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Baptism

Call Parish Office to schedule preparation with Father Joe or Deacon Richard.

Marriage

Call Parish Office a minimum of six months in advance to schedule preparation with Father Joe or Deacon Richard.

Visitors

We are blessed to have you worship with us at Mass. If you would like to become a parishioner you can call the parish office or download a registration form from our website.

Mass Schedule

Saturday	4:15 pm	SC
Sunday	8:30 am	SC
Sunday	10:30 am	MI
Tuesday	6:00 pm	SC
Wednesday	8:30 am	SC
Thursday	8:30 am	MI
Friday	8:30 am	MI

Tuesdays

1:00 PM Mass at Hillcrest
Assisted Living in Nashwauk

Confession

Tuesday	5:00-5:30 pm	SC
Saturday	3:30-4:00 pm	SC
Sunday	7:45-8:15 am	SC
Saturday	9:00-10:00 am	MI
1st Friday	4:00-5:00 pm	MI

Fr. Joe is always open to making appointments for confession.

Adoration

Tuesday	9:00 am-5:45 pm	SC
1st Friday	4:00-5:00 pm	MI

*cancelled due to Father's absence

Homebound Ministry

Fr. Joe visits the homebound within the parish boundaries on First Fridays.

Fr. Joe visits parishioners in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living in Grand Rapids and Hibbing on First Thursdays.

If you know of parishioners who are ill, hospitalized, or homebound, please contact the parish.





March 19-24

Tuesday – Myrtle Amrhein Trick
 Wednesday–Hilda & Alfred Denne
 Thursday–Frances Golla
 Friday– Don & Darlene Heltimes
 Saturday– Kathy Woodman, †
 Sunday 8:30– Parishioners
 Sunday 10:30– Jackie Bischoff, †

Saturday 4:15 pm March 23

Lector: Greg Brandner
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Clare Dulong, Terri Jarmer, Colleen Clusiau, Candy Brooks
 Servers: Cliff Arola, Jasmin Chouinard, Jerry Swanson

Sunday 8:30 am March 24

Lector: Lois Best
 Ministers of Holy Communion: Duane Kokkinen, Terry McCollor, Clara Metzger, Mary Stangl
 Servers: Lexi & Claire Clusiau, Jim Sellner
 Ushers: Terry McCollor & Dan Owens
 Counters: Jackie DeNucci & Marie Nosan

Sunday 10:30 am March 24

Lector: Margaret Kavanagh
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Kyle Erickson, Karen Tok, Pat & Tes-sie Guyer
 Server: Jacob Johnson
 March Cleaners: Mari Sloan 30



Bulletin articles need to be submitted by Tuesday at 10:00 am for the week the bulletin is printed. The Friday before if it is a holiday.

Know someone who could use prayers?
 CALL- -St. Cecilia's Prayer Chain:
 Darlene or Ted Squillace 885-1057.
 Mary Immaculate Prayer Chain:
 Teresa Kessler 910-9007.

Sister Dorene King from St. Scholastica Monastery has been assigned to our parishes to be a prayer advocate. She is praying for us, but if you have a special intention please call (218)723-6555.

FROM FR. JOE

THE PASSION OF CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

A wonderful thing that we can do during Lent is to reflect on the Our Lord's Passion. All four Gospels share a lot of details in common in their accounts of the Passion, but they each share a unique perspective as well. During this Lent, I would like to take some time to reflect on the Passion narratives. For the next four weeks, I will focus on something unique in each of the four Gospels. My hope is that you will be able to use these reflections in your own spiritual journey through Lent. This week, we will start off with Matthew.

Matthew is unique in his depiction of the governor Pontius Pilate and his wife. At the beginning of Matthew 27, Jesus is brought before Pilate for trial. Pilate questions Jesus (vv. 11-14) and then tries to get the crowd to let him release Jesus instead of a notorious prisoner named Barabbas (vv. 15-18). Then something interesting happens, Pilate's wife (we do not know her name) sends a message to her husband. "Have nothing to do with that righteous man. I suffered much in a dream today because of him" (v. 19). We have no idea what her dream was all about, but considering dreams are often depicted in Scripture as divine communication it stands to reason that God wanted to show her something. Even this Roman woman, who presumably has never met Jesus in person, can tell that this man is righteous and innocent.

At first, Pilate tries to get Jesus released. However, he eventually gives in to the crowd's demands. This can serve as a reminder to us: just because the crowds or the majority of people call for something, it does not make it right. Not only does Pilate condemn Jesus, but he even tries to distance himself from having any guilt. Matthew tells us that Pilate "washed his hands in the sight of the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood. Look to it yourselves'" (v. 24). He tries to put the blame on the people of Israel, who reply, "His blood be upon us and upon our children" (v. 25). Many in history have used these words as an excuse for anti-Semitism, claiming all Jews (past and present) are to blame for Christ's death. Current Church teaching, however, points out that guilt of Christ's death does not lie with the Jewish people as a whole, but rather the blame falls on us who are sinners. We can certainly point the finger at Pilate, Caiaphas, and Judas for what they did, but it was our sins that crucified Jesus. Let us seek to make amends for these sins through our acts of penance this Lent.

Stations of the Cross on Friday at 6:00 pm at both churches.

Join our faith community—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the back of the church. During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter the needs of the world. **Second Week of Lent Encounter Annet.** In Uganda, we encounter Annet and her family, children forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? [Visit crs-ricebowl.org](http://visit-crs-ricebowl.org) for more.

FORMED.org Parish code is **KVR7DF**

Lenten Opportunity - Adult Faith Formation There will be two opportunities to participate in a new series called **PRESENCE-The Mystery of the Eucharist**. Deacon Richard will offer a class on the Tuesday evenings immediately following Mass on March 12, 19, 26 and April 2nd.

Ann Johnston will offer the class on Wednesday's immediately following morning Mass on March 27, April 3, 10 & 17th. Learn or renew your knowledge and understanding about the powerful way God is present to us in the Eucharist!! Please register for EITHER of these classes by calling 218-208-2661. Please leave a messageand which class you want to attend.

Mary Immaculate's Divine Mercy Cenacle Schedule: on Fridays at 9am, March 22nd lesson #59; April 5th lesson #60; & Good Friday April 19th lesson #61. New people always welcome!

Attention High School Seniors: Mary Immaculate's CCW is offering a scholarship to a graduating senior planning to further their education. Student must be a member of Mary Immaculate. Call Karen Tok at 245-3402 for an application.

We are in need of a Sacristan At. St. Cecilia's for the Saturday 4:15 Mass. We are also in need of money counters. If you would like to volunteer for either of these positions you can call the church office at 885-1126.

The annual diocesan women's conference is March 23. It will feature keynote speaker Sonja Corbitt and a panel of women religious. We are offering a coach bus to the Women's Conference in Duluth. The bus will leave the Blessed Sacrament back parking lot at 6:15am, returning at approx. 7pm. The cost is \$15/person. To make reservations, call Jessica at Blessed Sacrament 262-5541 Jessica.koland@duluthcatholic.org.

Their will be a meeting to discuss soup supper at Mary Immaculate (March 27) & 40 hours lunch (March 31st) after the Mass on Sunday, March 17th in Mary Immaculate social hall. Ladies of the parish, please stop by & help with the planning. Thank you!

Knights of Columbus Scholarship – The Nashwauk Area Knights of Columbus Council 5283 is accepting applications for its annual scholarship program. Any high school senior who is a parishioner at either St. Cecilia's or Mary Immaculate and who will be attending a college or university in the fall is eligible to apply. Application forms are available at the St. Cecilia's parish office, can be downloaded from the parish website or at counselors office at NKHS and GHS. Applications must be turned in to St. Cecilia's parish office by **April 26th**. All eligible students are encouraged to apply.

Readings for the week of March 17, 2019

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

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 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Youth Minister's Letter

"For many, as I have often told you and now tell you even in tears, conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ...therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord" (Phil. 3:18, 4:1).

Sometimes I substitute teach at the schools, and as we all know...kids do not easily respect a substitute teacher. No matter the age, there are always a few students that try to pull one over on the substitute. If students know me from church, it is always fun to teach them. For those who don't, I know that if a student is out of line it is not personal. The unruly students are not unruly to upset me personally. In fact, I doubt any of them consider how their actions might make me feel. Rather, they are simply trying to get away with doing what they want. Sometimes we treat God like a substitute teacher. We think that our actions don't matter, and we are tempted to see him as simply a figurehead holding up arbitrary rules to make our lives difficult rather than as a Father that cares for us. The fact of the matter is, however, that God is much more like the teacher who cares so deeply for the people entrusted to him that he would even jump out a window and land in the dirt and bushes in a suit to go help a student in danger (true story from one of my teachers). If we choose sin, God hurts. That is why in the second reading today St. Paul is literally in tears over the way people treat God and his commandments. Now, if St. Paul is that hurt, imagine how God feels. Jesus loves us with a human heart. Just like any good parent, he loves us regardless of our actions, but remember he is not passive and impersonal, like a substitute who might not know your name. God loves you more deeply than any parent or teacher ever will, and it hurts him when he sees you fail. So, this Lent, let us recognize that to God our actions, our sins, are personal. God is not a substitute teacher.

God Bless, Christina

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