

To Accomplish God's Work

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH

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St. Charles Pennington

Saturday at 4:00 PM

(Fishing Opener to Labor Day)

Holy Spirit Newman Center

BSU/NWTC

Sun at 7:00 PM, Tues at 7:00 PM,

Thurs at 5:30 PM (School year only)

1701 Birch Lane NE

218-444-4762

St. Philip's Clothing Depot

218-444-3835

Tuesday through Sat. urday

9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

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2nd Sunday of Lent Greetings,

February 21, 2016

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime! Embrace all equally.

This weekend we celebrate Transfiguration Sunday, the day the three apostles witnessed Jesus in his glory to be revealed to the world after his death and resurrection. This Gospel passage was one of my dad's favorites! He often asked if we had thought about how our bodies and souls would be transformed like Jesus! Have you contemplated what our soul will be like after death? We know we will see Jesus, be judged and we will face Heaven or Hell? On Friday I read a review of a book that has as its message that there is no Hell. The author wants us to believe that proclaiming the name of Jesus is enough to save everyone. Jesus himself tells us; "not everyone will get into heaven." He also warns about "the fires of Gehenna."

Our Catholic teaching is that we proclaim our belief in Jesus and it will affect our lives, we will live differently, we will help those that are imprisoned be free, (Do not let the word prison limit your understanding) People are and can be imprisoned by thoughts, fears, and actions of others! We can free them just by listening or spending time with them.

We also are called to feed the hungry. (Do let the word hunger denote only food) Some people hunger for companionship, understanding, knowledge. It is up to us to feed others, one of my favorite expressions is: do not count the sheep! feed them!

We are called to cloth the naked. This could also be a call to stop abortions, neglect of children, the rampant use of pornography, lustful abuse of the other person; can you believe there is human trafficking in Minnesota?

We are called to be a people who cry out against injustice! Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime! Embrace all equally.

Just a reminder about the powerful sacrament of Reconciliation: we are available to celebrate the Sacrament before and after mass, on Fridays at 6PM, by appointment, and on March 4th there will be 2 priests available from 7 AM to 9 PM all day long!

Two topics reconciliation and new priests are covered in this story! The elder priest, speaking to the younger priest, said, "I knew you were innovative when you put theatre seats in to replace the first four pews. It worked. We got the front of the church filled first." The young priest nodded and the old one continued, "And, you told me a little more beat to the music would bring young people back to church, that rock 'n roll gospel choir has us packed." "So," asked the young priest, "what's the problem?" "Well," said the elder priest, "I'm afraid you've gone too far with the drive-thru confessional." "But Father," protests the young priest. "Confessions have nearly doubled since I began that!" "I know," said the elder priest, "but the flashing neon 'Toot 'n Tell or Go to Hell' sign, really has to go."

Great News! We received word that Matt Schmitz from the parish of St Joseph in Brooks, will be ordained as a transitional Deacon on April 30, 2016. Following ordination, Deacon Matt will be assigned to St Philips for his summer ministry. He will be ordained Father Matt in June of 2017. Mark your calendar for April 30th we will want to be at the ordination to welcome him to his new ministry. Please offer prayers for our seminarians.

Have a blessed Lenten week! practice: prayer fasting and almsgiving! Do you have your nail in your pocket or purse? Do not let the devil win! Blessings on your week! *Fr Chuck*

Your Parish Representatives:

Parish Council Members: Sarah Bofferding, Kevin Erpelding, Anita Froelich, Jim Gorham, Gary Gregg, Cynthia Haskin, Brent Rud, Drew Weaver, Theresa Wilander

Finance Council Members: Jeff Cwikla, Claude Sand, Shannon Schmitt

School Council Members: Jaclyn Bergerson, Tiffany Fankhanel, Christine Louvar, James Marcotte, Trudy Peterson, Laura Schwindt

Trustees: Joann Gardner, Hank Krigbaum

Second Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2016

Redeem us, Lord,
from our distress!

MASS INTENTIONS

For February 22 to 28

Monday, Feb 22

8:30 AM Mass: +Camilla Bormann

Tuesday, Feb 23

12:10 PM Mass: +Leon Eide

7:00 PM Mass (Newman): +Jan Pohl

Wednesday, Feb 24

8:40 AM Mass: +Marguerite Fagan

Thursday, Feb 25

7:00 AM Mass: Special Intentions for Roger &
Verna Mae Lehmann

10:30 AM Mass (Goldpine): +George Theroux

10:30 AM Communion Service (Neilson Place)

5:30 PM Mass (Newman): +Henry & Anna Vonasek

Friday, Feb 26

8:30 AM Mass: +Audrey Hofmeister

Saturday, Feb 27

8:30 AM Mass: +Dale Stebe

5:30 PM Mass: For the People

Sunday, Feb 28

7:30 AM Mass: +Mary Hoody

9:00 AM Mass: +Darby Whalen

11:00 AM Mass: +Cele Maus

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

DAILY READINGS

For the Week of February 22 to 28

Monday, Feb 22

1 Pt 5:1-4

Ps 23:1-3a,4-6

Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday, Feb 23

Is 1:10,16-20

Ps 50:8-9,16b-17,23

Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, Feb 24

Jer 18:18-20

Ps 31:5-6,14-16

Mt 20:17-28

Thursday, Feb 25

Jer 17:5-10

Ps 1:1-4,6

Lk 16:19-31

Friday, Feb 26

Gn 37:30,4,12-13a,17b-28a

Ps 105:16-21

Mt 21:33-43,45-46

Saturday, Feb 27

Mi 7:14-15,18-20

Ps 103:1-4,8-12

Lk 15:1-3,11-32

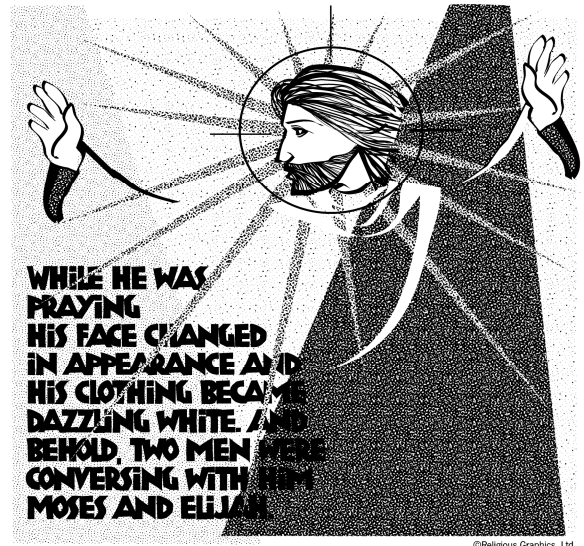
Sunday, Feb 28

Ex 3:1-8a,13-15

Ps 103:1-4,6-8,11

1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12

Lk 13:1-9



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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, Feb 22

8:05 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel)

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

7:00 PM 2016 Legislative Tour "Life, Death, & Everything In-Between"

Tuesday, Feb 23

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

1:00 PM Lenten Soup/Sandwich Lunch (Social Hall)

3:30 PM Little Flowers (Social Hall)

5:30 PM Facilities Committee Mtg (St. Kateri Rm)

7:00 PM Men's Basketball (Gym)

7:30 PM Marian Devotions (Chapel)

Wednesday, Feb 24

8:05 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel)

9:30 AM Rosary for Our Schools

10:30 AM Welcoming Committee Mtg (St. Kateri Rm)

12:00 PM Finance Council Mtg (St. Kateri Rm)

4:00 PM Events Planning Committee Mtg (St. Kateri Rm)

6:00 PM Reconciliation (Chapel)

6:30 PM Faith Formation, Grades 1-11

Thursday, Feb 25

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

6:30 PM RCIA & Beyond (St. Kateri Rm)

7:00 PM Prayer and Praise (Chapel)

7:00 PM Triduum Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Friday, Feb 26

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 (Chapel)

6:00 PM Reconciliation (Chapel)

6:30 PM Stations of the Cross (Church)

Saturday, Feb 27

9:00 AM Triduum Choir Rehearsal (Church)

9:00 AM Stay & Play for Families (Gym/Social Hall)

4:30 PM Reconciliation (Chapel)

6:30 PM Reconciliation (Chapel)

Sunday, Feb 28

8:35 AM Rosary (Chapel)

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

9:00 AM Preschool Sunday School (PreK Classrooms)

10:15 AM Rosary (Chapel)

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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 April 3. Please call the Parish Office at 444-4262 to register, or for more information.



St. Philip's extends condolences to the families of **Leonilda "Lee" Burke, Olga Black**, mother of Karen Black. May they find rest and peace, & may their families find comfort in God's love.

PARISH LIFE

Year of Mercy Hymn

During this season of Lent, we will have a very cool opportunity to learn a new song that was commissioned solely for the Year of Mercy. When Pope Francis declared a Year of Mercy, he desired the entire world celebrate, not just Rome. For this purpose the Vatican commissioned a piece of music to be sung in every diocese and parish. Paul Inwood, an American composer (*Center of My Life*), was chosen to write the hymn. Pope Francis gave the text to be used; "*Misericordes Sicut Pater*" (Be merciful like the Father). The refrain is in Latin so as to have a common language connecting all the Catholics throughout the world singing in one voice, and the verses are in the local language of the parish. Inwood intended the song to sound like the contemplative meditations of Taizé (*Jesus, Remember Me*). We will begin this new song in Lent, incorporating only the refrain while we transfer the Eucharist from the altar to the tabernacle after communion. May you have a Blessed Year of Mercy!

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

If you have not already done so, please make your commitment, gift or pledge to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. You may use an envelope and prayer card here at St. Philip's or the one you have received at home. Fill out the pledge card completely. You may make a gift by check or cash, by credit card or automatic withdrawal from your checking account over the course of 12 months. If you have been a faithful giver, consider increasing your gift this year. Any gift in any amount is meaningful to the work of the Diocese of Crookston. For questions about online giving please contact Renee' Tate at rtate@crookston.org or call toll-free 1-855-297-8252. View the excellent DAA video at www.crookston.org/daa.

WHEELCHAIR SUNDAY

Since 2003, the Knights of Columbus have sponsored nearly 50,000 wheelchairs to children, teens, and adults who needed one, but couldn't afford one. Please join the Knights of Columbus, Chris Lewis, Fr. Chuck, and Fr. Don to learn how \$150 can purchase and deliver a free wheelchair to someone in need. "WHEELCHAIR SUNDAY", March 12 & 13.



"STAY & PLAY FOR FAMILIES"

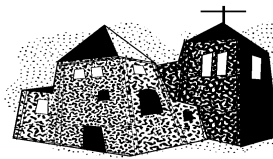
Starting on Saturday, February 27, the Gym and Social Hall will be open to all families with young children from 9 to 11 AM (following Saturday morning Mass). This is an opportune time for parents and their children to get to know one another in the comfort of their own parish home! *Stay & Play* will take place the last Saturday of each month, unless otherwise noted due to conflicts. There is no cost to participate, but a snack table will be provided that you may contribute to. RSVP is not necessary, just show up and be ready to play!

Jump
for JOY!



THOUGHTS ON MERCY...

"Yet mercy triumphs over judgement." (Ignatian Exercises #s 48,55). This seems too much to hope for. But it cannot be too much if the whole mystery of the Redemption hinges on this: the exercise of mercy is to be a portent of predestination and salvation."
~ St. John XXIII



our citizenship
is in heaven

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CURSILLO OPPORTUNITIES

Are you looking for a way to walk more closely with God? Cursillo may be what you're looking for. Join with others in learning how. The Diocese of Crookston is sponsoring both a Men's and a Women's Cursillo this spring. The Men's weekend is February 25-28 and the Women's weekend is March 17-20 at Sand Hill Lake Bible Camp south of Fosston. A Cursillo weekend has the power to re-define your life. It is an investment of time that is very well spent. For more information contact Carol Olsonawski at 218-689-9081 or Bobbi Mercil at 701-866-5706. Applications are available at www.crookston.org... under the ministries/offices tab or at the Parish Office.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

Week #33 Contributions (received the weekend of 2/14/2016)

Envelopes	\$ 11,454.00
EFT Env.	\$ —
Loose Plate	\$ 739.93
Children's	\$ 46.00
Total	\$ 12,239.93

STEWARDSHIP ~ A HABIT OF THE HEART

Fiscal Year to Date (Week #33)

Amount Contributed

Envelopes	\$ 517,312.51
Loose Plate	\$ 31,691.83
Children's	\$ 1,633.16
Total	\$ 550,637.50

YTD Budget \$ 567,154.00

(97.09% of budget)

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Minnesota, North & South Dakota Ministry



The WWME weekend is a time to look at our love for our spouse and decide to do something to make our love more like Jesus' love for us. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Week-ends** are . Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: northmnwwme.org or contact Alan & Missy at applications@northmnwwme.org or 888-455-3496.

NEWMAN NEWS

For students attending BSU and NTC

Sunday, February 21st 7 PM Mass (Bowling to follow!)

Tuesday, February 23rd 7 PM Mass

Thursday, February 25th 5:30 PM Mass
and FREE Meal to follow!

Sunday, February 28th 7 PM Mass



Minnesota FoodShare Month is Just Around the Corner!

Remember the hungry during St. Philip's March Campaign. We will be collecting food and cash donations for the Bemidji Community Food Shelf throughout the month of March. Watch upcoming bulletins for further details and facts on hunger!



40 DAYS FOR LIFE 2016 SPRING CAMPAIGN February 10 – March 20

Pray for the current campaign that began on Ash Wednesday in 273 cities worldwide.

The start of the campaign came with *good news already* as two more abortion facilities **closed their doors** following 40 Days for Life campaigns. This now makes 66 locations... where people peacefully prayed outside during 40 Days for Life vigils...that have gone out of business.

www.40daysforlife.com, *Day 1 Online Update*. *Sign up is available on the website to receive daily devotions and updates.

#NFP

Understanding the Whole Picture of NFP

Monday, March 7, 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Introductory course to be held on the topic of **Natural Family Planning (NFP)**, covering topics:

What is NFP / what is it not? How is NFP different from contraception? And what are the benefits and difficulties of NFP?

The course will also equip participants with a generic understanding of each NFP method. *All are invited!* Instructor: Jennifer Messing of "Into the Deep". Questions – contact Kris Jensen 441-4944. *Sponsored by the Diocese of Crookston's Office of the New Evangelization in partnership with hosting parish.*

ST. PHILIP'S SCHOOL

Class Notes:

February 20/21

- We've celebrated the 100th day of school, Valentine's Day, and Kindness Week.
- Our MathCounts team took first place in the Small Schools Division and third place overall in the MathCounts Chapter competition. Well done, Nick, Gwen, Sophia, and Ella! Much thanks to our coaches for their involvement: Mrs. Pat Snell, Mr. Mike Hougen, and Mr. Gary Johnson.
- A Great Job was done by Ashley Maki, who made it to the second oral round in the Regional Spelling Bee in Thief River Falls last week. Thanks for representing us well.
- Mrs. Balstad's kindergarten students will be our Mass ministers at Wednesday's school Mass.
- Please join us as we journey with Christ along the Stations of the Cross on Friday afternoons at 2:30 PM during Lent.
- Have you purchased your winning Catholic Schools Raffle ticket yet? For \$5 you can buy a chance to win a 2016 Jeep or \$20,000 in cash, but raffle sales end in February. All proceeds remain here at St. Philip's School. Help us reach our goal of \$15,000. This raffle is sponsored by Catholic United Financial. **All sold and unsold tickets and collected money must be turned in by Monday, February 29.**
- We'll have a Lenten Fish Fry this Friday, February 26. Plan to dine here Friday night or sign up to volunteer for these Lenten meals.
- Volunteer Opportunities: hot lunch servers; classroom volunteers; CU Raffle sellers; Lenten Fish Fry workers.
- To volunteer your services, please attain your Safe Environment Certification by going to: www.crookston.org and following the prompts for Safe Environment. Thanks for your cooperation.



ST. JEROME EMILIANI

DATES: 1481 – 2/6/1537

FEAST DAY: FEBRUARY 8TH

**PATRON OF THE ORPHANED
AND THE ABANDONED**

“Jerome Emiliani lay chained in the dark dirty dungeon. Only a short time before he had been a military commander for Venice in charge of a fortress. He didn't care much about God because he didn't need him -- he had his own strength and the strength of his soldiers and weapons. When Venice's enemies, the League of Cambrai, captured the fortress, he was dragged off and imprisoned. There in the dungeon, Jerome decided to get rid of the chains that bound him. He let go of his worldly attachments and embraced God.

When he finally was able to escape, he hung his metal chains in the nearby church of Treviso -- in gratitude not only for being freed from physical prison but from his spiritual dungeon as well.

After a short time as mayor of Treviso he returned to his home in Venice where he studied for the priesthood. The war may have been over but it was followed by the famine and plague war's devastation often brought. Thousands suffered in his beloved city. Jerome devoted himself to service again -- this time, not to the military but the poor and suffering around him. He felt a special call to help the orphans who had no one to care for them. All the loved ones who would have protected them and comforted them had been taken by sickness or starvation. He would become their parent, their family.

Using his own money, he rented a house for the orphans, fed them, clothed them, and educated them. Part of his education was to give them the first known catechetical teaching by question and answer. But his constant devotion to the suffering put him in danger too and he fell ill from the plague himself. When he recovered, he had the ideal excuse to back away, but instead his illness seemed to take the last links of the chain from his soul. Once again he interpreted his suffering to be a sign of how little the ambitions of the world mattered.

He committed his whole life and all he owned to helping others. He founded orphanages in other cities, a hospital, and a shelter for prostitutes. This grew into a congregation of priests and brothers that was named after the place where they had a house: the Clerks Regular of Somascha. Although they spent time educating other young people, their primary work was always Jerome's first love -- helping orphans.

His final chains fell away when he again fell ill while taking care of the sick. He died in 1537 at the age of 56.”

Excerpted from Catholic Online at: www.catholic.org/saints

St. Philip's Community Fish Fry



February 26 É March 4 É
March 11 É March 18

4:30-6:30 PM

\$12 One Fillet Walleye Dinner
\$18 Two Fillets Walleye Dinner
\$5 Child Mac & Cheese Dinner

Eat in or Take out

Dinner includes: entrée,
baked potato, coleslaw,
dinner roll, and brownie

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ENDING POLITICAL HOMELESSNESS:

Participate in your local precinct caucus on March 1 and promote a consistent ethic of life in Minnesota.

Many Catholics feel a sense of "political homelessness," as no party seems to advance a consistent ethic of life. But Minnesota Catholics have a fast-approaching opportunity to be a part of the solution. **On March 1**, local precinct caucuses will be held throughout the state. Precinct caucuses are an important step in the political process, in which parties nominate candidates and form party platforms. A unified Catholic voice at the caucus level can play a large role in ending "political homelessness" by urging political parties to adopt positions that foster human flourishing from conception to natural death.

The Minnesota Catholic Conference is here to equip **you** to make a difference by being a voice for human dignity and the common good at your precinct caucus. Whether you're a seasoned caucus-goer or have never gotten involved before, the MCC website provides helpful resources, including an explanation of the caucus process and sample resolutions.

Visit the Minnesota Catholic Conference website at mncc.org and click on the "Ending Political Homelessness" slide to access these resources (or visit mncc.org/mn-caucusing-cheat-sheet/)

To find out where your local precinct caucus will be held, call 651-293-1200 (Democratic) or 651-222-0022 (Republican), or visit caucusfinder.sos.state.mn (major and minor party information included).

Mount Saint Benedict Spirituality Center Offering: On Sunday, February 28th from 1:30 to 3:30 pm, Mount Saint Benedict Spirituality Center is offering a presentation by Shawn Colberg, Assistant Professor of Theology in the Department of Theology and the School of Theology at the College of St. Benedict and St. John's University. His presentation will be "Mercy: The Ground for Communion with God and others", which will explore the ways in which diving mercy expresses God's all-encompassing freedom, serving as the foundation for communion with God and others. Using scripture and examples from the Christian theological tradition, the workshop will examine the expansive nature of mercy. The cost for this workshop is \$25. To register, please contact Sister Kathy Kuchar at spiritualitycentermsb@gmail.com or call 1-218-521-0755.



2016 Legislative Tour

"Life, Death, & Everything In-Between"

How can we better live *with* and *for* one another in our homes, neighborhoods, and in the public square? Through the lens of what Pope Francis and his predecessors call "integral ecology," the Minnesota Catholic Conference will provide **you** with answers to this question, plus practical ways to make a difference in your own community.

It's all part of MCC's 2016 Legislative Tour, **"Life, Death & Everything In-Between"**.

Go beyond us-versus-them political sound bites to consider the public policy you support from the perspective of the whole person and the whole community—all of creation.

Monday, Feb 22nd –

St. Philip's Catholic Church 7 PM

During the event, you will:

- receive resources to help you live Gospel values in your home and in your community;
- learn about the latest legislative priority issues for the Catholic Church in Minnesota concerning life, human dignity, and care for Creation; and,
- explore how to speak clearly and advocate well for a consistent ethic of life.

Event and materials are FREE.



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Just 5 Days

is a five day service program for middle schoolers and their adult leaders. This coming June 26-July 2, 30 youth and 6 adults from our parish will take part in a **Just5Days** event in Monument, CO working to help children and families in need. Registration is now open!! For further information on the program, contact Paula DeClusin at 444-4262X4908.

St. Philips 2016 Spring Gala

FRIDAY APRIL 29TH

Bemidji Town & Country Club

Social Hour 6 pm

Dinner 7 pm

Cost \$100

Silent Auction & Live Auction



All proceeds to benefit St. Philip's School

Tickets available at the school office

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ST. PHILIP'S CONFERENCE

The Vincentian Family is a worldwide, living reality. Countless persons live and breathe the spirit, tradition, and spirituality of "the Apostle of Charity and Father of the Poor, Saint Vincent de Paul. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is one branch of this colossal Vincentian Family Tree. At the parish level, conferences are formed and we have formed the St. Philip's Conference in order to serve those in need in our parish and community.



St. Vincent founded three organizations, the first in 1617: the Confraternities of Charity, known in the United States as the Ladies of Charity. Under its current title as the International Association of Charities, it continues its mission of serving the poor. In 1625 St. Vincent founded the Congregation of the Mission, usually referred to as the CMs or Vincentian priests, a community of priests and brothers whose special purpose was to evangelize the poor in rural areas and help in the formation and education of priests. St. Louise de Marillac and St. Vincent de Paul co-founded the third organization, the Daughters of Charity in 1633. Its primary purpose was to honor Christ by serving him corporally and spiritually in the persons of the poor, the sick, the imprisoned, the young, and others in need.

Frederic Ozanam was born in Milan, Italy in 1813 and at the age of three his family moved to Lyon, France. At the age of 7 he nearly died of typhus. His parents had already faced the death of 8 of their children. At the age of 18, Frederic went to Paris to attend the Sorbonne, the University of Paris, to pursue a law degree. The post-revolutionary Paris was not merely anti-Catholic, it was openly hostile against anything Catholic or Christian. He joined a student organization and during a heated verbal exchange a student challenged Ozanam and his friends: "We agree that at one time your Church was a great Church and was a great source of good. But what is your Church doing now? What is she doing for the poor? Show us your works and we will believe you." Ozanam accepted the challenge and on April 23, 1833, Frederic Ozanam and six students gathered and Ozanam's words moved all present: "We must do what is agreeable to God. Therefore, we must do what our Lord Jesus Christ did when preaching the gospel. Let us go to the poor!" And so, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was born.

Our Conference will be doing just that, going to the poor and we invite you to join us as we meet twice a month, the first and third Thursday from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. We are meeting at this time to grow spiritually as Vincentians, to have the right heart to serve, and to study the Vincentian way. In March we will receive training to begin doing home visits. Join us on our journey as we prepare our hearts to follow in St. Vincent de Paul's and Blessed Frederic Ozanam's footsteps and go to the poor!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of February 20/21

	Feb 27, 5:30 PM Third Sunday of Lent	Feb 28, 7:30 AM Third Sunday of Lent	Feb 28, 9:00 AM Third Sunday of Lent	Feb 28, 11:00 AM Third Sunday of Lent
SACRISTAN	Janet Weaver	Al Foley	Jim Gorham	Maryhelen Chadwick
LECTOR	Cheryl Christlieb Joanna Ferraro	Pam Murray Carol Schneider	Sarah Bofferding Marilynne Hodapp	Ernie Rall Marcia Fivizzani
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NOVICE ALTAR SERVER	Alex Hartmann	HELP NEEDED	Lee Walter	HELP NEEDED
CAPTAIN	Deacon Kermit Erickson	Jane Foley	Joe Bofferding	HELP NEEDED
EMHC	April Boucher (sub req.) Laura Schwindt Deborah Millard JoDee Treat (sub req.) Germaine Cheslock HELP NEEDED Janet Weaver	Al Foley Brad Arel (sub req.) Jim Schneider Walter Schuiling Dan Shea Deacon Kermit Erickson HELP NEEDED	Leslie Downs Theresa Steele Stephen Steele Brody Wilander Nicole Kieson Cathy Lalli Sue Hendricks Rose Fagerstrom Tracie Walter	Jane Baukol Courtney Haskins Jennifer Noble Kimberley Gourneau Patty Nagle Dotty Forrest Karen Williams Susie Balstad Rita Lauderbaugh
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