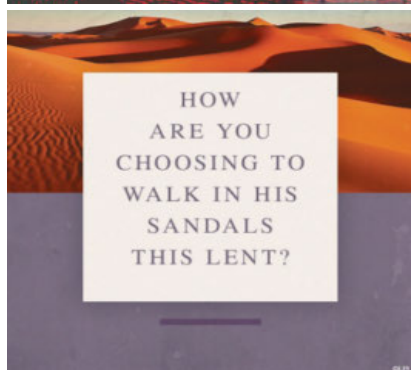
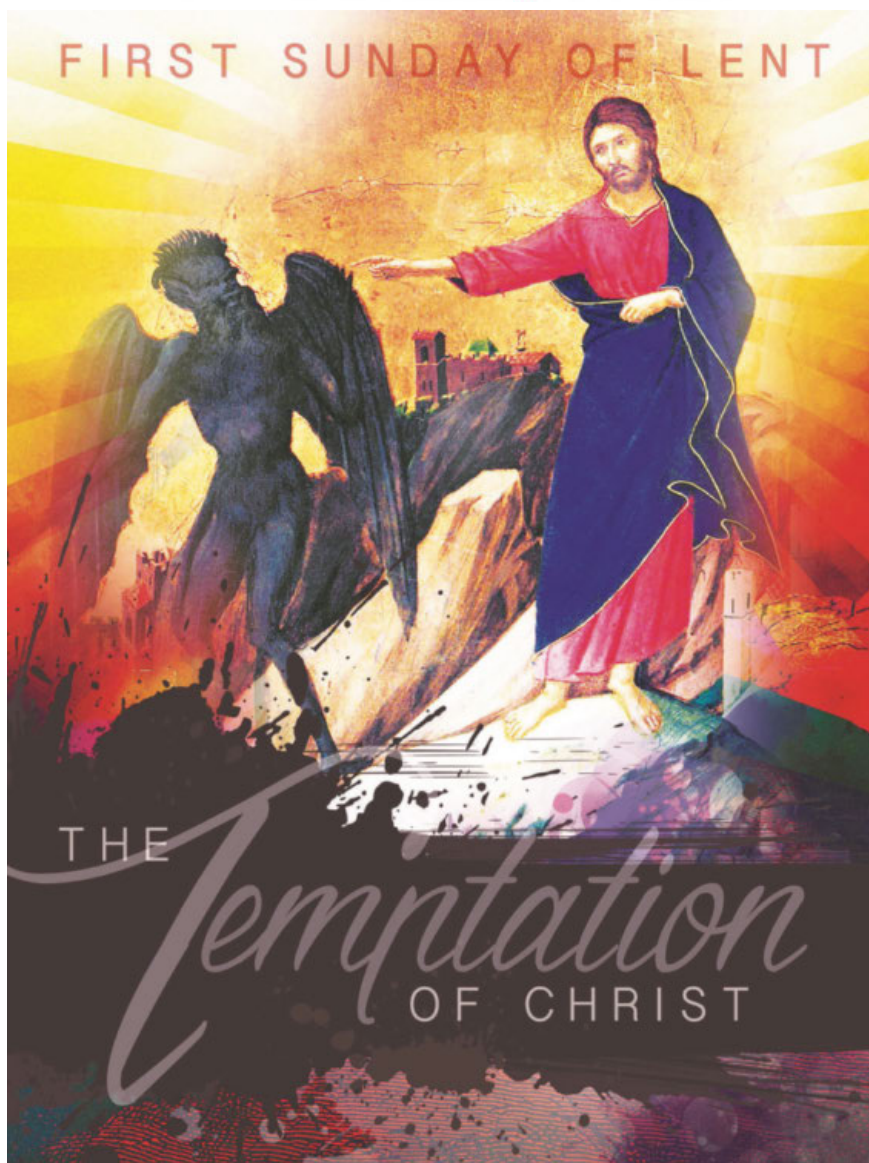


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HOW
ARE YOU
CHOOSING TO
WALK IN HIS
SANDALS
THIS LENT?

Reconciliation

Opportunity for Lent

Sunday, February 18th
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Come at your convenience

Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays during Lent
February 21st - March 27th
6:30 pm

Weekly Meditation

The kingdom of God is at hand. (Mark 1:15)

Can you imagine the excitement that Jesus must have generated as he began healing people, performing works of wonder, and preaching the good news of the kingdom? Can you picture the hope and expectation evident in the faces of the people who flocked to him? Maybe the time really had been “fulfilled.” Maybe the kingdom really was “at hand” (Mark 1:15).

It certainly was a dramatic way for Jesus to begin his ministry. But today, on the First Sunday of Lent, the Lord reminds us that this exciting new beginning came at the end of something not quite so exciting. Just before he burst on the scene, Jesus had endured a grueling forty-day fast and a host of demonic temptations.

This sequence of events wasn’t just a coincidence. It was that very fast that helped launch the new kingdom Jesus was announcing. By staying faithful to his Father throughout this ordeal, Jesus began his work of disarming the devil. As the first man who didn’t bend to temptation, he reversed the sin of Adam and opened a path for us to follow. Beginning with his time in the wilderness, Jesus demonstrated that his kingdom was indeed at hand—and that the devil’s reign was coming to a decisive end.

As your own Lenten journey unfolds this year, keep the story of Jesus’ temptation in the wilderness close to your heart. Especially when life gets hard or temptations arise, remind yourself that every desert experience can result in new life as you try your best to stay faithful to the Lord. Even if you fall, remember that you can stand up again and keep moving forward because of Jesus’ triumph over the devil. Sin no longer has the final word in your life; Jesus, your Redeemer, does!

“Jesus, I’m ready to enter the desert this Lent. I trust in your promise to walk with me and bring me into your kingdom!”

The Word Among Us - February 2024 Edition

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 24th @ 5:00 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Magner

Altar Servers: Rylan Mackedanz & Presley Dwenger

Eucharistic Ministers: Deb Goodale & Bonnie Hoglund

Greeter: Jerry Goodale

Lector: Jessica Magrum

Sacristan: Connie Nelson

Ushers: Mike Zuehlke, Ron Mares, Al Jude & Mark Logeais

Sunday, February 25th @ 8:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Magner

Altar Servers: Michael and William Millner

Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Athman & Michael Holthaus

Greeter: Pat & Dianne O'Keefe

Lector: Susan Oie

Live Stream: Brent Danzeisen

Sacristan: Pat Meuwissen

Ushers: Tom Gay, Jerry Elsenpeter, Paul Manuel & Joe Martin

Sunday, February 25th @ 10:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Magner

Altar Servers: Molly Schnabel & Nora Millner

Eucharistic Ministers: Peggy Jo Fortner & Lori Guck

Greeter: Craig Arends

Lector: Angie Manuel

Sacristan: Connie Nelson

Ushers: Bob Guck & Al Guck,



During this holy time, we are called to pause and pay closer attention to our relationship with God and our neighbors. Reflect on how the Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey and how the Eucharist helps us to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world. Visit crsrice-bowl.org to learn more.



We express our deepest sympathy to the families & friends of:

Sylvin Peter Gillitzer

June 23, 1932 – December 30, 2023

Maureen M. Fraber

June 1, 1937 – February 7, 2024

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (CCW)

Lenten Day of Prayer - **Thursday, March 7** for CCW at King's House Retreat in Buffalo. Retreat begins at 8:30 a.m. and concludes before 3 p.m.

Do This in Memory of Me, presented by King's House Retreat Staff

These words of Jesus remind us of The Last Supper shared with His disciples and the gift of His presence as He becomes the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation. The disciples remembered many things from that night. It is these memories that will guide our retreat.

\$60 per person, includes Lunch. CCW will pay half (\$30). You can stop in at parish office and sign-up and pay \$30. You can also sign-up by calling or e-mailing Sue at shughes@lakedalelink.net or call 320-963-6019. We can meet in church parking lot for ride share.

SAVE THE DATE

The CCW Dinner Theater Day will be April 7th. More info to come!

40 Hours for Our Lord

Are you looking for a Lent activity or retreat this year?

Please join Saint Ignatius Church and The Church of Saint Timothy in a special forty hour period of continuous prayer and adoration made before the Blessed Sacrament in solemn exposition Friday, March 8th through Sunday, March 10th.

This is a shared event, with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament from Saint Ignatius Church to the Church of Saint Timothy at approximately 5:45 pm Saturday. Led prayer is scheduled at various times throughout this forty hour period, as well as abundant time for quiet and uninterrupted personal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. The forty hours includes two special presentations by the Pro Ecclesia Sancta Sisters, and closes Sunday, March 10th with Holy Mass at 4:00 pm with Bishop Joseph Williams. A reception following Mass at St. Timothy will be hosted by the CCW. More information and a detailed schedule are available at www.stignatiusmn.com or www.churchofsttimothy.org



SYNOD SCOOP

Sign up for a small group today! For more information scan the QR code or go to the website and under the parish tab, click on St. Ignatius to find the groups in our parish. Why join? Encounter Jesus anew, expand our parish community, and meet new people. What to expect: regular 1.5 hour meetings with emphasis on praise and song, sharing, teaching with discussion, and prayer. Small groups are ready! Sign up today!

1. Young Adults - Sundays 6-7:30pm

2. Holy Moments - Sundays 6-7:30pm

3. Whatever Group - Mondays following mass 6:30-8pm

4. Men's Bible Group - Mondays 6:30-8pm

5. Grief Support - Tuesdays 6:30-8pm

6. Gathering Hope - Wednesdays 3-4:30pm

7. Women's Book Club - Growing in Faith - Thursdays 6:30-8pm

8. Faith, Hope, and Love - Thursdays 6:30-8pm

9. Friends/Neighbors Sharing Their Faith - Thursdays 7-8:30 pm



Invitation from St. Timothy's School

Join us for our "Zoo to You Event" by Hemker Zoo on Saturday, February 24th from 10am-12pm at St. Timothy's School in Maple Lake. Additionally, we are hosting our Preschool and Kindergarten open house on Tuesday, February 27th from 4:30-6:30. Hope to see you there!

Pray for our local Seminarians & those in Religious Formation

The Wright County Serrans invite you to join in praying for our local seminarians and those in religious formation: Deacon Ryan Sustacek, Gabe Thorp, Trevor Thorp, Thomas Cain and Bella Eckert, Sisters of Mary Morningstar, St. Michael, St. Michael; Deacon Chris Yanta, Alexander Marquette, Elias Budke, Cullen Gallagher and Sr. Mary Pieta, ACJ of the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus, St. Timothy, Maple Lake; Michael Perault, Bro. Morgan Backstrom, Sister Ann Magdalene, Sisters of Mary Morning Star St. Albert, Albertville; Deacon Jonathon Hank, St. Thomas the Apostle Corcoran; Deacon Alexander Rasset, Sofia Nikula Carmelites at the Monastery of the Infant of Prague, St. Francis Xavier, Buffalo; John Sester, Mary Queen of Peace, Rogers; Little Sister Candice, Little Sisters of the Lamb, Church of St. Ignatius, Annandale. Steve Sustacek, St. Michael, St. Michael and Cory Plotts, St. Thomas the Apostle, Corcoran are in the Deaconate Formation Program. Jacinta Budke, St. Timothy, Maple Lake and Isabelle Dehmer are in NET Ministries. Isabelle Dick, Val Noel, Luke and Monica Eicher, St. Michael, St. Michael who are serving with FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students). Jack Gebert, St. Michael, St. Michael is a missionary with Damascus Catholic Mission. Oliva Engel, St. Michael, St. Michael is in Urban Hearts Alaska, a mission. Also please pray for those who are discerning their vocation.

“Walk With Me” Vocation Prayer

for those on their journey to ordination/final vows:

Loving God, we ask you to guide the men and women of this Archdiocese who are considering religious life and those already on their journey towards ordination or final vows. Bless them in their decisions. Strengthen them in their love for you and their desire to serve you in this special way. Hold them close to your heart, especially during difficult or troubled times. Shower them with your love and fill them with courage and joy as they study and prepare themselves for your work. We pray for all on their journey to religious life. May they feel our loving and prayerful support. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son. Amen.

Encounter the Holy Spirit Retreat

Holy Spirit Academy invites you to enrich your Lenten Season by reflecting on the quality of Unity in our lives. **Sat, Feb 24th** at the Church of St. Michael, from 8am-12pm. The retreat begins with Mass and includes inspiring talks, prayer, music and adoration. Two Dominican Sisters from St. Croix Catholic School will explore with us the question of 'How does Unity Look in a Divided World?' The retreat is based on the book, "God is Near Us: The Eucharist, The Heart of Life," by Pope Benedict XVI. The cost is \$20, light breakfast included. Youth are welcome! Family rates available.

Catholic Service Appeal

Today's Gospel said that Jesus "remained in the desert for forty days" (Mark 1:13, emphasis added). Remaining with Jesus in the desert is not easy. (Welcome to Lent.) Further driving home how difficult it is to follow him, in Luke's Gospel, Jesus warns, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily" (Luke 9:23). Yet on another note, in John's Gospel, Jesus commands us, "Remain in my love" (John 15:9). Remaining in Jesus' love isn't easy, either—especially when it involves the desert. Feeling like it's too difficult to do this by ourselves is okay. It's often exactly where God wants us—because it pushes us to rely on him. That can be a place of profound growth. Our parish, and those we serve, relies on you to help us meet our many needs and the needs of our community. As you lift the cross Jesus asks of you this Lent, please remember our CSA. We are counting on you. Donate by visiting www.archspm.org/catholic-services-appeal/



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| Wayne Dearing | |



Saturday, February 17th

5:00 pm † Elaine Manke

Sunday, February 18th

8:30 am † Marilyn & Jack Driste

10:30 am Parishioners of St. Ignatius

Monday, February 19th

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Ignatius

Tuesday, February 20th

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Ignatius

Wednesday, February 21st

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Ignatius

Thursday, February 22nd

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Ignatius

Friday, February 23rd

No daily Mass on Fridays

8:00 am Mass available at St. Timothy

Saturday, February 24th

5:00 pm † Ervin Schreifels

Sunday, February 25th

8:30 am † Steven Voight

10:30 am Parishioners of St. Ignatius



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| 494 parish families | |
| Envelopes..... | \$4,090.00 |
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Parish Pastoral Council

Council member information and meeting minutes are available on our website or by requesting a copy from the parish office. On the website, use the "Ministries" menu at the top of the page, and then select "Pastoral Council" on the drop down menu.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Mass - 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses - 8:30 am and 10:30 am

8:30 Mass is live streamed on the parish Facebook page and YouTube channel

Daily Mass

Mondays 6:00pm

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays 8:00am

(No Daily Mass on Fridays)

Reconciliation

5:30 pm Monday (one-half hour prior to Mass)

4:30 pm Saturday (one-half hour prior to Mass)

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

Last Thursday of the month, 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

Sacraments

Baptisms

Please contact the parish at least two months in advance of the Baptism. Parents are required to attend a Baptism class prior to the Baptism. Baptisms are scheduled through the parish office, and are held following the 10:30 am Mass.

Marriage

Please contact the pastor at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date.

Bulletin submission deadline is Tuesday at noon unless an early deadline is posted:

Bulletin submission deadline for March 3rd— February 22nd

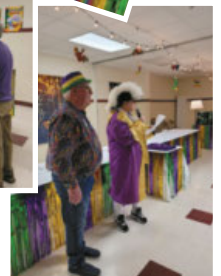
Bulletin submission deadline for March 10th— February 27th

Another Fabulous Mardi Gras!

Thank you to all who supported and participated in this year's Mardi Gras. Lots of great conversation, fabulous food, fun games and maybe even a little silliness was had by all. A big thank you, for the families and businesses that donated this year; beer and growler prizes (Spilled Grain), wine and misc. items (Roger and Karen Millner), signage (Sue Hughes), gift cards (Petty Brothers) and all the folks who donated other misc. items and wine for prizes. A special thanks to our family of volunteers, from ticket sellers, maintenance staff, decorators, food preparers, greeters, CCW and hostesses to the game helpers, food servers, bartenders, announcers and clean-up crew. Without you this event would never have been the great achievement it was. Lastly, a big thank you to both Father Meyer and Father Magner for supporting us on this venture.

Cash Raffle Winners:

\$5000 – Roger Rauschenhdorfer; \$2000 – Pam Rudolph;
\$1000 – Jim Latour; \$500 – Ric Fournier; \$500 –
Greg Roth; \$250 – John and Denice Tracy; \$250 –
James Kieffer; \$250 – Aaron Imdieke; \$150 – Matt
Paulson; \$100 – Jim Maciej



Calendar of EVENTS

Sunday, February 18: Penance Service 6:00-7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 21: Food for Kidz Event
Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm

Sunday, February 25: Donut Sunday following
8:30 & 10:30 am Masses

Wednesday, February 28: Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm

Thursday, February 29: Eucharistic Adoration
8:30 am - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 5: Care Center Mass 10:30 am

Wednesday, March 6: Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm

Friday, March 8– Sunday, March 10:
40 Hours for Our Lord

Wednesday, March 13: Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm

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