIVE March 1-31, 2022: Catholic Charities supports women who are pregnant or have a baby under a year old. They are often in need of baby items! Would you help us stock our shelves so we can continue providing baby necessities all year? We are in need of: Diapers sizes 1-6, Wipes, Baby lotion and shampoo. Thank you for your generous support!
Collection Sites: Mankato – St John the Baptist Catholic Church or Catholic Charities office.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHERN MN has immediate openings for part-time or full-time counselors to provide individual, marriage, and family **counseling**. Please see their website for more information at www.ccsomn.org/ employment.

Stewardship Corner...

"Stewardship" is a verb...

Here are three challenges for the week:

1. Thank God for *your* senses.
2. Be intentional about being the hands and feet of Jesus for a day.
3. Add to *your* Rice Bowl or donate to St. Lucie's School.

Which idea would you like to try?



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How do YOU pray? ALMSGIVING

What is almsgiving?

Almsgiving means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. It is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God." (CCC 2462)

What are some examples of almsgiving that Holy Family and St. Joseph the Worker Parishioners do?

- CRS Rice Bowls-available at entrances
- Support for St. Lucy Parish in Haiti and our SJW & HF Parishes
- Catholic Ministries Appeal- DOW-R
- Echo Food Shelf donations/volunteers
- Options for Women Mankato and Birthright donations
- Hillcrest Nursing Home charitable acts/volunteers

Can kids participate in almsgiving?

Yes! Donating money, clothing, and toys helps kids live out our Christian call to love one another. Earning money to place in the basket at Mass or to give to a charity close to your family's heart blesses all involved! Helping a friend or family member without reward teaches selfless giving.

How does almsgiving help us grow spiritually? Read Matthew 25:31-46

"The King will reply, 'I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these followers of mine, you did it for me!'" Mt 25:40

—usccb.org Almsgiving

Faith Formation March

16 Wed	No Faith Formation Classes 1st Communion Learning Centers	4:00-7:00 PM at SJW & HF
23 Wed	Faith Formation Reconciliation & Adoration at HF	6:00-7:00 PM
26 Sat	10th Grade Confirmation Service Day—preparing meals SCMNR Meet at Wooden Spoon	10:00AM-12:00 PM
30 Wed	Faith Formation Reconciliation & Adoration at SJW	6:00-7:00 PM

An Irish Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind always be at your back,
May the sunshine warm upon your face,
And the rains fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.



St. Patrick was born in Britain, not Ireland! At age 14, Patrick was kidnapped and taken to Ireland where he worked as a slave, shepherding sheep until he escaped to go home to his family when he was 20. Patrick became a priest and felt called by God to return to Ireland to help the Irish know the Gospel. The shamrock is the flower of Ireland. Patrick used the three leaf clover to teach the Irish about the Holy Trinity. He preached for 40 years and died on March 17, 461.

Patrick wore blue as a bishop, not green!

ST. PATRICK, PRAY FOR US!

The Breastplate — St. Patrick's Poem

Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort
and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ inquired, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all
that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Additional Announcements

CMA 2022: Heavenly Father, may we grow closer to Christ through our support of the 2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal. We thank you, Lord, for your many blessings you have bestowed upon us. We cherish the gifts of time, talent and treasure that each member of our universal Church family makes to build up Christ's Church in love. We ask you, Lord, to send us forth in this spirit of love to serve our communities and our world with open hearts. Amen. To give online, visit www.catholicismn.org

SJW WOMEN'S CLUB UPDATE: SAVE THE DATE! In person meeting: Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 4:00 to 5:30 PM, in the auditorium. Come for beverages and snacks, and a chance to meet other women in the parish. Agenda items to be determined; your ideas are solicited! Those who are interested in a leadership role, please contact Sheryl Peterson or Mary Date. Many hands make light work. Look for the Women's club page on the parish web page for more details. We hope to see you there!!

SHELTER THE HOMELESS: "Is this not, rather, the fast that I choose: . . . sharing your bread with the hungry, bringing the afflicted and the homeless into your house; clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own flesh" (Is. 58:6-7)? This week, answer Christ's call to Shelter the Homeless by 1) Praying for those without shelter, as well as those who are forced to leave their home countries; 2) Lowering the thermostat by 5 degrees in solidarity with those who have no warm shelter; 3) Generously supporting your local Habitat for Humanity. For more ideas on how to put Christ's Mercy in Motion this Lent, visit www.ccsomn.org/mercyinmotion.



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Adam Bemmels, PreK-12 Principal

Did you know? Loyola enrollment has been growing, and we want to thank our families for all of the positive word of mouth and testimonials that have been shared! The New Student Referral Incentive Program awards a current referring Loyola family with a tuition credit for **each** new student enrolled and actually attends Loyola Catholic School.

Earn a **\$250** tuition credit for each new student in grades K-5. Earn a **\$500** tuition credit for each new student in grades 6-12. Loyola wants to ensure that a quality Catholic education is accessible for our students. If your family could benefit from financial aid, visit <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid> to apply, or email admissions@loyolacatholicsschool.org for more information.

Alumni News: Loyola is always exploring different ways to engage more of our alumni. Our alumni play a critical role in supporting our students and families through their generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure. If you have an idea for this and are willing to help, please contact Matt Fink at mfink@loyolacatholicsschool.org, or call (507) 386-5392.

Lucky 20 Raffle: Help support Loyola Catholic School with a chance to win some extra cash! Loyola's annual Lucky 20 raffle will begin next week. Purchase a raffle ticket for \$100 for a chance to win a variety of cash prizes starting with \$10,000. The winners will be announced at the Crusader Golf Classic at Mankato Golf Club on May 16, 2022. *You still have the opportunity to help support Loyola by volunteering to sell Lucky 20 tickets.* If you would like to volunteer, please contact Carrie Kijenski at ckijenski@loyolacatholicsschool.org or 507.386.5381. Look for more information to come soon!

Your parish support makes all we do, learn, and celebrate at Loyola possible. Leading through Faith, Academic Excellence, and Service.

SJW MEN'S CLUB MISSION STATEMENT:

To bring together men of all ages to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ. With the direction of our Priest, encouraging each other to be servant leaders in our Church.

Parish Office Hours

Mon-Thurs: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Fri: 8:30am-12:00pm
or by appointment

Contact Information

Office Phone.....388-3766
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terrimichels.com
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Pastoral Staff

Rev. Timothy T. Reker - Pastor
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Nicole Hermer - Director of Parish Activities
Glenn Barnette - Bookkeeper
Kathy Moldan - Office Assistant
Sister Janet Wermerskirchen - Music Director
Jon Hermanson - SJW Custodial Engineer
Mike Murrain - SJW Custodian
Ben Moldan - HF Custodian

Sacraments

Baptism - Please contact Fr. Reker in the parish office to schedule the baptism and the baptism preparation class.

Marriage - Congratulations on your engagement! Please contact Fr. Reker at least 6 months in advance to begin preparation.

Anointing of the Sick - If you or a family member is homebound or in the hospital and would like a pastoral visit, please notify the office.

Prayers for Healing

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