

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH

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Saturday at 4:00 PM
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BSU/NWTC
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1701 Birch Lane NE
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218-444-3835
Tuesday through Saturday
9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

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öThe kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.ö

These are the words of Jesus to the Jews in Galilee. These are also his words to us, from the Gospel of Mark, as we begin this season of lent. During this holy season may we truly reflect on these words and take these words to heart. May we come to an even deeper understanding of the love that our Lord and Savior had for and still has for each and every one of us that made him suffer and die for our salvation. Our salvation is at hand, repent and believe in the gospel.

Throughout this season of lent we have several men and women who are taking there final steps to join us as members of the Roman Catholic Church. These men and women have been meeting with our RCIA Team since early this past fall, learning about our faith, our church and our loving God. This Sunday, at the 9:00 AM Mass, we are celebrating the Rite of Acceptance. These men and women will publicly announce their desire to become a part of this body of Christ and will be accepted as Candidates and Catechumens. We, the church, will accept the unbaptized, as Catechumens, and those who have been baptized, who are seeking the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, as candidates.

Next Sunday, February 22nd, they will celebrate the Rites of Election and Welcoming at the Cathedral in Crookston. Bishop Hoepfner will celebrate these rites with all of the candidates and catechumens from throughout the diocese. They will then continue their preparation throughout Lent and will receive the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday night. I invite you to support them through your prayers until they join us in full communion as members of this body of Christ.

I encourage you to make your Lenten journey special by participating in the Stations of the Cross, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and our communal Penance Service.

May God bless you,
Deacon Kermit

Your Parish Representatives:

Parish Council Members: Wanda Baumgartner, Kevin Erpelding, Anita Froelich, Gary Gregg, Mike Headlee, Jodi Maki, Brent Rud, Theresa Wilander

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First Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2015

One does not live
by bread alone!

MASS INTENTIONS For February 23 - March 1

Monday, February 23:

8:30 AM Mass: +John Ovsak

Tuesday, February 24:

12:10 PM Mass: +Wayne & Barbara Nessman

5:30 PM Mass (Newman): Special Intentions for
Kay Snyder

Wednesday, February 25:

8:40 AM Mass: +Pat Dow

Thursday, February 26:

7:00 AM Mass: +Dan Fairbanks

10:30 AM Anointing Mass (Goldpine): +Al DeCrans

10:30 AM Communion Service (Neilson Place)

Friday, February 27:

8:30 AM Mass: +Joe Neumann

Saturday, February 28:

8:30 AM Mass: Special Intentions for Lori & Pat

5:30 PM Mass: +Chris Rutledge

Sunday, March 1:

7:30 AM Mass: +Richard Heidt

9:00 AM Mass: +Ellouise Dahlgren

11:00 AM Mass: For the People

7:00 PM Mass (Newman): +Leo Olmschenk

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, February 23

8:05 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel)

9:00 AM to 9:00 PM Adoration (Chapel)

3:30 PM Cub Scout Bear Mtg. (Social Hall)

7:00 PM Nightlights (St. Kateri)

Tuesday, February 24

6:00 AM to 9:00 PM Adoration (Chapel)

12:45 PM Lenten Soup Luncheon (Social Hall)

3:15 PM Little Flowers (Social Hall)

6:00 PM Alpha (Newman)

6:30 PM Gifts of the Holy Spirit Seminar (Social Hall)

7:00 PM Men's Basketball (Gym)

7:30 PM Marian Devotions (Chapel)

Wednesday, February 25

8:05 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel)

9:30 AM Rosary for Schools (Chapel)

3:15 PM Girl Scout Troop 42 (St. Kateri)

6:30 PM Faith Formation Grades 1-11

Thursday, February 26

12:00 PM to 9:00 PM Adoration (Chapel)

5:00 PM Life Teen Band Practice (Church)

6:30 PM RCIA (St. Kateri)

7:00 PM Choir Practice (St. Gregory/Grt)

7:00 PM Prayer & Praise (Chapel)

Friday, February 27

8:05 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel)

2:30 PM Stations of the Cross (Church)

4:30 PM to 6:30 PM Lenten Fish Fry (Social Hall)

5:00 PM to 9:00 PM Adoration

6:00 PM Reconciliation (Chapel)

6:30 PM Stations of the Cross (Church)

Saturday, February 28

4:30 PM Reconciliation

6:30 PM Reconciliation

Sunday, March 1

8:35 AM Rosary for Peace (Chapel)

9:00 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (St. Gregory/Grt)

10:15 AM Baptism Class (St. Kateri)

10:15 AM Rosary for Peace (Chapel)

12:00 PM Life Teen Event (Gym)



Remember you are dust
and unto dust you shall return

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Bible Readings for the Week of February 23 ~ March 1

Monday, Feb 23:

- Lv 19:1-2,11-18
- Ps 19:8-10,15
- Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday, Feb 24:

- Is 55:10-11
- Ps 34:4-7,16-19
- Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, Feb 25:

- Jon 3:1-10
- Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19
- Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, Feb 26:

- Est C:12,14-16,23-25
- Ps 138:1-3,7c-8
- Mt 7:7-12

Friday, Feb 27:

- Ez 18:21-28
- Ps 130:1-8
- Mt 5:20-26

Saturday, Feb 28:

- Dt 26:16-19
- Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8
- Mt 5:43-48

Sunday, Mar 1:

- Gn 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18
- Ps 116:10,15-19
- Rom 8:31b-34
- Mk 9:2-10

INFORMATION & ACTIVITIES



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Parents or prospective parents who wish to present a child for Baptism are asked to attend a baptism preparation class.

The next session will be on March 1. Please call the Parish Office at 444-4262 to register, or for more information.



St. Philip's extends condolences to the families of **Donald Matte** (son-in-law of Rita Lauderbaugh), and **Marc Pelzer** (father of Michelle Sand). May they find rest and peace, & may their families find comfort in God's love.

LAST CALL!

The annual Men's Cursillo Weekend is coming up Feb. 26-March 1. Fr. Don is the spiritual director for the weekend and, as this goes to press, five men from the parish will be attending. This week is the **last call** for men wanting to attend. The Women's Cursillo Weekend is March 19-22. Contact Fr. Don if interested.

Cursillo is a wonderful weekend of talks, prayer and time just to tune out the world and recharge. The weekends are held at Sand Hill Bible Camp 6 miles south of Fosston. For those who have already attended Cursillo, Fr. Don would like to form a contact list to send you information. Please email him at dbraukmann@stphilipsbemidji.org to let him know you have attended Cursillo in the past.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS...

The Knights of Columbus are again offering an opportunity to apply for a scholarship. This scholarship is awarded annually to a High School Senior. Deadline for applying is April 1, 2015.

Application forms may be picked up from the High School guidance counselor.

Rosary Convocation 2015: Responding to Our Lady of Fatima:

In preparation for the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, The Rosary convocation 2015 will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, at Our Lady's Shrine, Old Crossing Treaty Park, in Huot, MN. See poster for more information. Please consider fulfilling the First Saturday Devotion in preparation for this feast day. Pamphlets are available in the church explaining this devotion.



St. Philip's Triduum and Easter Choir

The St. Philip's Choir is getting warmed again for our Easter Triduum Season. If you have sung in a chorus before, or this is your first time, we want you to be apart of this great experience! We will have six rehearsals leading up to Holy Week and sing for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil. We need many voices to help lead us through our most holiest season in our Church. You will learn many new chorus skills, meet new people, connect with old friends, and sing some of the most beautiful music in our Catholic Tradition. If you would like to join, please email or call Aana Freihammer in the office (218-444-4262). Rehearsals start soon!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Northern Minnesota Ministry



As we prepare for Lent let us think about ways to change our hearts and enrich our Sacrament of Marriage. Take time now to build a stronger Sacrament. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are March 20-22 in Baxter, March 27-29 in Minot, April 17-19 in Frontenac & May 1-3 & July 17-19 in Buffalo. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: northmnwwme.org.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 ~ June 30, 2015

Week #33 Contributions (received the weekend of 2/15/2015)	Envelopes	\$11,385.00	Fiscal Year to Date (Week #33): Amount Contributed
	EFT Env.	\$ - -	
	Loose Plate	\$ 624.92	
	Children's	\$ 48.50	
	Total	\$12,058.42	
	Envelopes	\$ 525,112.34	
	Loose Plate	\$ 28,675.42	
	Children's	\$ 1,662.56	
	Total	\$ 555,450.32	

STEWARDSHIP - A HABIT OF THE HEART

(97.64% of budget)

SECOND COLLECTION FOR BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS — FEBRUARY 21/22

Recognizing a need to call the faithful to support missionary work among African American and Native American Catholics, the U.S. Catholic bishops established the Commission for the Catholic Missions in 1884 to administer a national collection- the first of its kind in the United States- to support missionary work.

Ever since the first Collection in 1884, the Commission has administered the yearly, national **Black and Indian Mission Collection**. The generosity of the good People of God allows the Commission to give helpful grants to dioceses across the country to operate schools, parishes, and other missionary services that build the Body of Christ in Native American, Alaska Native, and Black Catholic communities.

Thank you for prayerfully supporting the Black & Indian Mission Collection!

SYNOD SURVEY:

Bishop Hoepfner invites the Catholic faithful of the Diocese of Crookston to assist him in formulating a response to the questions proposed to the bishops around the world in preparation for the Ordinary Synod of Bishops this October on the topic of The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and Contemporary World. A multiple choice survey is available online until March 1st, 2015 at <https://dioceseofcrookston.wufoo.com/forms/2015-synod-survey/> to assist Bishop in getting a sense of the faithful. The survey's link can also be found on the home page rotator (2nd article) of the Diocese of Crookston website.

BETTER CHOICES, BETTER HEALTH

If you or someone you care for has a chronic health condition, Sanford's *Better Choices, Better Health* can help you take charge of your life. Chronic conditions are those that go on for years and that we live with for the rest of our lives. You will learn useful ways to deal with pain and fatigue, learn better nutrition and exercise choices, set weekly goals, problem solve more effectively, improve communication, relax and handle difficult emotions. Join with trained volunteer facilitators that also have chronic health conditions, in a free 2 1/2 hour *Better Choices, Better Health* workshop hosted by First Lutheran Church, from 1:30-4 PM, Wednesdays, February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, & 25. The workshop is free but registration is necessary. Call Sanford at 701-234-5570 or toll free at 877-234-4240 to register.

There are brochures on the St. Philip's bulletin board for the taking.



The courage and grace shown by those women who choose life- in the face of fear, uncertainty, parental or partner intimidation, seemingly insurmountable odds- make them today's heroes. They are joined by the many who counsel, support and nurture them both before and after the birth of their child. Such self-giving love is powerfully transformative of mother, of child, of families, of cultures.

2013-2014 Respect Life Program (USCCB), Erika Bachiochi, Esq., Life Matters: Roe Plus 40+



Check out some of the new CDs from Lighthouse that would be great devotions for Lent. Located at both entrances to the Narthex. Suggested donation - \$3.00.

My Beloved Son . Fr. Robert Barron offers five sermons on the spiritual discipline we must cultivate in the Lenten season . a discipline centered in

Christ. These meditations cover topics such as finding our identity in God, prayer as the key to mission, our thirst for God, how to end our alienation from God, and how to joyfully embrace the way of happiness.

Seven Last Sayings of Christ . Spoken as he suffered the agony of the cross, the seven last sayings of Christ recorded in the gospels have been the subject of prayer and inquiry by Christians for two thousand years. In this revealing presentation, Dr. Scott Hahn unlocks for us the deeper significance of our Lord's words, carefully chosen so that we might better understand the immense love of God for every person and His plan of salvation.

Glimpses along the Way of the Cross . In these beautiful talks, Msgr. James Shea guides us along the Stations of the Cross, teachings us how to better open our hearts to the suffering of Jesus on His way to Calvary. Weaving together the insights of keen believers like Caryll Houselander, Archbishop Fulton Sheen, and Dr. James Edwards, these meditations take us into the depths of Christ's agony, and back out again into the relief and joy of what His sacrifice means for us.

Confession - Based upon his proven and powerful parish mission presentation, Fr. Larry Richards' talk on Confession has become the #1 talk in North America dealing with one of the Catholic Faith's most misunderstood Sacraments. He is riveting, honest, very human, often touchingly gentle, and yes, even humorous, and provides listeners with hope for a closer, healing relationship with Jesus Christ.

ST. PHILIP'S SCHOOL

Class Notes

February 21/22

- Bishop Hoepfner will visit St. Philip's School on Wednesday, February 25. He will celebrate Mass with us at 8:40 AM and then take time to visit the classrooms.
- Please join us for Stations of the Cross at 2:30 on the Fridays of Lent.
- Return your Conference Request Form as soon as possible. Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, March 5. See you then.
- St. Philip's Parish will host a walleye Fish Fry each Friday in Lent. The delicious meal will be served from 4:30 - 6:30 each Friday. Come and eat with family and friends, or amass some Service Hours by volunteering your services. The Fish Frys are a Lenten tradition.
- 2015-2016 Registration for St. Philip's School is now open for the community at large. Visit or call the school office for more information.
- Tickets for the Catholic United Raffle are on sale. Each ticket costs \$5 and totally benefits St. Philip's School. The grand prize is a new car or \$25,000. Good luck, everyone!
- Get Safe Environment Certified now. Go to www.crookston.org and follow the Safe Environment prompts.
- Anyone who volunteers or works in the school needs to attain certification annually. (July 1 starts the new year of certification.) Thanks.

MONROE CROSSING CONCERT

The Gospel/Bluegrass group Monroe Crossing will perform at the Historic Chief Theater in Downtown Bemidji on Saturday, February 28th, 2015, beginning at 7:30PM.

Tickets to hear this award winning, internationally known 5-piece inspirational gospel and bluegrass band are \$20, and are available at Kelsey's Jewelry, Overbeek's Music, or by calling 209-7884.

NIGHTLIGHTS

Nightlights, a support group for anyone who has a loved one with mental illness will hold its monthly meeting at 7:00-8:30 p.m., **Monday, February 23, 2015** in the St. Kateri Room at St. Philips Church, 7th Street and Beltrami Ave. With questions, please call 218 444 4262.

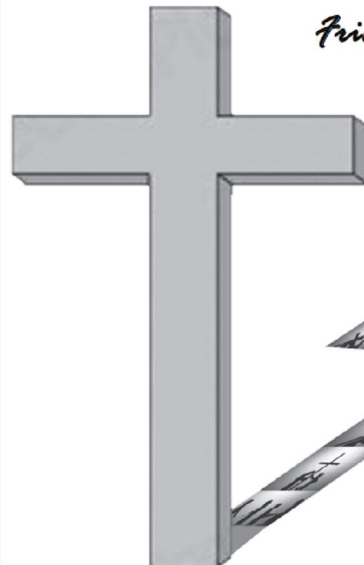
You are invited to the

Shadow Stations of the Cross

Presented by the
Middle School and Confirmation Students
of Sacred Heart Church

Friday, February 27, 2015

7:00 pm



*Sacred Heart Church
Wilton, Minnesota*



Praise to the
LORD JESUS CHRIST

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February 2015



Dear faith partner,

There are only a couple weeks left until the March Campaign, which means it's time to gear up for Pack the Pews, coming up the weekend of Friday, March 20 - Sunday, March 22.

If you have not yet registered for Pack the Pews with Minnesota FoodShare, it's not too late. Email czaato@gmcc.org or call 612-276-1556 to register today. When you register, let us know if you need any more posters mailed to you.

Join congregations across the state in the fight against hunger!

How to Participate:

1. Register for Pack the Pews by emailing czaato@gmcc.org.
2. Get the word out by printing information in your bulletin, making announcements during service, and hanging Pack the Pews posters.
3. Identify volunteers to deliver donations to your nearest food shelf.
4. Contact your local food shelf to learn drop-off times.
5. Bring non-perishables to worship service the weekend of March 20 - March 22
6. Take up a special collection to support Minnesota FoodShare in fighting statewide hunger.
7. Get creative—have youth groups go on a food scavenger hunt, get children involved with decorating food boxes, or have congregation members participate in a can-construction contest.
8. Deliver donations to the food shelf.
9. Send pictures and stories to Minnesota FoodShare.

Thank you for supporting your local food shelf and hungry families across Minnesota. For more information, contact Courtney Zaato at czaato@gmcc.org or visit mnfoodshare.gmcc.org where you can download Pack the Pews bulletin inserts, posters, and other March Campaign materials.

Thank you,

Suzanne Shatila
Director
Minnesota FoodShare

Courtney Zaato
Program Coordinator
Minnesota FoodShare



Christian Initiation of Adults

Rite of Acceptance



"You have followed God's light, and the way of the Gospel now lies open before you." *RCLA 52*

Becoming Catholic

Responding to God's Call

God works in many different ways. Most of the time, God works through ordinary people and events—a parent, a friend, a beautiful sunset, a song, an inspiring story. Other times, we hear God's call during crisis moments or major life-changes—a birth, an engagement, a sickness, a death. Sometimes, we just have a feeling that something is missing.

No matter what a person's reasons are for becoming Catholic, the Church's hope and prayer is that when God calls them, they will respond.

One part of the Catholic Church's mission is to help people respond to God as best they can. For Christians, initiation and on-going participation in the life of

the Church are the primary responses to God's call. Through the process of becoming Catholic, we try to help people learn how to respond to that call not just for the moments of baptism, confirmation and Eucharist, but for every day of their lives. The way we learn how to become Catholic is by actually doing what Catholics do. So, the process of being initiated into the Church is not so much about learning things as in a classroom, but learning a way of life as an apprentice learns a discipline from a master and that master's community.

God showers his grace on the candidates, since the celebration manifests their desire publicly and marks their first consecration (*RCLA 41*).

Being Accepted

Becoming Catholic is a process. The Catholic Church has recently recovered and developed a process that some of the earliest Christians had used when people came to them asking to be baptized. The first part of this process is called "Evangelization and Pre-Catechumenate."

In this initial phase, a baptized or an unbaptized adult is moved by some experience to inquire about the Catholic Church. Through some informal contact with a member of the Church, he or she begins to explore issues of faith, questions they've always had about the Church, or anything that has moved them to seek some kind of relationship with the Church. This part of the process can happen any-

time for as long as needed.

When the inquiring person and the Church community believe that the

person is starting to show some signs of a Catholic Christian faith and is ready to commit to becoming Catholic, the person is invited to celebrate a ritual called a "Rite of Acceptance into the Order of the Catechumenate." By celebrating this rite, the person is officially and publicly declaring his or her intention to enter into a formal relationship with the Church, learning its ways and participating in its lifestyle. The Church, in turn, accepts their commitment and pledges its support throughout the person's journey of faith.

This rite makes the person an official member of the Church as one who is preparing to become Catholic or be baptized and become Catholic. Therefore, the person is given an official title and role to play in the Church, that of "candidate" or "Catechumen". In preparation for this rite, the Church also gives the inquiring person

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Words to know

catechesis: Greek, meaning "sounding down" or "re-echoing down to another"; a way of communicating faith.

candidate: a baptized Christian who is preparing to become a Catholic; in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the term "candidate" is also used to refer to the subjects of a rite, which includes catechumens and inquirers.

catechumen: Greek, meaning "one in whom word echoes"; one who celebrated the Rite of Acceptance.

dismissal: a sending; catechumens are sent after homily to reflect on God's Word; the baptized are sent at Mass to "go, love and serve the Lord," not meant to separate but to enable one's mission.

evangelization: first stage of RCIA, of unfixed duration, also called inquiry or pre-catechumenate; proclaiming faith in Christ; mission of the baptized.

inquirer: name given to the unbaptized who are drawn to the Christian way of life

RCIA: stands for "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults;" the process for becoming a Catholic Christian

signing of the senses: ritual act of tracing the sign of the cross on the catechumen's forehead and other parts of the body during the Rite of Acceptance.

Do you remember when you first heard God's call? Was it through a person or a significant event? What were you being called to do? How did you feel about what you were being called to do? Who helped you take the next step?

Know Someone who is interested in becoming Catholic? Contact us:

Fr. Chuck Huck 444-4262
Fr. Don Braukmann 444-4262
Deacon Kermit Erickson 444-4262
Robb Naylor 444-4262

St. Philips RCIA Team

a gift -- one of its own baptized members to be a sponsor or companion of the person through the next part of the process of becoming Catholic called the "Period of the Catechumenate."

What important commitments have you made?

How did you symbolize making that commitment?

Who supported you in making it?

The Threshold

The threshold, entrance and center aisle of the Church are important symbols in many Catholic Rites. Entrances symbolize transitions and new ways of life. For Christians, Christ, the Good Shepherd and the gate for the sheep, is the most important door, because "whoever enters through [Christ] will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture" (John 10:9). But entrances are also liminal spaces, in-between places that are neither here nor there. Even though Christ has died and risen to save us from death, we still live in the in-between time until Christ comes again to welcome all of creation through the doors of the kingdom of God.

In the Rite of Acceptance, those wishing to answer God's call are met at the threshold of the Church by the baptized and are ritually welcomed to enter into the main body of the Church.

The Cross

To enter into Christ also means entering into his dying and rising, for he said, "whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me" (Mark 8:34). Those who answer God's call will need to learn how to let go and die to their old ways of life, and this will often be painful and difficult. But the cross is also the sign of our salvation. So in the Rite of Acceptance, the Church consecrates - sets apart and makes holy - those who are committing themselves to following Christ by signing their bodies with the cross.

Think of all the ways the cross touches you -

in the sign of the cross, in crosses you wear.

What does the cross mean to you?

Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens

(italics show optional parts of the Rite)

Receiving the Candidates

Gathering song

Sign of the Cross and Greeting

Greeting the Candidates

Opening dialogue asking what they seek

Candidates' acceptance of the Gospel

Affirmation by sponsors and assembly and acceptance of
the candidates by the Church

Signing of Candidates with the cross

Invitation to hear the Word of God

The Word and the Assembly

In order to learn how to take up the cross of Christ each day of their lives, these candidates and catechumens will need to be nourished by the Word of God, for "one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). In the scriptures that they will hear every Sunday in the Mass, God speaks, and in the Gospels, Christ proclaims to all those assembled that God's promises last forever. No matter what things the candidates and catechumens will encounter - suffering, pain, obstacles, doubt, fear, sin, death - God will never leave them. God's love through Christ never fails.

Where we encounter Christ and his love most clearly is in the assembly. When God's people gather on Sunday to proclaim the Scriptures, offer prayers for the world, and remember Christ in the sharing of a meal - the Eucharist - Christ is truly present. It will be through the assembly that the candidates and catechumens learn how to live as Christ. The assembly models for them how to die to selfishness, how to forgive others, how to preach the Good News, and how to live in hope through the Holy Spirit. The candidates and catechumens will depend on the Spirit of God found in the assembly to apprentice them into a life of discipleship.

Because they are not yet baptized, the catechumens cannot yet participate in the prayers of the faithful. These prayers are the Creed, the General Intercessions, and the Eucharistic Prayer which climaxes in Communion. Therefore, after the homily, we send the Catechumens along with the Candidates, accompanied by members of the baptized (our RCIA Catechist Team), to feast on the Word of God, to reflect on how God is continuing to call them in this part of their faith journey, and to discern how they are to respond.

What are your favorite Scripture passages? How have these words nourished you? How do you see these words lived out in the assembly? What do these words call you to do?

Joined to the Church, the Candidates and Catechumens are now part of the household of Christ, since the Church nourishes them with the Word of God (RCLA 47).

Liturgy of the Word

Instruction of the catechumens/candidates to prepare them for the Word

First reading

Psalm response

Second reading

Gospel acclamation and Gospel Reading

Homily

Presentation of a Bible

Intercessions for the Catechumens and Candidates

Prayer over the Catechumens and Candidates

Dismissal of the Catechumens and Candidates

Liturgy of the Eucharist

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of February 28 — March 1

	Feb 28, 5:30 PM Second Sunday of Lent	Mar 1, 7:30 AM Second Sunday of Lent	Mar 1, 9:00 AM Second Sunday of Lent	Mar 1, 11:00 AM Second Sunday of Lent
SACRISTAN	Jim LeClaire	Jane Foley Al Foley	Jim Gorham	Mary Herried
LECTOR	Jim LeClaire Joe Czapiewski	Elizabeth Upgren John Bloberger	Luke Alexander Susan Baird	LIFE TEEN LIFE TEEN
INTERCESSOR	Amy Buckanaga	Carol Schneider	Nancy Goodman	LIFE TEEN
ALTAR SERVER	Nathaniel Gourneau Westin Gourneau	Abby Arel Matthew Arel	Julia Klisch Lindsey Theis	Toby Glen Anna Glen
CAPTAIN	NOT FILLED	Patti Van Camp	Ed Daigle	Susie Balstad
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HOSPITALITY - Usher	Dick Lehmann Mark Moris Terri Chmielewski NOT FILLED	Gary Bruns James Wiltse Paulette Welle Bob McCalip	Ron Arel Troy Hendricks Jerry Downs Del Hager	Mike Doty Hank Imsande LIFE TEEN LIFE TEEN LIFE TEEN LIFE TEEN
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