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MARCH 6, 2022 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

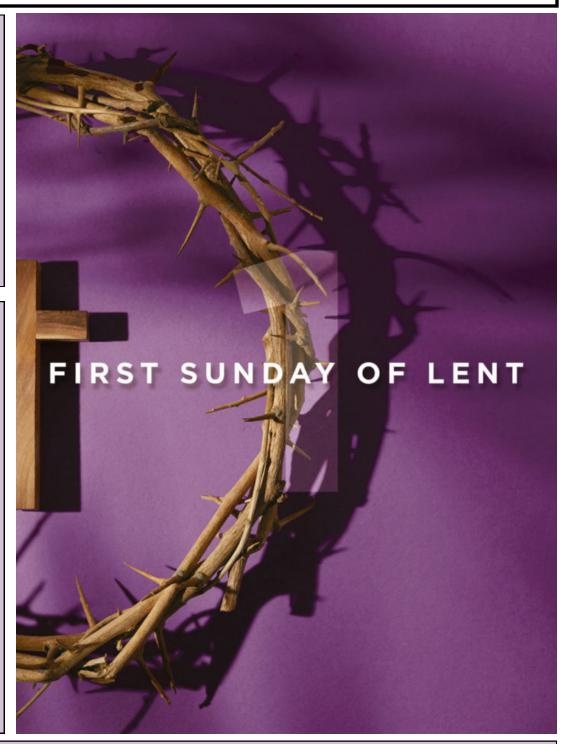
You shall
worship the
Lord, your
God, and Him
alone shall you
serve.

- Luke 4:8

OUR COMMUNITY PRAYER

Lord God, Redeemer and inspiration of souls, in the Blessed Virgin Mary, Star of the Sea, You have provided a light in the storm; by her favor and prayer, grant that as we cross the ocean of this world while being pounded by the waves of the different stresses of life we may keep our community on course by opening our hearts to our brothers and sisters, working through our differences, and generously responding to Your call to trust in Your loving Providence so that together we may reach heaven, our eternal safe haven with You.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Our Journey with Christ

Dear folks:

Happy Lent!

As we enter these forty days, we keep our eyes focused on God who calls to us: "Come back to me!" God is asking us to set aside those things that have become 'priorities' in our lives so that there is one true Priority—God Himself. We are challenged to remember the first commandment: I am the Lord, your God. You shall have no other gods beside Me. Often times, without us even realizing it, we have other gods—we allow other things to become more important than our time of prayer, our going to Mass, our reading the Bible, our serving the poor. Sometimes we forget why we pray, go to Mass, read the Bible and serve the poor, and we allow these things to take precedence over an authentic relationship with the Creator of all. During this Lententide, we are called to simplify our lives through prayer, fasting and almsgiving to re-order our lives, allowing Christ to be the center of it all.

Speaking of simplifying life, I am in the process of working with the Abbey for weekend and funeral coverage when I am on sabbatical starting August 1. The basic plan is to keep things as normal as possible for the six months that I am away, having the Team Leaders more actively managing their particular ministry team members and asking the sacramental ministers to assist with Mass, anointings and confessions.

Last week after the bulletin was sent to the printer, Bishop Kettler accepted the resignation of Chad Middendorf as a corporate member for the Assumption Community. At this point we are discerning a process for selecting a new corporate member (trustee). We are most grateful to Chad for his 8.5 years of service to Assumption.

The Pastoral Council for our ACC met in late February. At this meeting, the Council began planning for our Memorial Day get together at Lion's Park in Richmond. At this point the plan is to have one outdoor Mass on Sunday, May 29 with a cookout to follow. We are also going to celebrate Mass at the Assumption Chapel on Grasshopper Hill at 7:00 PM during the summer months again. Finally, the Council attempted to make our strategic plan that will be submitted to Planning Office SMART. The plan is being sent to the site Councils to help in this SMART-making process.

The site Councils of each parish will be meeting this month. We are still working on agendas for these meeting. SJJP will meet this coming week. Let's keep praying for each other, supporting each other, loving each other. Let's center our hearts, minds and souls on Christ so that we will be beacons of light and hope that announce Christ's love and presence.

—Father Matthew

FAMILY IN NEED - Recently, parishioners Roy & Marian Othoudt's house in Cold Spring was completely destroyed by a fire. If you would like to help them out, you can contact the Community Office or drop in the collection basket with a notation it is for them. Thank you.

SAINT BONIFACE SCHOOL CHALLENGE GRANT TOTAL AS OF MARCH 1 = \$34,869.47

SAINTS PETER & PAUL SCHOOL CHALLENGE GRANT TOTAL AS OF MARCH = \$25,845.00

See page 3 for more information. Thank you for helping us reach our goals!!

AID FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE

Bishop Kettler received a letter from the Most Reverend Jeffrey M. Monforton, Bishop of Steubenville, and Chairman for the Subcommittee on Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe.

On the second Sunday of Lent, March 12-13, we will take up a special collection for aid in the Ukraine.

Checks can be made payable to the Diocese of Saint Cloud.

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LENT IS HERE!

Lent is a time when we strive to come closer to our Lord Jesus Christ; it is a time to reflect. Am I the disciple Jesus called me to be?

We can do this in many ways. A list of available options that we have prepared for you is available via our "Lenten Resources" webpage. There will soon be a button or link on our ChristCatholic.com homepage to take you to this information. If online isn't your thing, please contact Deacon Dan at the Parish Offices and he can help you access the resources.

Several options need action early in Lent.

- 1. Book study by Fr. Jacques Philippe (Interior Freedom), see webpage Interior Freedom section for details.
- 2. We need volunteers to be Walking on Water small group facilitators; training will be provided. Contact Deacon Dan.



FORMED

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. We invite you to journey with us this Lent as we use the FORMED platform to grow in our Faith. Please check out the

bulletin, flock notes, and the Lenten Resource page on our website (located near the bottom of our homepage at ChristCatholic.com) for weekly updates with programs, activities, and audio/video resources to utilize. If you have any questions contact Chad.

SEASONAL HYMNS & TEXT

We will utilize the same Gathering hymns and Preparation song for the entire season of Lent, but the texts will change from week to week.

We will gather to the refrain of John Bell's "Take, O Take Me As I Am," interspersed with a verse from Bernadette Farrell's hymn "O God, You Search Me." The text of Farrell's hymn is an adaptation of Psalm 139.

The Preparation song will be Marty Haugen's familiar "Tree of Life," but with specific verses for the Lenten Sundays.

Additionally, we will utilize the common psalm for Lent, singing a setting of Psalm 91: "Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble". - Matt

ATTEND A TEC RETREAT THIS LENT

Participate in the March 12-14 or April 9-11 Central MN Together Encountering Christ (TEC) retreat and pay just \$30. Regular price is \$95 – so this is quite a deal. Sign up today at cmtec.org and pay the \$30 deposit. We will take care of the rest. TEC is a three-day retreat for vouth (age 16+) and adults. Described as one of the most relevant and life-changing retreats around, TEC promises to inspire and surprise. This encounter retreat is perfect for those searching, those needing direction and a little peace, and those looking to deepen their relationship with God. Come find out what 41,000 others have already experienced. www.cmtec.org

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Taizé Prayer Saint Mary's Cathedral, Saint Cloud with the Crosier Fathers and Brothers. Join them Fridays March 11 and 18 for contemplative prayer around the Cross. Begins at 7:00 PM and lasts about one hour. It includes a ritual blessing with the relic of St. Odilia. All are welcome!

Saint Mary's Choir - Via Crucis A choral and organ work by Franz Liszt; this special Stations of the Cross event will be Fri, Apr 8, at 7:00 PM. All are welcome in the upper church of Saint Mary's Cathedral in Saint. Cloud for this free event.

Tenebrae - A Tradition at Saint Mary's Cathedral, Saint Cloud Everyone is welcome on Good Friday, April 15, at 8:00 PM for Tenebrae, which is Latin for shadows or darkness. Participants will experience the gradual extinction of all lights in church, symbolizing the temporary triumph of the prince of darkness over the Light of the World, and loud noises created at the end of the service by the assembly and ministers, suggesting the earthquake described in the Passion Narratives. A truly moving experience for the entire family.

TEEN & YOUNG ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

Registration for our summer mission trip to Colorado is now open. We need to secure airline tickets soon, so get paperwork and deposit in ASAP!

—Chad

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MIC NEWS

Thank you to everyone who helped with tearing down the church in preparation for painting!

Stations of the Cross: Due to the painting project the leaders have decided to do the Stations of the Cross at Saint Wendelin's Church in Luxemburg every Sunday at 1:00 PM. All are welcome

500 Cards third Monday of the month at 1:00 PM in Parish Center. Call Mary Bruder. 11:45 AM lunch at Granite Edge Café. Everyone 60 + is welcome.

KC's meet third Monday of the month at 7:00 PM.

SJJP NEWS

The Jacobs Prairie Quilters are at it again! They are busy making quilts for the 2023 festival. If anyone is interest in sewing, donating or sponsoring a quilt, please contact Linda Leither.

Save the date for our Corn Feed & Bazaar—August 6!

Walking on Water (WOW)

Joining a small group is an excellent way to grow in your faith. It provides a way to become a better disciple and keep the fire burning. WOW is a small group guided process - a way to form & hold small group meetings.

If you want to give your prayer life a boost, learn how to pray with Bible passages, learn how to "be still" in prayer with the Holy Spirit, consider coming to one of two, no obligation, WOW info nights. The first is at SSPP Gathering Space on Mon, March 7 from 6: 30 - 7: 30 PM, or Mon, Mar 14 at Saint Boniface, same time. *WE NEED FACILITATORS! If you are willing to facilitate a small group, but want to know more first, come March 7. Check the preview WOW Blog at christcatholic.com/walking-onwater.

SSPP NEWS

Catholic United Financial meeting Mar 13 at 5:00 PM in the Gathering Space. Installation of officers.

Quilters meet Mon & Tues, March 14 - 15, 8: 30 AM - 4: 00 PM in the Gathering Space Quilting Room.

Golden Smiles will resume Tues, Mar 15 at 1:00 PM.

First Saturday Rosary at 8:00 AM, Mass at 8:30 AM. Call Ron Leither.

KC's meet second Monday of the month in Gathering Space.

500 Cards second Sunday of the month, 7:00 PM Saint Martin PC.

SB NEWS

Special thanks to Christian Women and Knights of Columbus for their generous donations for the Narthex. Your support allowed for the purchase of banners with uplifting Christian messages. Thanks for such a wonderful contribution to be enjoyed by all!

Christian Women meeting will be held Tues, Mar 15 at 6: 30 PM in PC.

March Church Cleaners:

Becky Terwey Judy Kearin Darlene Erkens Delrose Hansen

Outreach Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at Saint Boniface. We meet in the Parish Offices conference room. If interested, feel free to join us. Or contact Deacon Dan to get more info.

The Outreach Committee is working on bringing awareness to mental health issues. If you, or someone you love is in crisis, the following organization is a helpful local 24/7 resource. The organization is called "Central Minnesota Central Mental Health". To access these resources, go to their website, cmmhc.org then navigate the menu to Services, then Crisis Services. Or call 1-800-635-8008.

SPANISH NEWS

Contact: Sandy Garcia Secondary contact: Maria Dominguez

"Every morning during meditation,
I prepare myself for the whole
day's struggle.
Hely Communion assures me that

Holy Communion assures me that I will win the victory; and so it is.

I fear the day when I do not receive Holy Communion.

This bread of the Strong gives me all the strength I need to carry on my mission and the courage to do whatever the Lord asks of me.

The courage and strength that are in me are not of me, but of Him Who lives in me—it is the Eucharist."

- ST FAUSTINA



Condolences to the family & friends of Bruce Berg.
May his entry into Heaven be greeted by

the hosts of angels guiding him to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE LENTEN

CAMPAIGN through Apr 10. Weekday PRAYER VIGIL, 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM in front of Planned Parenthood, 451 E St. Germain St, St. Cloud. Register with Karen, Ron, Tudie or Judy Haag. Prayer & fasting will win this battle!

CLOSING RALLY:

Sat, Apr 9, 10:00 AM - noon, (at Planned Parenthood, ending at Saint Aug's cafeteria for pizza). Opening rally features speaker from Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC) Medical Clinic, www.preghelp.com. Attendees are encouraged to bring at least one item for the baby shower for PRC.

MASS SCHEDULE

Mon, Mar 7 Saints Perpetua & Felicity

Lv 19: 1-2, 11-18/Ps 19: 8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25: 31-46

8:00 AM - SJJP †Walt & Gen Lodermeier

8: 30 AM - SB †Dorothy Bellmont

Lector: Joann Drontle EMHC: Jo Casey

Tues, Mar 8 Saint John of God

Is 55: 10-11/Ps 34: 4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6: 7-15

8: 00 AM - MIC (at SJ) †Notch Hermanutz

Tudie Hermanutz Lector:

EMHC: Jan Mick

8: 30 AM - SB †Lenore May

Wed, Mar 9 Saint Francis of Rome

Jon 3: 1-10/Ps 51: 3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11: 29-32

8: 30 AM - SSPP †Alex Hemmesch

Needed Lector: EMHC: Needed

8: 30 AM - SB

Needed Lector: EMHC: Needed

AV Tech: Sam Craft & Volunteers

EMHC: Needed

Thurs, Mar 10 Weekday in Lent

Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7: 7-12

8: 30 AM - SB †Iris Halloran

Weekday in Lent Fri. Mar 11

Ez 18: 21-28/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5: 20-26

†Bernice Kremer 8: 30 AM - SB



No hospitality

during Lent.



CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

> every Saturday at 3:15 PM SB

SSPP 4:15 PM 7:00 PM Mar 30, SJJP

7:00 PM Apr 6, SSPP

7:00 PM Apr 13, SB

ADORATION SCHEDULE

Tues after Mass to 1: 30 PM at SB Wed after Mass to 6:00 PM SSPP Thurs 8: 00 AM - 7: 30 PM SJ

with Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM followed by Benediction

PARKING LOT **COMMUNION**

> Fridays 10:00 ÅM Saint Boniface

Sat, Mar 12 2nd Sunday of Lent

Gn 15: 5-12, 17-18/Ps 27: 1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/ Phil 3: 17 - 4: 1 or 3: 20 - 4: 1/Lk 9: 28b-36

4: 00 PM - SB †Art & Catherine Hommerding

& Andrew Hommerding

Presider: Father Matthew Lector: Joe Molitor

EMHC: Needed, Ashley Edwards, Kris Heinen, Tim Nierenhausen, Eileen Schneider (Sacristan)

Mark Dockendorf, Pete Dockendorf, Ushers: Dave Dold, Keith Fuchs, Fran Ramler

AV Tech: Tvler & Joshua Schlangen Carter & Deanna Nathan Rosary:

5: 00 PM - SSPP †Clarence Chromey

Presider: Father Cletus Lector: Shelly Hennen

EMHC: Duane Steil, JoAnn Ateil, Greg Hensrud Ushers: Kenneth Athman, Nick Hemmesch Sr,

Troy Hennen, James Worm

L/D Rich & Sheila Pulju Family Sun, Mar 13 2nd Sunday of Lent

7: 30 AM - MIC †Al Maselter

Rosary: Lynn Dockendorf Presider: Father Cletus Lector: Judy Ikeogu EMHC: Shelly Weber Sacristan: Vera Ebensteiner

Floyd Beumer, Bruce Welle Ushers:

8:00 AM - SJJP †Ralph Dingmann

Presider: Father Matthew Lector: Tiffany Massmann Janis Minnerath EMHC: Ushers: Louis & Jane Schaefer

9: 30 AM - SB †Eldred Ruegemer

Father Nickolas Presider: Lector: Dennis Rausch

Patty Dietman, Bev Klein, Jeff Miller, Karen ЕНМС:

Rausch, Kelly Refsland, Jacob Willenbring

Ushers: Louis Hennen, Harold Rahm, John Rothstein,

Brian Torborg, Ed Voight

AV Tech: Sam Craft Needed Rosary:

10:00 AM - SSPP †Hilde Ruegemer

Presider: Father Matthew Lector: Steve Nies

EMHC: Ron & Karen Leither, Jill Molitor

Ushers: Hank Braegelmann, Gary Branster, Ernie

Dold, Denis Torborg

1:00 PM - MIC en español

†Bill Krystosek

Father Oswaldo Presider:

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Submit names for Prayer Resquests: christine@christcatholic.com, deb@christcatholic.com; or call Deb at 320-204-1111.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Ron & Betty Backes, Roger Bell, Nancy Chirhart, Mary Danielson, Margaret Doeden, Mary Kay Dolan, Tanner Gertken, Julianna Hansen, Theresa Hettwer, Sharon Janssen, David Johannes, Patty Klang, Chris Kneip, J. J. Laverne, Elaine Lindell, Susan Lucas, Lisa Peine, Michael Phillips, Dale Rausch, Josephine Rausch, Larry Ruegemer, Nathan Ruhland, Peter Sand, John Schelonka, Stanley Schelonka, Ralph Schramel, Clara Schueller, Norb Silvers, Roman Stans, Bill Steil, Adeline Svihel, Don & Eileen Thomes, Margaret Torborg, Ralph Vogt, Belinda Walsh, Marilyn Zenner and others who are in need of our prayers.

Contacts for prayer request: Fran Delozier, Lemay Bechtold, or Renee Theis.



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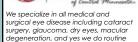
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