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March 21, 2021

“Lenten Service”

St. Dominic School inspires children to excel as confident leaders, critical thinkers, and responsible citizens in a Catholic, values-based community. Hi, it's me again, Kati Reak Sletten, Advancement Director at St. Dominic School. It's the month of March, undoubtedly my favorite month, so I am unofficially calling it my duty today to spread the love for this month by giving you a glimpse of what we are doing at school as we prepare our students for the resurrection of Jesus.



We are in the midst of Lent, the season of reflection and preparation before the celebration of Easter. As Catholics, we work to observe all 40 days of Lent to replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and his withdrawal into the desert for 40 days.

As you all know, I am not a townie, and I received my surname “Sletten” from my husband, Josh Sletten (Janet Malecha Sletten’s son) who is in fact the towniest of townies. I tease him as we walk through Family Fare and he talks to absolutely everyone we pass. Growing up in Minneapolis, I lived in an area that was predominantly Jewish. Most of my friends were of Jewish descent and would often ask about my religion. Their curiosity offered an opportunity for us to draw similarities and differences to our beliefs. I love these types of conversations. I would go to school with ashes on my head, or I would be out of school on Good Friday, observing the Holy Day. My friends

were fascinated, and I was equally fascinated about their beliefs, especially Passover. Matzo ball soup and popovers are still one of my favorite meals! During this season, Jews celebrate Passover (the freeing of Jews from slavery), while us Catholics repent and reflect to become Godly, as we await the resurrection of Jesus, our Messiah. I still, to this day, tell my friends, no parties during Lent. Fun Fact: Lent is why Saints’ Night Out is in mid-April this year!

Aside from prayer and Stations of the Cross, one of the ways I have been taught to repent and give back, was through service to others. Just like in today’s gospel, it says, “Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.”-John 12:26. St. Dominic School focuses on the act of service at all grades throughout the year. But, we especially teach the importance of service during Lent. Students gain a greater understanding of what it means to be a Catholic, and a good Christian, during this season. While this year we will not be able to appropriately celebrate our Service-a-thon (one whole month of various service projects throughout our school, offering assistance to our local community), our students are still actively serving our community.

Did you know that over Catholic Schools Week our students were able to collect 109 boxes of cereal and those were donated to Hope for the Community South Food Shelf which is a mobile food shelf serving southern metro and rural communities? Students also wrote letters to our friends at Three Links and Northfield Retirement Center to provide a bright spot to their undoubtedly lonelier days, due to COVID. Middle School students also recently collected Pennies for Patients, which raises money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, an organization near and dear to my heart specifically, but many other people within our community also share these same feelings as I do. Each day, students collected a different coin, first pennies, then nickels, dimes, quarters, etc. We will finish our collection next week. We have also recently announced that our Middle School Students will partake in Cardboard Box City next year. This project brings awareness of teen homelessness to our students and they will partake in a variety of service projects for teens around this time. For those of you that do not know what Cardboard Box City is, our students will sleep in a box for one night on the school lawn. Don’t worry, we’ll have plenty of adults at the school that evening to supervise.

As we are a little over one month to the celebration of Easter, I challenge you to reflect upon your own actions and to list out how you help our community during this season. It’s amazing what a little service to others can do for those in need, and also you personally. Helping others, in return helps you.

Suppose the information above sounds interesting to you, and you would like to learn more about our school for your child's academic success. I invite you to call the school at 507-645-8136 or send us an email at admissions@schoolofstdominic.org to learn more about the unique opportunities we offer our students to excel in their personal and academic success.

-Written by Kati Reak Sletten, Advancement Director at St. Dominic School

Parish Opportunities and News

CALVARY CEMETERY

As of April 1, 2021, revised Rules and Regulations and grave prices and opening/closing prices will take effect at Calvary Cemetery. The rules and regulations and prices are listed on the church website: churchofstdominic.org/resources. If you do not have access to a computer, you may stop by the parish office and the secretary will print you off a copy.

SPRING GROUNDS CLEAN UP



Looking for an opportunity to help? And be outside!? Your help is need for spring clean up of the church grounds! Clean up is scheduled March 23rd from 1-4p.m. If the weather does not cooperate, it will be re-scheduled for March 30th from 1-4p.m. Many hands make light work!

New Mass Times After Easter

This Easter Sunday we will be returning to two English Sunday morning Masses. *Please note the time change for Sunday.* Beginning Saturday, April 3, weekend Mass times will be Saturday at 5p.m., Sunday at 8:00a.m. and 10:00a.m. (not 10:30a.m.) and 2:00p.m. Misa.

Annunciation—Stations of the Cross

Annunciation Church of Hazelwood will have Stations of the Cross at 7 pm on Fridays of Lent (excluding Good Friday) in the church parking lot. Stay in your car and tune in your radio to 88.9 FM. All are welcome.

MASS INTENTION SCHEDULE

Please note that due to the additional Sunday Mass that will be added beginning Sunday, April 4th, all Mass intentions that are currently scheduled for the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays will be moved to the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. Thank you for your flexibility during these changing times.

Knight of Columbus Scholarship

Attention High School Seniors! The Knights of Columbus Council 1516 is sponsoring two \$750 scholarships to two high school seniors for post-secondary education who are members of St. Dominic Church or Annunciation Church. They will be awarded at the Community Scholarship Awards Program at Northfield High School on May 12, 2021. Applications are available at the Parish office or through the High School Guidance Office. Deadline for applications is Friday, April 9.

150th Anniversary Directory

Our 150th Anniversary Directories have FINALLY arrived. COVID-19 caused significant delays in printing the directory. In fact, Lifetouch has permanently closed their Church Directory Division. Our directory was among the last printed before they shuttered their doors for the last time. Those families who had their picture taken or submitted a picture for the directory will receive a free directory. They are available for pick up at the Parish Center. We have a few extra copies available for sale at \$10 each.



ASL for Confession Opportunity

Fr. Margevicius, who is fluent in ASL, will be at the Divine Mercy Lenten Fair on March 24. He will be available to hear confessions from 6-7p.m. Please contact Divine Mercy Catholic Church for more details. 507-331-7253

Easter Flowers

You are invited to remember you loved ones with a donation for our Easter flowers (suggested donation: \$20). Envelopes are available at the Welcome Center or you may provide your own with "In memory of..." and "From..." written on the envelope.

Return the envelopes in the weekend collection or to the Parish Office, 216 Spring St. N. Northfield MN 55057



Lenten Friday Prayer in Church Sanctuary

Please join us in the Sanctuary *each Friday during Lent* (excluding Good Friday) for worship.

5:00–6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
5:20–5:50 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:00 pm Stations of the Cross



Thursday, April 1—Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper

6:00 p.m. Mass
8:00 p.m. Misa
(6:00 p.m. at the Church of the Annunciation)

Friday, April 2—Good Friday

3:00 p.m. Via Crucis
6:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy
8:00 p.m. Spanish Good Friday Liturgy
(6:00 p.m. at the Church of the Annunciation)

Saturday, April 3—Holy Saturday

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass—Bilingual

Sunday, April 4—Easter Sunday

8:00 p.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. Mass
2:00 p.m. Misa
(10:00 a.m. at the Church of the Annunciation)

All are welcome.

RCIA

Over the last several months, our RCIA (Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults) catechumen and candidates have been meeting regularly to explore the richness of our Catholic Faith. At the Easter Vigil at St. Dominic, we will welcome our candidates, Derrick Shema and Lea Kassel, into full union in our Catholic Faith. On Easter Sunday at Annunciation in Hazelwood, our catechumen, Kiley Patrikus will be welcomed into full union in our Catholic Faith. We welcome Derrick, Lea and Kiley into our parish families!

COOL CASH RAFFLE TICKETS



St. Dominic School's 22nd Annual Silent Auction fundraiser will be held on April 17th. Cool Cash Raffle tickets are available at the Parish Office. Currently, we have sold about 115 tickets and our goal is to sell all 300 this year! Ticket prices are \$100 and you have a chance to win up to \$2,000! Stop in to purchase your ticket or you can follow

the link to print off the submission form. <https://stdomsch.ejoinme.org/coolcashraffle>

Ministers Needed

We want to thank all of our Mass helpers! From those who clean the linens, decorate the church, seat parishioners at Mass, clean, serve as Eucharistic Ministers, coordinate the Mass, film the Mass, and read the Good News! If you are comfortable returning to Mass, consider helping these ministers.

Volunteers Over 65

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we have taken precautions to keep our parishioners safe. Following state and archdiocesan guidelines, we asked that our volunteers be under the age of 65. Now that the COVID-19 vaccinations are available, we would like to welcome you back. If you are over the age of 65 and have completed your COVID-19 vaccinations and would like to again volunteer, let us know. Contact your volunteer lead or the Parish Center to be added to the volunteer schedule. Welcome back!

Caregivers Workshop

The Active Aging Programs, Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota, is offering Powerful Tools for Caregivers. This free group workshop is designed to help family caregivers take care of themselves while caring for a relative or friend. Whether you are helping a parent, spouse, or friend who lives at home, in assisted living, or in a nursing home, you will benefit from the tools presented in this program. You will learn strategies to better handle the unique caregiver challenges you face, as well as how to reduce stress, communicate more effectively, make tough decisions, and reduce feelings of guilt, anger, and depression.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers will meet at Buckham West Fari-bault Area Senior Center for six weeks Tuesdays, April 20 – May 25, 2021 from 1:00-3:30p.m.

Please register online at ccsomn.org by March 31, 2021.

Call or email Marlene at 507-450-1518, mlevine@ccsomn.org

Church of St. Dominic Fiscal Report Year-to-date thru February 28, 2021

The Church's fiscal year started July 1, 2020

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget Goal	YTD Variance	Annual Budget Goal
Parish Income	\$581,150	\$645,959	\$(64,809)	\$956,676
Parish Expenses	\$497,710	\$511,743	\$14,033	\$806,018
School Support	\$150,667	\$150,667		\$226,000
Net Income(Loss)	\$(67,227)	\$(16,451)		\$(75,342)

Parish Income – Parishioner, plate and visitor giving, bequests, gifts, program fees/tuition, other (Annunciation contribution, events, interest)

Parish Expenses – Salaries and benefits, faith formation programs, parish & liturgy, archdiocesan assessment, buildings and grounds, St. Dominic School Support

Questions – please call parish Finance Committee co-chairs: Doug Lyons 507-649-1021, Marcia Simon 507-649-1051 or Shari Erickson, Bookkeeper

Church Fiscal Year July 1 – June 30 of each year.

As of February 28, 2021 - Deficit is \$67,000 There has been a 12% decrease in giving. However, maintenance costs have continued. For example, repairs on the school roof and church skylights. Additionally, the church will need a new furnace in the near future.

While the committee is well aware of the economic distress being felt by many families in our parish, we still ask that those of you who can, consider increasing your contribution to the parish. Automatic electronic giving has been key to maintaining cash flow into the parish so we can continue to pay our bills. If you are not using this option for giving, please consider it. Forms are available on our parish website or from Shari in the parish office. Lastly, naming St. Dominic in your estate planning is a great way to leave a legacy gift for the parish. Recent estate gifts have been crucial in defraying maintenance costs at the parish such as our new video streaming capabilities and our recent renovation of the rectory.

St Dominic School

Mrs. Dawn Biren joined St. Dominic School in July 2020 as our new principal. Dawn has been a part of Catholic education in our Archdiocese for the past 15 years in roles as an Advancement Director, classroom teacher, parent and now in her second year as a principal. She holds BA degrees in Communications and Education, a Masters in Education and a MN K-12 Principal Licensure.

Dawn and her husband Pat live outside of New Prague with their three children. The Biren family has a strong connection to the College of St. Benedict and St. John's University. Both she and her husband attended these schools, and both of their boys are currently Johnnies. They also have a daughter at New Prague High School. In her spare time, Mrs. Biren loves spending time relaxing at their family cabin.



WORSHIP & MEDITATION SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021

This week in the Gospel, Christ gives us a very parental gift: he shows us fear and he shows us how to conquer it. He challenges us to embrace the purpose for which we came to this hour—whatever that hour may hold.

Adoration At St Dominic

All are welcome to Eucharistic Adoration every Friday from 7:30a.m. until 6:00p.m. During this time, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the chapel on the altar in the monstrance. Come and visit Jesus, to pray, or to just sit quietly. Stay as long as you want—5 minutes or 5 hours. All are welcome. Covid protocol is followed.

Prayer Requests....



Please pray for Virginia Simon and all those on the Church of St. Dominic Prayer list.

If you would like to add someone's name to the prayer list, please call the Parish Office at 507-645-8816.

Join in the Rosary Before Mass

During Lent, the Rosary will be prayed before each weekend Mass. 4:30pm on Saturdays and 8:30am and 1:30p.m. on Sundays. All are welcome to pray.



The Pope's Monthly Intention for March 2021

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

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Sat. Mar 20	5:00 PM	† John Schockemoehl
Sun. Mar 21	9:00 AM	† Patricia Skundberg
	2:00 PM	For the Parish (Misa)
Mon. Mar 22	5:30 PM	† Dick Jarvis
Tues. Mar 23	5:30 PM	† Almos del purgatorio
Wed. Mar 24	8:20 AM	† Claudia DiRenzo Carugo
Thurs. Mar 25	5:30 PM	† Marv Grundhuefer
Fri. Mar 26	7:00 AM	† Ginny Graff
Sat. Mar 27	5:00 PM	† Jake McKenzie
Sun. Mar 28	9:00 AM	† For the souls in purgatory
	2:00 PM	For the Parish (Misa)

At this time, the Wednesday (School) Mass is not open to the public. To schedule a Mass Intention for a loved one, please contact the Parish Office at 507-645-8816.



Mar 27 — 5 PM Mass

Mass Coordinator Dale Fredrickson

Pianist Shawn Dudley

Ushers Lynn Ziegler, Pat Mahowald,
Erica Maker, Kathleen Homa

Lector Pamela McDowell

EMHC Dale Fredrickson, Tricia Anderson

Videographer Anna Imdieke

Mar 28 — 9 AM Mass

Mass Coordinator Brian Rodriguez

Pianist Emily Deutsch

Ushers Todd Feltes, Linden Feltes
Matt Bernstorf, Joe Hollinger

Lector Doug Lyons

EMHC Bernie and Mary Quick

Videographer (Misa) Edith Lazaro

NEXT WEEK: Readings for Palm Sunday

“Many people spread their cloaks on the road,
and others spread leafy branches that they had
cut from the fields.” ~Mark 11

Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
Philippians 2:6-11
Mark 14:1-15:47

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