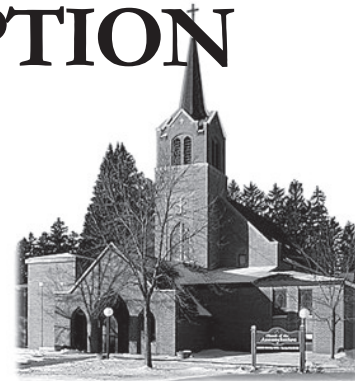


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February 21 , 2010 • First Sunday of the Lent

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Reconciliation

Saturdays at 4pm at Rice
and 8pm at Mayhew Lake

Baptism Class February 24 7pm-
Mayhew Lake

Baptisms, Marriages & New Members

Please contact Fr. Tim
at the Church Offices

St. Cloud Diocese Website
www.stclouddiocese.org



PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

by *Father Tim*

The season of Lent is a very wonderful source of God's special grace. Many Catholics are willing to do extra things spiritually in response to God's love.

Since this is the first Sunday of Lent, I will make some brief suggestions on how to keep this holy season. As the Gospel of Ash Wednesday instructs us, I would encourage everyone to make Lent a time of prayer, fasting and charity.

I would encourage everyone to take some extra time during Lent for prayer. We come closer to God in friendship when we pray. There are some very good Lenten spiritual readings available in church for Lent. The Mass and Stations of the Cross are wonderful ways to keep this season holy. We will have Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 7pm in both of our parishes.

In our practice of charity, what we save from our sacrifices during Lent can be given to the "Rice Bowl" which is our Bishops' program to feed the hungry of the world.

On this first Sunday of Lent, our RCIA candidate, Meaghan Sabayan will be going to the Cathedral in St. Cloud this Sunday afternoon to celebrate the rite of the Call to Continuing Conversion. Bishop Kinney will preside over this ceremony which marks the final phase in her RCIA journey. The season of Lent is a special time of spiritual growth and more intense preparation for the sacraments of initiation which she will receive at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday at Immaculate Conception Church. We ask your prayers and support for Meaghan.



Baptism

Our next Baptism class for both parishes will be held on Wednesday, February 24, 7:00pm at Annunciation Church in Mayhew Lake. All parents are required to attend before their baby is baptized. Please call one of the parish offices to register. Please schedule the baptism class well in advance, before you schedule the baptism. Thank you!

Immaculate Conception News

Journey of Faith

As part of our faith community's observance of Lent, we ask all families to participate in **Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl**, a program of prayer, fasting, learning, and giving. Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl packet and follow this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. Visit www.orb.crs.org for further information. We will collect the Rice Bowls at the Holy Thursday, Mass.



In Luke's story of the temptations of Jesus we see how we can be tempted by wealth, power, and esteem just as Jesus was. Lent calls us to focus on our faith life by living it in deeper ways. As we begin our journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, let us pray and sacrifice so that through our faith life we can make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in need.

Our Sunday Readings this week set out a framework for hope in the power of God to deliver us from the ravages of sin and death. Each of us is invited to trust that God's word will lead us on the path to salvation. Our prayers will open our lives to a close relationship with God. We are challenged this week to lives of extravagant love and forgiveness, for we have received both as the Lord Jesus' gift!



Remember that Lent is a joyful march toward holy Easter, and that all readings, rituals, and penitential practices are not done mournfully, but are done with the risen Christ in mind and heart.

Stewardship Blessings

Adult Sunday	\$2,613.00
Loose Plate	\$177.00
Other Income	\$25.70
Total Received for Debt Retirement.....	\$366.00
Pizza Sales.....	\$91.00
St. Cloud Visitor	\$54.00
Total Income Last week	\$3,326.70
Year to Date Income	\$194,190.30
Year to Date Expenses.....	\$174,514.32
Loan Balance (as of 02-01-10)	\$245,863.15

Today's first reading describes the offering of first fruits the people of Israel were to present to the Lord in thanksgiving for their deliverance from Egypt and the gift of the promised land. Is my offering at today's Mass an appropriate response to the many blessings the Lord has given me?

Weekly Events

Mon	6:00pm	Youth Choir
	7:00pm	Jubilation Choir
Tue	7:00pm	Parish Council
Wed	7:00pm	Baptism Class-Mayhew Lake
Fri	5-7:30pm	Lenten Fish Fry
	7:00pm	Family Stations of the Cross
Sun	10:30am	Children's Liturgy of the Word

Future Events

March 5, 12, 19, 26	Parish Fish Fries
March 21	KC Ham Bingo



Remember to support these fund raisers by coming to the Fish Fries on each Friday of Lent, from 5-7:30pm. Bring a neighbor or a friend and enjoy good food and fellowship. Take out is also available. Call 393-3560, from 4:30-7pm. Many work shifts still need to be filled. Please sign up to work a shift at any or all!

Christian Women

Mark the date of Friday, March 12th, we will be working the Fish Fry. All members who are physically able are asked to come and help.

Choirs

Both choirs have important rehearsals on Monday evening: Youth Choir at 6pm and Jubilation Choir at 7pm. Please join us! As always, we especially need more male voices!!!

MCCL Fund Raiser

In a joint effort by the Christian Women and Knights of Columbus, a total amount of \$1294.00 was donated to Minnesota Concerned for Life. A big **Thank You** to all who donated, helped, purchased and attended the bingo and silent auction.



We warmly welcome to our parish family two new members. **Richelle Joley Thompson**, daughter of Richard & Michelle, and **Simon Daniel Pekarna**, son of Frank & Beverly, received the sacrament of Baptism on February 14, 2010.

KC's Host Ham Bingo

You are invited to win your Easter dinner on Sunday, March 21 at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Prize drawings will be held after the first 10 games of Bingo, at approximately 3:00pm. Ten more games of Bingo will follow, including a game of blackout. The event will end with a lunch. Tickets will be available for the cash raffle the KC's are also hosting. Only 500 tickets will be sold, at a cost of \$25.00/ticket. Top prize of the raffle is \$2500.00. All are welcome!

B I N G O				
14	19	32	51	74
6	21	39	52	61
11	29	FREE	55	68
7	16	42	60	69
9	27	37	48	72

Annunciation News

Thank You!

Thank you to all the help that I received putting the Prayer For Priests in the Hymnals last week. Your help is greatly appreciated. I enjoy visiting with parishioners and getting to know people a little more.

Janice



Lenten Vespers:

Sacred Heart Parish in Sauk Rapids invites you to attend Sunday Lenten Vespers on February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, & 28 at 4:00pm at Sacred Heart. For more information, please contact Beth Plumski (320) 251-8115.

Retrouvaille

HELP FOR COUPLES IN TROUBLED MARRIAGES: Are you, or someone you know, living in the despair of a marriage in trouble. Retrouvaille can help. The next program starts March 19, 2010. Advance registration is necessary. Call 320-255-5314 or check our website

www.savingmarriages.org

Baptism Class

Baptism Class is at Annunciation on Wednesday, Feb. 24th at 7:00pm. Please call the office to register.

Birthday Celebration

Ray Bemboom is turning 90! Join his birthday celebration on Sun., Feb. 21st at St. John's Fellowship Hall in Popple Creek. Open house from 12:30pm-4:00pm with meal served at 1:00pm.

Catholic Women's Spring Retreat -

Saturday, March 6, 8:00-3:00, St. Louis Church, Paynesville. Theme: Year of the Priest. All women of the diocese are invited to attend. Registration fee: \$15 postmarked by March 1; \$20 postmarked after March 1. See bulletin board for more details or call Lora 393-2701.

Stewardship Blessings

Adult Sunday	\$2,227.00
Loose Plate	\$156.85
Castaway	\$50.00
Youth	\$25.26
Haitian Relief	\$20.00
Phone	\$30.00
St. Cloud Visitor	\$540.00
Total Income Last week	\$3,049.11

Weekly Events

Sun., Feb 21	Mayhew Lake Loves Its Kids
Sun., Feb 21	Choir on TV Mass
Wed., Feb. 24	7:00pm Baptism Class here
Fri., Feb. 26	7:00pm Stations of the Cross
Fri., Feb. 26	5-7:30pm Fish Fry at Immaculate Conception, Rice
Sat., Feb. 27	5:00pm Youth Choir Sings for Mass

Future Events

Sun., Feb. 28	After Mass	Confirmation Breakfast
Sun., Feb. 28	Choir on TV Mass	

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To learn more about the Weekend visit www.wwmesection8.org. The next two Marriage Encounter weekends are March 19-21 and May 14-15. To schedule a weekend please call Alan & Missy Block, 320-259-4444.

Notes from Shirley

- The 6th, 7th & 8th graders will be going to Kids Against Hunger on Wednesday, February 24th.
- The Confirmation Breakfast is on Sunday, February 28th. Come support our Confirmation Students.
- Our 11th grade confirmation students will be going to Place of Hope on March 3rd. This place is for people who are homeless or out of a job and need a warm meal. We could use noodles, paper plates, bagged lettuce, forks, spoons, paper bowls, and salad dressing.

Lawn Care

Bidding forms for Lawn Care are available at the church office. Bidding is open thru February.

Blood Pressure Checks

The parish nurse, Anne Miller, will have blood pressure checks after the 8:30am Mass on Feb. 28th in the parish library.

Choir Practice

**Choir Practice will be on Mondays at 7:30pm.
**Also, the choir will be aired on the TV Mass on Feb. 21st & 28th.

Harmony With Horses Breakfast

Harmony With Horses Saddle Club is hosting a Pancake/ Sausage/ Eggs Breakfast March 7th after the 8:30 Mass in the church basement. The proceeds will be donated to the MN Hooved Animal Rescue and for a Rescue Horse named "Earl" that is being Fostered and trained for Adoption. Everyone is welcome!

Happy Birthday!

Ray Bemboom, Delroy Molitor, Karol Weyer, Christina Bemboom, Cindy Bemboom, Bill Jaquemart, Nicholas Baynes, Annette Crosby, Michael Scheel, Diane Symanietz, Mary Lentner, Gina Popp, Duane Wentland, Lexi Baynes, Scott Brenny & Benjamin Wocken

Rice Mass Schedule

Wed 8:00 am †Louis & Caroline Brott
-Jim & Sylvia Hoihjelle
Fri 8:00 am †Susan Trettel-David & Mary Pyka
Sat 7:00 pm †Connie Weinand-Vic Weinand
Sun 10:30 am †James Jedlicki-Adam & Rita Jedlicki

Ministry Schedule

Week of February 22-28

Daily Mass Lector: Eileen Saldana

Cantor

Sat 7:00 pm Austin Kostreba
Sun 10:30 am Marc & Sam Kelash

Lector

Sat 7:00 pm Rebecca Patton
Sun 10:30 am Joe Katzner, Jonathon Schmitt

Servers

Sat 7:00 pm Alex Patton
Sun 10:30 am Rebeccah Kelash, James Moon

Greeters

Sat 7:00 pm Tom & Peggy Kubat
Sun 10:30 am Faye & Jamie Leither

Ushers

Sat 7:00 pm Duane Cekalla, Allen Popp
Sun 10:30 am Leon Skroch, Joe Voigt,
Ray & John Thompson

Host Count

Sat 7:00 pm Mardelle Pintok
Sun 10:30 am Joan Donovan

Body of Christ

Sat 7:00 pm Joyce Patton
Sun 10:30 am Joanne Karls

Blood of Christ

Sat 7:00 pm Mitch Fiedler, Mardelle Pintok
Sun 10:30 am Paul Goebel, Michele Hiscock,
Sue Katzner, Sara Michaelson

Communion at Home:

Please call Theresa Eisenschenk 393-4521

Mayhew Lake Mass Schedule

Tues 8:30 am ++Helen & Walter Rosha
Thurs 8:30 am +Bertha Lucken
Sat 5:00 pm +Albert Janson
Sun 8:30 am People of the Parishes

Mayhew Lake Ministry Schedule

Lectors:

Sat. JoAnn Marshall & Gloria Nelson
Sun. Judy Kiffmeyer & Don Kainz

Eucharist:

Sat. Kathy Janson
Sun. Sue Rajkowski(h) & Jason Zwilling(hc)

Ushers:

Sat. Bernie(S), Andy, & Joe Janson & Arnie Popp
Sun. Lora Knafla(S), Frank Legatt, Peter Ackerman &
Ryan Rajkowski

Servers:

Sat. Jacob Biskey & Jesicah Miller
Sun. Rachelle Lass & Heidi Rajkowski

News for Both Parishes

Thank you from Catholic Mission Office

Tragedy, both near and far, is simply incomprehensible. What has happened in Haiti, already the poorest country in the western hemisphere, is beyond human understanding. But then, so are the 30,000 deaths from hunger that happen every day in our world. The important thing is our response as people of faith who believe that we form one human family around the world. Thank you for your support of our family in Haiti at this critical time. Just two weeks after the earthquake, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has provided food and emergency supplies to more than 90,000 people through two large sites and parish distribution sites across Port-au-Prince. CRS medical teams are treating 300 people per day. Your generosity will help CRS respond to many more people in dire need during their long period of recovery. Thank you for living out communion.

Blessings from Fr. Bill Vos, CRS Diocesan Director and Roseanne Fischer, Mission Office Director

Operation Rice Bowl Prayer

God of all people, Hear us as we join in prayer with our brothers and sisters in need. Bless our Lenten fasting, learning, and giving. May your generous love for your people be our guide as we reach out to all who live with hunger and poverty. Amen.



The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve."- Lk 4:6a, 7-8.

Readings for the Week of February 21, 2010

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1 or
3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Question of the Week

What can I do this week to resist temptation?