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MASS SCHEDULE & PRAYER

Weekend:

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am &

12:00 pm (Latin—Extraordinary Form)

Weekday: Monday-Saturday 8:00 am

(Wednesday's 8:00 am Mass is E.F.)

Reconciliation (Confession):

Confessions:

IN THE "GATHERING SPACE"

Mon - Sat: at 7:30 a.m. for 15 minutes

Fridays: 8:50—9:15 a.m.

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Sundays: 8:15 - 8:45 a.m.

Sundays: 11:15 - 11:45 a.m.

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FEBRUARY 28, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

BASICS OF CATHOLICISM: 37. PRAYER PART 6: "THE BATTLE OF PRAYER"

In this section on prayer, we have already seen an overview of sources of prayer, the ways to pray, and how our prayer is effective in drawing us toward the Father through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit. While there is clarity on "what" prayer is, it can be difficult to pray for many reasons – to the degree that even the catechism describes the work of prayer as a "battle." What is it that we battle against when we pray and how is the battle carried out?

Anyone with even limited experience in learning and practicing prayer knows there are all kinds of obstacles to prayer. Our own thoughts, the things around us that distract us, or when the ways of prayer themselves are confusing or not well understood can make prayer difficult. That prayer is a battle first means we acknowledge that **prayer is work**: it requires effort and does not automatically happen. In our effort to pray, we are to approach it with humble hearts, trusting in God and being willing to give ourselves to Him – as it is God Himself that we are called to focus upon (and not ourselves). Likewise, our approach to praying should facilitate such humble trust and surrender by our praying in a setting where the obstacles are more likely to be eliminated, or at least significantly limited.

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Mark 9:7

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Baptism preparation class must be scheduled with the priest or a Deacon prior to a baptism.

Marriage: Marriage preparation must be made at least nine (9) months prior to the proposed date of the wedding.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY

Diocese of Duluth Marriage & Family Life: bkneepkens@dioceseduluth.org

Natural Family Planning

Here are two local options available for guidance with natural family planning:

Northland Family Programs: 786-2378

Located at St. Mary's Hospital

www.northlandfamilyprograms.com

Couple to Couple League International:

www.ccli.org Local Teaching Couple:

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(Go to Marriage and Family Life page)

PRAYER CHAIN

Prayer requests? Please call Gloria Michelizzi at 728-2669 or Roy St. George at 940-5951.

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Inquire with Fr. Joel.

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Week of February 21

Weekly offering:.....\$2,813.00

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Every one as he hath determined in his heart, not with sadness, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

We must always stay aware that prayer can slide into various errors. Among those identified in the catechism are the errors of making prayer into simply an act of saying words without sincerity, of psychologizing (by turning inward on ourselves rather than toward the Lord), or of thinking that prayer is useless when not answered as we expect, as its fruits cannot be proven true by observation. It also invites us to consider what may seem as "failure in prayer" and the discouragement that sometimes happens when we think our prayers are not being heard, as invitation to seek deeper humility and trust.

Some temptations in prayer are also identified in the catechism, in order that we would see them for what they are and once again respond with a desire for humility and trust. One of these temptations is simply a lack of faith – where we try to do for ourselves in prayer rather than allowing God to work. An example of this is easily shown by considering liturgical prayer: that when we change the ways of liturgy to suit our own needs, it expresses a lack of faith that God can work through that which has been handed down to us in the Church. Another temptation is "sloth," (or what is nicknamed the "noonday devil,") wherein diversions and boredom lead us away from staying true and constant in our prayer.

The catechism concludes this section on the battle of prayer by considering what is called "filial trust" and exhorting us to persevere in the love of God. Filial trust simply describes our trusting in the Lord as *His children*, especially in times of difficulty. It can be easy to forsake prayer when life becomes tedious or challenging. Expressing filial trust in God is a manner by which we combat the tendency to stop praying by intentionally looking to rely even more fully upon God than ourselves, trusting that He remains with us in all moments. Related to such trust is perseverance in this battle of prayer, acknowledging that prayer is always possible – and truly essential – for us to remain in openness to receiving the love that God has for us, even in the midst of trials.

In conclusion, we indeed battle in prayer employing weapons of trust, humility, and surrender to God. Aware the distractions and trials in life all do come, the battle of prayer calls us to keep our eyes fixed on the Lord, relying on Him to sustain us and in due time draw us toward deeper union with Himself, as the victory over our enemies is in Him.

For further reading: In the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraphs 2725 – 2745 speak of the "Battle of Prayer" in some depth.

Fr. Joel Hastings



Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 6 pm

"And you, who do you want to be? Like Pilate? Like Simon? Like Mary? Jesus is looking at you now and is asking you: do you want to help me carry the Cross?"

-Pope Francis

Pray the Rosary with St. Benedict's!

Last October we asked for videos of families and individuals praying the rosary. We have had those videos compiled into a parish rosary that you can watch and pray along with. You can access the videos from our website. At the top of the home page click on "you tube channel here".

40th Anniversary March Campaign

March 1–April 11

Our participation in the annual Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign has begun! This statewide campaign helps to raise funds for the CHUM Food Shelf by offering a percentage-match based on the pounds of food and monetary donations we collect during the month.

The financial support received from the FoodShare organization later in the year is determined in large part by the amount of food and funds raised in March, as well as how many people are served.

Donations of food can be made in the box located in the gathering space and monetary donations can be mailed, dropped off at the office, or put in an envelope clearly marked "Food Share Campaign" and put in the offertory basket at Mass.

Minnesota FoodShare envisions a future where all Minnesotans have access to healthy food and no one struggles with food insecurity. The March Campaign addresses these issues directly and we invite you to join our efforts and advocate for long-term solutions to food insecurity and poverty in our communities.



PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Our "Car conversation" topic for this month is Mary and her motherhood! Here are a few questions to pose to your kids as you drive them to school or run errands around town: Jesus gave His mother, Mary, to us to be our mother, too. Why do you think He did this? How should we behave toward Mary since she is our mother in Heaven?



Come let us Adore Him

Adoration takes place on **Wednesdays from 9 am to 9 pm**
EACH FRIDAY IN LENT FROM 8:30 AM—5 PM.

More opportunities for Adoration in the area:

Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary: Tuesdays 3 pm—7 pm
St. John's: Thursdays 8:30 am—8 pm

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWL

CRS Rice Bowl materials are available in the Gathering Space and church entrance for your use during Lent. Rice Bowls are a great way to unite with the sufferings of the poor, experience other cultures, and give to those in need. This is a great opportunity to practice prayer, fasting, and alms giving this Lent. When Jesus fed the 5,000, he said, "Give them some food yourselves." Reflect on the challenge of global hunger. How can you contribute to support the hungry in your community? Visit crsricebowl.org for more information.

Seize the Opportunity!

Looking for small groups of people from around the Diocese to lead the 10 am Saturday morning Rosary at the Cathedral during Lent. What an opportunity for your family, your friends, or your classmates to lead this special event! Everyone is welcome! To sign up please call Tricia at 218-393-9089.

Free Until March 31!

In honor of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and as a Lenten resource, the Marriage in Christ At Home Seminar is free for couples who sign up by March 31, 2021. Once registered, access is free through May 31, 2021. This free access is made possible by a grant from [Communication Center](http://CommunicationCenter.org), the nation's largest distributor of Catholic religious education materials. Make your marriage stronger in just 5 weeks!

Part time Maintenance Person

St. Michael's is looking for a person responsible for maintaining the church and professional building through cleaning and custodial work. Set up for weddings, funerals and church events as requested. Some shoveling involved. Flexible schedule, approx. 25 hours per week. Contact the parish office for complete job description or to apply or by contacting: denise.connolly@duluthcatholic.org

East Duluth Faith Formation

Since the earliest centuries of the Church, Christians have made pilgrimages to Jerusalem in order to retrace the steps of Jesus during his suffering and death. Around the fifteenth century, Christians began the practice of prayerfully meditating on the Passion of Christ by reproducing that pilgrimage in what eventually became known as the Stations of the Cross. Why meditate on Jesus' suffering? Most people want to avoid suffering, not spend time imagining it! But suffering is a reality that everyone has to deal with in life. In Jesus, God entered into our suffering in order to save us. By walking with Jesus, we join our suffering to his, knowing that he will lead us through it into the new life of the Resurrection.

Praying the Stations of the Cross is an excellent way to reflect on more than how Jesus sacrificed himself for our sins: In praying the stations we imagine ourselves walking with Jesus on this journey. We then link our reflection to whatever is going on in our lives today. On our journey we experience both joy, days of stress, and possibly terrible suffering. As members of families and communities we are witnesses to the joys and sufferings of others too. Thinking of Jesus on the way to his execution can lead to reflection on his care for us, His people here on earth today.

Praying the Stations of the Cross is a great way to share the story of Jesus' Passion with your children. It is a prayerful retelling and participation in the events that lie at the heart of our Christian faith. Stations of the Cross break down the story of Jesus' Passion into smaller parts which are easy for children to follow and pray along with.

You can pray the Stations of the Cross at home as a family or attend one of the many services provided at our churches here in town.

Our next faith formation class is Wednesday, March 3rd when our K-5 students will meet from 6 PM – 7 PM at their home parish. On this night they will be learning about and praying the Stations of the Cross as a group. Families are encouraged to attend with their children.

JOB OPENING

Part Time *Custodian/Bldg. Maintenance & Grounds* at St. Lawrence Church, Duluth. Approximately 20-25 hours/week. Responsible for maintaining the church building and grounds through cleaning and custodial work, simple maintenance, snow removal, lawn care, overseeing and helping to coordinate larger projects, and boiler checks/general maintenance. Strongly preferred to have a boiler license or be willing to acquire one soon. Contact the parish office to request an application. A complete job description is available at the parish office: 218-722-2259, or stephanie.jago@duluthcatholic.org

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READINGS AND SAINTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 28 2nd Sunday of Lent
Genesis 22:1-2, 9a-13, 15-18; Psalm 116:10, 15-19;
Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10

Monday, March 1 Lenten Weekday
Daniel 9:4b-10; Psalm 79:8-9, 11, 13; Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 2 Lenten Weekday
Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Psalm 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23;
Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 3 St. Katharine Drexel
Jeremiah 18:18-20; Psalm 31:5-6, 14-16;
Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday, March 4 St. Casimir
Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1:1-4, 6; Luke 16:19-31

Friday, March 5 Lenten Weekday
Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Psalm 105:16-21;
Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 6 Lenten Weekday
Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Psalm 103:1-4, 9-12;
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, March 7 3rd Sunday of Lent
Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19:8-11;
1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

LITURGY SUPPORT

March 6/7

Readers 5:00 pm Franz Hoefflerle

9:00 am Larry Birnbaum

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

February 28
*All Religious Sisters from
our Diocese*

Deacon Bryan Bassa
Deacon Walter Beier
Benjamin Freeman (sem)

March 1
Pope Francis

March 5
Father Drew Braun
Father Anthony Craig
Father Daniel Dahlberg
Deacon Eugene Biever
Deacon Gerald Bock
Daniel Hammer (sem)

March 2
Father Michael Arms
Father Pio Atonio
Father Keith Bertram
Deacon Dennis Anderson
Deacon Chico Anderson
Peter Brown (sem)

March 6
Father Steven Daigle
Father Timothy Deutsch
Father John Doyle
Deacon Rodger Brannan
Deacon David Brown
Luke O'Reilly (Sem.)

March 3
Father James Bissonette
Father Jeremy Bock
Deacon Luverne Anderson
Deacon Ralph Bakeberg
Deacon Michael Barta
Zavior Franck (sem)

*Gracious and loving God, we
thank you for the gift of our
priests. Through them we
experience your presence in
the sacraments. Help our
priests to be strong in their
vocation.*

March 4
Father Eamonn Boland
Father Charles Brambilla
Father Beau Braun

Lent with the Church Fathers

Virtually everyone fears the death of the body, so few the death of the soul. Everyone worries about the death of the body, which must happen sooner or later, and does everything possible to avert it...Yet all that one does to avoid death is in vain: at best one can only delay it, but never escape it. If instead one strives to avoid sin, he will not grow weary, and will live forever.



Oh, if we could only succeed in urging others-and ourselves with them- to love eternal life at least as much as they love fleeting life! What will a man not do when faced with the danger of death? How many, under threats hanging over their heads, have preferred to lose everything in order to save their lives!... God commands us to do less burdensome things to give us eternal life, yet we neglect to obey.

A tiny leak in the hold of a boat, if neglected...without ever being emptied, it sinks the boat. What does this emptying mean, if not carrying out good works-mourning, fasting, almsgiving, forgiving- in order to avoid being drowned in sins? The journey in this life is difficult and fraught with trials: when things are going well, we should not boast; when things are going poorly, we should not lose heart. The happiness that the Lord concedes you in this life is to console you, not to corrupt you. And if He strikes you, He does so to correct you, not to lose you. Accept the correcting Father if you do not wish to put the punishing judge to the test.

St. Augustine, Tractates on the Gospel of St. John, 49,2; 14

PRAYERS FOR EXPECTANT MOMS



Please keep the following women and their unborn children in prayer:

Elisabeth Cyr due in May
Katie Gerber due in July
Victoria Baker due in June

If you are pregnant or know someone who is and would like to be added to this prayer request, please contact the parish office.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 28
People of St. Benedict
†Louis Schmitt Sr

Monday, March 1
Owen Lisi

Tuesday, March 2
†Fred Vaughan

Wednesday, March 3
†Bernie Kratzke

Thursday, March 4
†Joan LeNeau

Friday, March 5
Isabella Brower

Saturday, March 6
Orphaned children
†Sr. Rita Kunkel, OSB

Sunday, March 7
People of St. Benedict
Zauhar Family

The Sacred Heart Candle is lit this week for *reparation of sins*.

The Marian Candle is lit this week for *Chris Solon*.

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