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MARCH 7, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF

LENT

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm, SH

Sunday: 8:15 am, HT

Sunday: 10:00 am, SC

Reconciliation

Call Fr. Wilmot at 507-583-2529

Baptism

Please call the office to register a date for baptism. First time baptisms requires preparation with priest.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Classes are held at St. Columbanus from September through April.

Marriage

Contact the SC Parish Office at least 6 months prior to proposed wedding date. Preparation program is required.

Care of the Sick

Call Fr. Wilmot at 507-583-2529

Christian Burial

SC Parish Office, 507-583-2784

Cleansing the temple: Are we making a good Lent? Are we earnest in our liturgical practices? Are we clean temples for the presence of the Holy Spirit? And, are we willing to **truly** follow the ways of Christ? Today we see Jesus blowing-up the temple system showing it as corrupt and barren whereas it was to be the place where God would dwell with His people. Hence the phrase, "My Father's House." It was reserved to be a place allowing a meeting with His chosen people through the liturgical and sacrificial system.

However, by the time of Jesus the temple had sadly become a place of authority and control for the rich and powerful. When Jesus overturns the tables and chases the animals this carries the message: The temple is under God's judgment and its purpose must shift to Jesus, and He would be the new location of God's meeting with humanity. May we come as often as we can to meet God in this way!

-Father Wilmot

MASS INTENTIONS
MARCH 1-7, 2021

Monday, 3/1:

Tuesday, 3/2:

Wednesday, 3/3:

Thursday, 3/4: Stations of the Cross on radio
8:30 AM

Friday, 3/5:

Saturday, 3/6:
SH (HF), 5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday, 3/7:
HT (LM), 8:15 am Regina Klecker

SC (BP), 10:00 am Terry Dolney

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

HOLY TRINITY:

SACRED HEART:

Class Times: K-6th: 6-6:45 pm ~ 7-11th: 7:15-8:15pm

Mar 17: Class

Mar 24: Class

ST. COLUMBANUS

Class Times: Elementary, 6-7:00 pm; Backpack
Program, 6:45 pm; HS Class, 7:15-8:15 pm

Mar 17 & 31: Class

- ◆ Money Smart a new program for older adults is offered by the Active Aging Programs of Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota
- ◆ Fr. Wilmot is out for his surgery so only weekend masses will be done at this time.
- ◆ Please keep Father Wilmot in your prayers for recovery.

Liturgical Roles

WEEKEND OF March 13-14, 2021

Sacred Heart, Hayfield~Saturday, Mar 13: 5:00 pm

Lector: Roger Hahn

EM: Linda Hahn & Judy Kaczmarek

Counters: Deb & Roger

St. Columbanus, BP~Sunday, Mar 14 10:00 am

Lector: Miranda Camery

Euch. Min.: Bob Remker & Tom Walters

Ushers: Larry Stebins & Tom Camery

Counters: Team 4

Weekly financials

Sacred Heart for 2-28-2021 was \$1,686.00.

St. Columbanus for 2-28-21 was \$1,010.00

Holy Trinity for 2-28-21 was \$1292.00

Local VFW Auxiliary of BP is sponsoring a Patriotic Young American Creative Art Contest for grades 9-12, in the BP district. Applications can be found at VFWauxiliary.org/scholarships. Deadline entry is March 31, 2021. Contact Diane Nelson at 507-475-0776 for information.. Creative picture, entry form and written description of art of 250 words or less are the requirements.

March 7, 2021

3rd Sunday of Lent

Many prefer a “create as you go” approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a “you can’t tell me what to do” attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other’s space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response.

We have lost our axis to the world of “anything goes” and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on “relativism island” where only a possible suggestion to “love and do not harm” may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus’ display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life’s preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost.

Lenten Shrimp Dinners – every Friday in Lent at the KC Hall

EVERYONE WELCOME: KC Council 945 will offer Lenten Shrimp Dinners at the KC Hall starting Feb 19 and every Friday in Lent. Enjoy a great meal and support our KC Council to help us continue our charitable work. We will be serving upstairs, downstairs, and takeout from 5:30-7:30. The delicious dinner includes jumbo shrimp, potatoes, coleslaw, bun, and coffee or milk – all for the low price of \$12.00 (tax included)!

To Volunteer, Contact Lee Jardine (lee_j7@reagan.com / 507-455-4430) or Laverne Klecker (Laverne.klecker@gmail.com / 507-456-6738) and if you are not a Knight, ask us about how to join!!

Third Sunday of Lent

Paul reminded the Corinthians, "We proclaim Christ crucified." Christ's weakness is stronger than any human strength. The power of the cross is greater than anything the world or evil has to combat it.

The Lenten season is one of repentance, self-denial, almsgiving, and prayer. Many in our modern world do not see any wisdom in denying themselves anything. Those swept away in a consumer culture want more and they want it faster, bigger, and better. They also are looking for easy and quick satisfaction, unwilling to wait long.

Paul speaks of the "foolishness of God" and how it is wiser than any human wisdom. Lent is a time to put aside that which we feel and think as humans and put on the attitude of Christ. The cross of Christ is neither easy nor fleeting, and it will ask us to deny our very selves for him. To the human mind it makes no sense. However, by putting on Christ and seeing with his eyes, we see reality with clarity. Our sacrifice can lead to riches that only a "foolish" man would covet. But it is exactly there that we are satisfied and fulfilled.

Catholic Ministries Appeal for 2021

Totals As of February 22, 2021

<u>Parish</u>	<u>2021 Goal</u>	<u>Amount Given/Pledged</u>	<u>% of Goal</u>	<u>Number Of donors</u>	<u>Balance Left</u>
Holy Trinity	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 715.00	9.17%	3	\$ 7,085.00
Sacred Heart	\$ 7,353.00	\$3,120.00	42.43%	6	\$ 4,233.00
St. Columbanus	\$ 11,769.00	\$ 400.00	3.4%	7	\$11,369.00

Mass Intention or Memorial Flowers

If you wish a Mass to be said for a special intention or you'd like to have flowers up at the altar for a loved one, simply send the name of the person, and a possible date for the mass intention to your parish office with the donation.

Do you need help shoveling your sidewalk this winter?

The Confirmation class is looking for ways to meet their service hour requirements, and would love to help the elderly in our community. Please contact Krystal O'Connor at sc.bp.faithformation@gmail.com or 507-475-1525 if you're interested!

Sacred Heart Lenten Food Drive

Our Lenten Food Drive will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 17 and run through March 31. Food Donations will go to the Hayfield Community Food Pantry and cash donations will go to SEMCAC. The Hayfield Community Food Pantry has a need for the following items that are not available from Channel 1.

Spices	Olives
Cake/muffin/brownie mixes	Spam
Mayo/miracle whip	Canned salmon
Salad dressings	Brown & powdered sugar
Pickles	Baking Powder
Baking Soda	

Items may be left in the basket at the main entrance from Ash Wednesday to March 31. Cash donations may be dropped in the collection basket marked "Lenten Food Drive".

March is Food Shelf Month

Help the CCW to stock the Steele County Foodshelf (Community Pathways of Steel County) during the month of March!

Ways to help:

Monetary – donate money to the food shelf by writing on the envelope "food shelf" and putting it in the collection every Sunday in March.

Items – bring non-perishable food items in bags and leave in the marked bin in the west entrance every Sunday in March. ** Reminder: foods cannot be expired.

The collection for the food shelf is a service project by the St. Columbanus Council of Catholic Women. Thank your for your support!

We would like to provide you with an opportunity to give during this lenten season to a cause that is near and dear to our hearts.

As many of you know, we formed a relationship with an orphanage in Nhamatanda, Mozambique - a few blocks from our sister church. We have remained in touch with Paulo Biriante - a friend/student of Matthew Rysavy's who grew up in that orphanage. He translated for us on our visit in 2014 and we were blessed to be able to attend his wedding in 2018. The orphanage is managed by Pastor Paiva Domingos Caetano, or Papa as we know him. Papa is in his seventies with a number of serious health issues including high blood pressure and a recent diagnosis of diabetes, but he continues to fight to keep his children in school and off the streets. Paulo has been helping him with management of the orphanage as he is able, but he is also working and caring for his family in the city of Beira, a few hours away.

Times are hard there with an increase in damages from the high winds and flooding caused by a series of cyclones (hurricanes) impacting Mozambique. The orphanage lost a building through a fire caused by bad wiring, and several years ago lost the support of a mission organization that was no longer able to function. Papa has been working to create an income stream and work for graduating students with a school and small farm, but that too has been impacted by the flooding along with high unemployment, government corruption, and inflation. Mozambique continues to be one of the poorest nations in the world.

Although their needs are many (especially with the medical care that Papa will need), there is one specific way we can help them right now. The pump they have been using for water has worn out and cannot be repaired. There is a shortage of good water in Nhamantanda with a limited number of water stations - each open only 1 day per week and often charging for the water. The children rise at dawn and carry heavy jugs of water 5 km before going to school. It is especially difficult for the young children. We would like to raise \$1100 to buy a new pump so they can repair the well at the orphanage and the kids can focus on their school work.

If you are interested in helping provide for this new pump, please contact Troy and Monica Anderson via email or at 507-363-1701. Thank you in advance for your prayers and support.

Mar. 7 th (3 rd Sunday of Lent) - Visit the Sick

Visit the Sick: 'There was a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years. . . She said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured.' Immediately her flow of blood dried up. She felt in her body that she

was healed of her affliction' (Mk. 5:25, 28-29). This week, answer Christ's call to Visit the Sick by 1) Meditating on the story of the Woman with a Hemorrhage; 2) Fasting from sweets, desserts, and/or junk food; 3) Calling or sending a card to someone in a nursing home. For more ideas on how to put Christ's Mercy in Motion this Lent, visit www.ccsomn.org/mercyinmotion.

Pray

- Use Lectio Divina to pray with Mark 5: 25-34 (The Woman with a Hemorrhage)
- USCCB COVID-19 Prayer of Solidarity

Fast:

- Fast from sweets, desserts, and/or junk food.

Give:

- Call, or send a card to those in nursing homes.
- Give Blood.

Learn:

- 'The pain of watching my daughter suffer caused crushing exhaustion and a sharp pain in my

chest, making it
the Spanish

hard to get through the day. As I passed strangers enjoying drinks in

sun, I wondered

how they could chat and laugh, when our lives felt like they had been

ruptured'.

Want to help pray for Religious Leaders?

Come and join the St. Serra Ministry of Owatonna Area for a Holy Hour of Prayer at 5 pm on Monday, March 8th at St. Joseph's Church in Owatonna. After the Holy Hour you are welcome to stay for food and fellowship in Joseph Hall. At 6:45 pm Joe and Sharon Stiles will be the guest speakers telling of being parents of a priest and a sister of a priest.

*****For each church to update records, please send Alice, Barb or Crystal a call or email with your current email address and phone numbers. *****

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