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February 28, 2021 Second Sunday of Lent

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Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving

It seems to start out with good intentions. Every Lent I resolve to give up something and somehow when Easter draws near, I am disappointed in myself for falling short. So, this Lenten season I am taking a different approach. I finally realized that "giving up" is one element of Fasting, Prayer and Almsgiving. Without prayer and almsgiving our Lenten fasting will easily lose its focus and become merely a self-help challenge. So, this year I am beginning with not what I am subtracting, although I am actually fasting and abstaining, but instead what I will doing be more of; prayer and being more charitable. Prayer is an acquired habit, one that needs constant intentionality.

THE PRAYER PROCESS

Gratitude: Begin by thanking God in a personal dialogue for whatever you are most grateful for today.

Awareness: Revisit the times in the past twenty-four hours when you were and were not the-best-version-of -yourself. Talk to God about these situations and what you learned from them.

Significant Moments: Identify something you experienced today and explore what God might be trying to say to you through that event (or person).

Peace: Ask God to forgive you for any wrong you have committed (against yourself, another person, or Him) and to fill you with a deep and abiding peace.

Freedom: Speak with God about how He is inviting you to change your life, so that you can experience the freedom to be the best -version- of -yourself.

Others: Lift up to God anyone you feel called to pray for today, asking God to bless and guide them.

Finish: By praying the Our Father. Kelly, Matthew, *I Heard God Laugh, p41*

Deacon Jim

St. Joseph, Grey Eagle & St. John's, Swanville

Monday, March 1st
8:30 AM Mass **SJS** Intention of Fr. Ron Confessions)
Tuesday, March 2nd
8:30 AM Mass **SJGE** † Poor Souls
Wednesday, March 3rd
5:30 PM Mass **SJS** Intention of Fr. Ron
Thursday, March 4th
8:30 AM Mass **SJGE** † Lourdine Berscheit
Saturday, March 6th
4:30 PM Mass **SJGE** † Herb Schilling
7:30 PM Mass **SJS** † Lorayne Primus
Sunday, March 7th
8:30 AM Mass **SJGE** For the People of the Parishes
10:30 AM Mass **SJS** † Monica Van Heel

St. Joseph, Clarissa & Christ the King, Browerville

Tuesday, March 2nd
8:30 AM Mass **SJC** † Dale Buchta
Wednesday, March 3rd
11:00 AM Mass **CTK** † Nancy Wark
Thursday, March 4th
8:30 AM Mass **SJC** † Butch Iten
Friday, March 5th
8:30 AM Mass **CTK** † James Tholen
Sunday, March 6th
8:30 AM Mass **CTK** For the People of the Parishes
10:30 AM Mass **SJC** † Lloyd Buhl

St. Mary of Mount Carmel, Long Prairie

Tuesday, March 2nd
7:00 PM Mass † Helen Gathje
Wednesday, March 3rd
8:30 AM Mass † Roger Petron
Thursday, March 4th
8:30 Am Mass † Gerard Becker
Friday, March 5th
8:30 AM Mass † Roger Katterhagen
Saturday, March 6th
5:00 PM Mass † Emma Buhl
7:00 PM Mass Español † Esmeralda Baeza
Sunday, March 7th
8:00 AM Mass † Jack, Lucille & Chuck Pesta Family
10:00 AM Mass For Parents of Aborted Babies
11:45 AM Mass Español For the People of the Parish

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Please call Fr. Ron at 320-290-4902 to make arrangement for Confession.

COLLECTION FOR FEBRUARY 14TH AND 21ST
Adults: $2,322 Plate: $613 Visitor: $55
Bishop's Appeal: $370 **TOTAL $3,360**

MARCH MASS MINISTRIES:
Saturday Ushers: Dan Primus & Chas Pelzer
Saturday Lector : Joni Primus
Saturday Ministers: Joyce Johnson & Julie Hollermann

Sunday Ushers: Dean Doroff & Val Sobania
Sunday Lector: Bea Golombecki
Sunday Ministers: Marge Mettler & Val Sobania

Monday, March 1st: Holy Hour to follow Mass that will include Stations of the Cross and Confessions.

Wednesday, March 3rd: Stations of the Cross will be during the Mass.

BOTH BOARDS MEET MONDAY, MARCH 8TH
FINANCE BOARD meets at 7:15 p.m.—members are: Karen DeFrance, Laurie Sieben, Randy Mettler. Trustees are Al Wessel and Chris Pelzer

PARISH COUNCIL meets at 8:00 p.m. – members are: Joni Primus, Vern Wessel, Jesse Hollermann, Jerry Hollermann, Diane Loven, Diane Cornell. Trustees are Al Wessel and Chris Pelzer

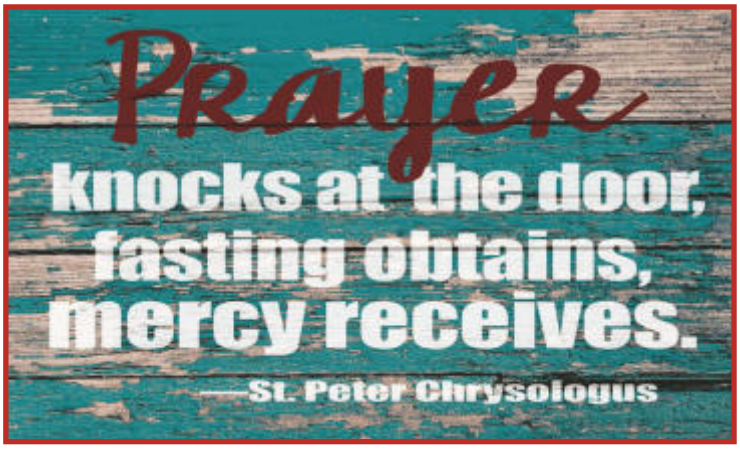
FAITH FORMATION
Wednesday, March 3rd Regular Classes at 6:30 p.m.

If you have not already given your donation to the **"Bishop's Annual Appeal"** please consider doing it at this time. You can put your donation in the collection basket, mail it to St. John's Church - P.O. Box 68 - Swanville MN. 56382 or bring it to the office, OR mail direct to the diocese. Please help!

You are welcome to join others in front of the Planned Parenthood building in St. Cloud – 451 East St. Germain to show your support for Pro-Life. Hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. OR you can participate from your home with prayers, etc. For more information call Judy at 320-453-7592.

GREAT IDEAS TO PREPARE YOURSELF FOR LENT
On the table in the entrance I have some sheets with great suggestions to help you prepare yourself for the best Lent ever. Also, good suggestions for all of us to follow always. These could become a good habit !!! 1)Fast from anger & hatred. 2)Fast from judging others…Jesus overlooks our faults. 3)Fast from discouragement…keep trying & praying. 4 Fast from complaining…close your eyes and think about the good moments. 5)Fast from resentment or bitterness, work on forgiving those who may have hurt you and remember that the one who holds on to resentment is the one who suffers the most. 6) Fast from spending too much money. Reduce your spending and give these savings to the poor who really need your help.

Conversation between Val & Fr. Ron
Fr. Ron says, "I have been looking for Olive Oil". Val says, " I have some at home from the 1940's". Fr. Ron, "I decided to search the internet for Popeye." Val , "why would you do that, any brand you get should work". Fr. Ron, "Well, I thought if I could contact Popeye he would know where Olive Oil was". As you can see from the above….at first this went right over my head. When I finally got it …..I could not stop laughing….still am as I type this.



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Please call Fr. Ron at 320-290-4902 to make arrangement for Confession.

COLLECTION February 20-21:
Adults $4,701.00; Loose: $714.00.
TOTAL: $5,415.00
Attendance: Saturday 64 and Sunday 49

Stations of the Cross/Holy Hour – After weekday mass on Tuesday and Thursday during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Father will also be available during this time to hear confessions.

Faith Formation:
Sunday, Mar. 7, 1st-5th grades 9:40-10:45 AM
First Communion Retreat 10:45-11:45 AM and Confirmation 7:00-9:00 PM
Wednesday, March 10, 6th-9th grade, 6:30-8:00 PM
Sunday, March 21, 1st-5th grade 9:40-10:45 AM
Wednesday, Mar. 24, 6th-9th grade, 6:30-8:00 PM
Sunday, March 28, Confirmation Practice 7:00 PM
Wednesday, March 31, Confirmation 7:00 PM
Wednesday, April 7, 6th-9th grade, 6:30-8:00 PM
Sunday, April 11, 1st-5th grade 9:40-10:45 AM
Sunday, April 18, 1st-5th grade 9:40-10:45 AM - Last Class
Wednesday, April 21, 6th-9th grade, 6:30-8:00 PM - Last Class
Sunday, April 25, First Communion, 8:30 AM Mass

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. - Mk 9:2-3 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Knights of Columbus: Your decision to join the Knights could define your year. Join Catholic men just like you striving to strengthen their faith, families, and communities as members of the Knights of Columbus. Every Knight makes a difference. Each man brings a unique story, a particular set of skills, and a heart that is ready to serve. We invite you to take this exciting step and join us today. It is an opportunity that could define your year and change your life. For more information contact Ken Sinclair at 320-285-5670.

Catholic United Financial: Catholic United tuition scholarships are a one-time benefit awarded to any member who is pursuing a degree, diploma, or certification. Scholarship applications are being taken March 1-April 30. Applications are done online through the Member Portal. If you have questions, see the FAQ halfway down the page at www.catholicunitedfinancial.org/scholarships/. You can also contact Member Engagement to ask questions directly at engage@catholicunited.org or by calling 1-800-568-6670.

Why Use Incense? **Why do we use incense at Mass?**
The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity, and which is also found in many other religious traditions today.
Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us to reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives.
The use of incense in the Church's liturgy — in the Mass, as well as in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours — is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering" (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant.
Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it's because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during eucharistic adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass). ©LPi

St. Mary of Mount Carmel Catholic Church Of Long Prairie
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Sacrament of Reconciliation will be in the Cry Room: Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Thursday before and after 8:30 a.m. Mass & Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration will be in the church:
Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Stewardship	02/14/21	& 2/17/21	
Adult	$7647.00	Central MN Catholic Mag.	$223.00
Youth	$31.00	Maintenance	$205.00
Ash Wednesday	1312.00	Votives	$87.81
Solemnity	$50.00	Those in Need	$100.00
Other	$1047.00	EFT's	$843.00
TOTAL	**$11545.81**		

Stations of the Cross: Tuesday at 7:35 after 7:00 Mass and Friday at 7:00 PM in Spanish.

Communal Penance Service March 17th at 6:15 PM

God's Bless you, Jennifer Houdek! Jennifer's warm and welcoming heart will be missed by every student, parent and staff member at the school. We are so thankful you shared your beautiful gifts with us for these past 5 years, and pray God's guidance and blessing on your new journey!

Preschool & Kindergarten Roundup Do you, or someone you know, have a child turning 3, 4 or 5 years old before September 1? If so, please join us to find out about St. Mary's Montessori-inspired Preschool and Kindergarten programs. Meetings are on March 4 and 9 by appointment (other times can be arranged too). Call the school to reserve a time to bring your preschool or kindergarten child to meet the teacher, see their classroom, and ask questions.

First Communion classes for public and homeschooled students meet after school **Feb 24 and Mar 10** (every other week).
Confirmation class meets weekly in the parish hall.
Please join in a walking **Rosary for the Parish and School**. Meet at the Family Center at 2 pm each Weds.

Hispanic KC Meeting Thursday, March 4th at 6:30 PM.

The Long Prairie Food Shelf will be sponsoring a Second Harvest food distribution on Monday, March 8th from 3:30 to 5:30 PM in St. Mary's Parking Lot. More information will be in next Sunday's bulletin.

March Ushers: 5:00 PM Dennis Ebnet,, Amy Ebnet, Bruce Ebnet**,** Rich Welters **8:00 AM:** Bill Pesta, John Pesta, Doug Pesta, Sharon Pesta **10:00 AM:** Matthew Middendorf, Dan Middendorf, Doug Schmidt, Mary Schmidt

Vacuum Nave March: Amy Ebnet

Saturday, March 6th @ 5:00 p.m. Sacristan: Lois Stueve **EM's:** Jerry Bleess, Mary Jo Klick **Lector:** Christine Petron **Greeters:** Lois Stueve, Phillip Stueve
Sunday, March 7th 8:00 a.m. Sacristan: Darlene Johnson **EM's:** Mark Buntjer, Sharon Koll, Al Lemke **Lector:** Tom Sellnow **Greeters:** Rick Krauel, Nancy Krauel, Al Lemke, Jane Lemke
Sunday, March 7th 10:00 a.m. Sacristan: Patti Weibye **EM's:** Mark Liebsch, Patti Weibye, Jane Wielenberg **Lector:** Maxine Liebsch **Greeters:** Gerard Spieker, Need Volunteer

Sanctuary Cleaners for March 5th: Denice Klimek, Lorraine Rayhorn

Christ the King Catholic Church of Browerville
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We are happy to register you as a new parishioner. Stop in or call the parish office if you would like more information.

If you are planning a wedding, please contact the parish office or Fr. Mitchell Bechtold at least six months in advance.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Sunday mornings from 8:00 to 8:20 a.m. and by appointment. Please call Father Mitchell Bechtold at 320-247-4907 to schedule an appointment.

Adoration: Wednesday 9:50 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. & Friday 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.
Online Masses can be viewed at:

- ◊ YouTube: Five Star Area Catholic Community
- ◊ Facebook: Five Star Area Catholic Community

Bulletin deadline is Tuesday noon.

Stewardship

February 21			
Loose	330.10	Candles	46.00
Adult	4,104.00	Eastern Europe	125.00
Child	28.50	Catholic Magazine	403.00
Total Regular	**4,462.60**		

Last Sunday Mass Count: 168

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, March 7, 8:30 a.m.

Rosary: Denis, Pam, Olivia & Madeline Irsfeld

Lector: Sev Blenkush

Looking ahead: Christ the King annual church cleaning is set for Saturday, March 13, 2021, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Please bring rags and pails. Cleaning supplies will be provided.

CTK Parish News

Stations of the Cross
Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.
Friday March 5, 19, & 26 at 2:15 p.m.
– led by CTK School

Checks must be made out to Christ the King Church when making a donation to the Catholic Magazine. They are not sent in directly to the diocese. Our church pays for all our parishioners' subscriptions so your donation helps to defray those costs.

The Men's Ham Dinner will be held on Palm Sunday, March 28th. It will be a curbside and delivery meal from 10:00 to 1:00 p.m. You will need to reserve a meal by calling the parish office before March 15th.

There is an informational envelope in the back of church for each man of the parish to pick up.

Christ the King Catholic School News

Thank you to all who donated to Christ the King School's Pennies for Patients drive. All funds go directly to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.
Special thanks to a CTK School student who donated $100 of their own money to help others who are sick. To date the school has raised $623.

Christ the King School students are selling Butter Braids and Cookie Dough until March 8th. Delivery will be March 24th. If you would like to purchase and haven't been contacted by a student, please call the school office at 320-594-6114.

Bling Cha-Ching Raffle

In place of the Sweetheart Ball and the Spring Luncheon, CTK Home and School Association is having a Spring Raffle.
Prizes are: five - $1,000 and five - $500 cash prizes.
Tickets are $50 each. Raffle tickets are now available from CTK School parents and in the office.

Saint Joseph Catholic Church of Clarissa
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Rita Walker 218-738-5781
Website: www.fivestaracc.org

Faith Formation March 3rd for grades 7-12. Stations of the Cross will follow at 7:30. Please keep in your prayers Confirmation Students- Dominic DeCock, Trey Lancaster, Trevor Prather, Mackenzie Uhlenkamp, Marissa Dotzler and Lynda Dobmeier. Confirmation Date is set for Sept 19,2021 at Christ the King.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Ministry Schedule

Sunday, March 7th

Sacristan: Mary Yates **EM:** JacyRae Almquist
Lector: Bev Desotell **Ushers**: Matt Dotzler and Michele Dotzler

02/21/2021			
Adult	$1465.00	Maintenance	$367.00
Loose	$81.00	Votive Candles	$3.00
TOTAL	**$1546.00**	Central MN Catholic Mag	$56.00
Mass Count	90	Fuel	$20.00

Address for Duane and Sue Blommel:

22 On the River
22 27th Ave SE
Apartment #512
Minneapolis, MN 55414

If you prefer, you can drop cards at church then Barb will mail them for you. So far things are going well. Please keep Duane and family in your prayers.

Five Star Area Catholic Community News & Updates:

Readings for the week of February 28, 2021

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Observances for the week of February 28, 2021

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent
Wednesday: St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
Thursday: St. Casimir
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent LPi

Five Star Area Catholic Community News & Updates:

Stewardship as a Way of Life: "'Here I am!' he answered." — Genesis 22:11 It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say, "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Oftentimes we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy. Most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: The Bishop's Annual Appeal proudly supports youth religious education in the diocese. Your generosity helps make this possible. Please support the 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal: www.stcdio.org/annualappeal. **Each dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.**

"The Saints Within Us" - annual Lenten retreat sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is March 13th (online using Zoom) starting at 9:00 AM and ending at 12:15 PM with a live streamed Mass from Sacred Heart Church in Sauk Rapids. Register online Connectivity link: Webinar Registration - Zoom There is no fee but a free will donations is appreciated and can be mailed to Lora Knaafla, 11719 16th Ave NW, Rice MN 56367—make checks payable to St. Cloud Diocesan CCW. **More information:** Call Sheri Streasick (320-805-0010), Linda Borgerding (320-293-1839) or stclouddiocesanccw@gmail.com

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