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**SM : St. Mary's ST : St. Thomas
SG: St. Gall SFH: St Francis Home
TTV Twin Town Villa**

Monday March 11th
No Mass
Tuesday March 12th
SFH 10:30 AM
ST 4:00 PM Navy Petersen
Wednesday March 13th
SM 8:40 am Justine Lien
SM Adoration
Thursday March 14th
SG 7:00 am People of the ACC
Friday March 15th
SM 8:00 am +Mark Lorenz
Saturday March 16th
SM 4:00 pm Rosary
SM 4:30 pm +Kathy Lehman
SG 6:30 pm People of the ACC
Sunday March 17th
ST 8:00 am +Rick Hulne
SM 9:30 am Rosary
SM 10:00 am People of the ACC

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St. Mary's Office Hours Monday-Friday
7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.



Deadline for Bulletin : Tuesdays 10:00 am

St. Mary's Youth Group Fish Fry

Friday March 15th
5:00 pm to 7:30 pm
At St. Mary's School Gym



Adults \$15.00
Kids 5-11 \$10.00

Proceeds will fund our annual Steubenville
Trip and Catholic Heart Work Camps.

Easter Flowers

Remembering your loved ones with a donation with a "in memory of" or "in honor of" someone. Either use the envelope in your packets for donations or put your donation in an envelope marked Easter decorations & drop in the collection. Please include YOUR name if you want it listed in the bulletin.

Deadline for Bulletin is March 18th.

Soup Gathering with Fr. Leo

Where: St. Thomas Church
When: Tuesday March 12th @ 5:30 pm
Soup will be served
Everyone Welcome.
Bring your 'Beautiful Eucharist' Book
(copies available at the church)

2024 Community Choir
Presents

To the Risen King

An Easter Cantata
under the direction of Linda Klindt

St John's Catholic Church
March 23rd at 7:30 PM
March 24th at 1:30 PM

Free Will Donation

Baptism

On March 2, 2024
Liliana Rose Abel
Daughter of Daniel & Augusta Abel
Was baptized by Fr. Leo.
at St. Mary's Catholic Church

God Parents are:
Erik & Jessica Larson
Welcome to the Family of God.

Extra Confession Times for Easter

3/14/2024 St. Gall's 8:30 am
3/22/2024 St. Thomas 7:30 pm
3/23/2024 St. Mary's at Noon



Holy Thursday March 28th

St. Mary's 5:30 pm
St. Gall's 7:30 pm

Good Friday March 29th

St. Mary's Noon
St. Thomas 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday March 30th

St. Mary's 8:45 pm

Easter Sunday March 31st

St. Thomas 8:00 am
St. Gall's 9:00 am (Fr. Stan)
St. Mary's 10:00 am

MN Food Share will support our local Food Pantry with additional funds based on the amount of both food and monetary donations given the pantry during the campaign Feb 26-April 6. The RWEFP is in the need of both food products and monetary donations to restock the shelves for the upcoming months.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

St. Mary of the Presentation
Saturday March 16th 4:30 p.m.
Lector: Scott
Servers: Zoey & Zander
Extraordinary Ministers: Wendy
Ushers: Mark Blaufuss & Tim Kressin

St. Gall
Saturday March 16th 6:30 p.m.
Lector: Tracy Heyda
Servers: Noah & Gracie Kinn

St. Thomas Aquinas
Sunday March 17th 8:00 am
Lector: Jackie P
Servers: Rheo, Emmy, Allie
Extraordinary Ministers: Gary Boutiette
March Ushers: Keith Kappes & Ron Krump
Collection Counters: Butch & Jon

St. Mary of the Presentation
Sunday March 17th 10:00 am
Lector: Jolyn Dohman
Servers: Aubri & Jace
Extraordinary Minister: Jolyn, Roy & Jean
Ushers: Mark Beyer & Roger Johnson
Collection Counters: #1



Friday March 15th Breckenridge
Friday March 22nd Kent

To all who attended the Welcome retreat:

Thank you for saying "yes" to the Holy Spirit and attending in prayer and reflection. Thank you to the team for putting on a spiritual, loving and well-organized Welcome retreat. It was a blessing working with you. Lastly, thank you to everyone who helped make this a successful weekend. May God Bless you all!! The Women's Welcome Continuation Committee.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 15th
Youth Group Fish Fry - Breckenridge

March 15th -20th
Fr. Leo Gone

April 21st
First Communion - St. Gall's

May 5th
First Communion - Breckenridge

May 19th
Baccalaureate in Breckenridge & St. Thomas

Synod Listening Sessions with
Bishop Patrick Neary, C.S.C.,

Pope Francis, regarding the Synod on Synodality, is inviting the world into another round of listening sessions. Seeing Synodality as a model of the Church and for the Diocese of St. Cloud is one of Bishop Patrick Neary's priorities. All are welcome to join him at one of more of these sessions to share your thoughts, experiences, and concerns of Church life, leadership and structures as we continue this journey of Synodality. Participants will engage in small group discussions throughout the mornings. This is a bilingual event. Lunch to follow – a free will offering is appreciated. Registration is required.

March 23 – 9:30 AM – 1:00 pm
Registration deadline: March 20th
Our Lady of Victory Parish, Fergus Falls

To Register by Computer: Visit:
WWW.stcdio.org/listenning2024

Fish Fry!

A logo for the Fish Fry event. It features the words "Fish Fry!" in a large, stylized font. To the right of the text is a small illustration of a fish, possibly a cod, with a chef's hat on its head.

The Men's Club of
Our Saviors Lutheran Church of Colfax, ND

Fish Fry Saturday March 23rd
4:30 pm to 7:00 pm
At Colfax Community Center
Cod Filet, Baked Potato, Baked Beans,
Cole Slaw, Beverage & Dessert

Cost: FREE WILL OFFERING

March 10th, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Lent

RED RIVER VALLEY ACC

In 1852, a 67-year-old priest was sent to the area now known as the St. Cloud Diocese. For 21 years he travelled serving not only as a priest, but also as a mediator and peacemaker among Native Americans. It wasn't until 1857 Benedictine monks, followed by sisters came to the frontier of Minnesota. Also in 1857, Fort Abercrombie was established. Mass was usually said monthly as a few priests travelled from place to place saying Mass in homes. By 1885 the first church was built in McCauleyville, serving 33 families. When the railroad was built through Kent, it was decided to move the church there, and so it was. In 1881, a priest travelled from Kent to Tintah for monthly Mass. By 1892, Tintah had grown enough to support building a church and become a parish. The town of Breckenridge was laid out in 1857. The settlers travelled across the river for Mass in a dugout starting in 1868. In 1897 the first church building was built.

Three parishes.

Into the 21st century, we are adapting again to change. This time population shifts from rural to urban. In March of 2019, the Area Catholic Community serving these three parishes was formed. We use a common bulletin for announcements. We share our priest. We collaborate, keeping in mind we are separated by 36 miles. This allows us to celebrate the 'source and summit' of our Catholic faith, the Eucharist in each parish every weekend. Weekday Masses are held in each parish, the nursing home and Twin Town Villa. Add in a wedding or funeral.

Three parishes, one Area Catholic Community.
We are blessed.

Today, on Laetare Sunday, the shrine of Ettiswil Switzerland celebrates a feast dedicated to a miracle that happened in 1447. A young girl had stolen a Host in a pyx. As she ran away, it became heavier and heavier until she dropped it near a fence in the middle of nettle bushes. A herder (Margaret) was trying to move her pigs down that road. As they approached the area, the pigs stopped. Margaret obtained help from two men passing by on their horses. The Host had divided into seven sections. Six of the sections formed a flower similar to a rose, but with a great light circling them. The parish priest was brought to the area. He was able to pick up the six sections, but the seventh stuck to the ground.

He took this as a sign to build a chapel on the site. The six sections are kept at the church enclosed in what appears to be a monstrance.

They are venerated by many.

Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is held in St. Mary's Church on Wednesdays from 9:30 am - 3:45 pm. Fr Leo will conduct the Chaplet of Mercy at 3:45 pm, followed by Benediction at 4:00 pm. Adoration will also be held on Fridays after Mass. Eucharistic Adoration at St. Thomas will be after Mass on Tuesday. Eucharistic Adoration at St. Gall's will be after Mass on Thursday.

Bishop's Annual Appeal

"Behold who you are. Become what you receive." The Appeal supports ministries that benefit you, your family and your greater parish community. Please make a gift today. Each dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.

Stewardship as a Way of Life

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." – John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

Reconciliation

Saturday in Breck 4:00 - 4:30 pm
Saturday in Tintah 6:00 - 6:30 pm
Sunday in Kent: 7:30 - 8:00 am
Sunday in Breck: 9:30 - 10:00 am
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