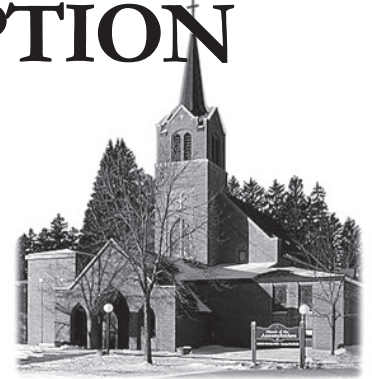


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February 28, 2010 • Second Sunday of Lent

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PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

by *Father Tim*

On this second Sunday of Lent, I would again encourage you to try to capture its true meaning. I would suggest that we set some quality time aside each day to pray and to attend Stations of the Cross on Fridays of Lent. Also that we take seriously fasting and self denial during this Holy Season. Also, please make an effort at almsgiving or charity. We can help the hungry of the world by participating in the Rice Bowl Program.

Last Sunday I preached on the fasting of Christ in the desert and the true meaning of fasting. I shared the following commentary on fasting with you before, but I thought it would be a good reminder again about what the results of our fasting should be. It is entitled "A Lenten Fast" by Rev. Arthur Lichtenberg.

Fast from judging others; feast on Christ living in them. Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify. Fast from anger; feast on patience. Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism. Fast from worry; feast on appreciation. Fast from complaining and criticism; feast on gratitude for the good we see in others. Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness. Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others. Fast from personal anxiety and discouragement; feast on eternal hope through Jesus. Fast from everything that separates you from the Lord; feast on everything that draws you to the Lord.

I pray that you may all experience God's grace in a special way this Holy Season.

Schedule for Communal Penance Services:

Wed. March 24, 7:00pm-Annunciation, Mayhew Lake

Mon. March 29, 7:00pm-St. Stephen's, St. Stephen

Tues. March 30, 7:00pm-Immaculate Conception, Rice

A communal service brings out the meaning of this sacrament very beautifully, so I encourage your attendance . There will be extra priests here so it will not take too long. When you are finished making your confession, you may leave; you do not have to wait until all are done.

Journey of Faith

Wednesday is our Parish "Journey of Faith." The Holy Spirit has brought us an exciting program for the adult session. Caitie Tobin, a young woman from Sydney, Australia and a recent college graduate with a Liberal Arts degree focusing on history and languages, is spending time with the Franciscan Sisters Community Volunteers program. Following graduation, Caitie was inspired by some of the short-term mission experiences she had during her college career. She will share her call to mission work and reflect on Jesus' call to each of us, especially solidarity with the poor. A special part of her reflection will be based on her cross-cultural experiences, including: poverty of wealth versus poverty of the heart. All are welcome to hear her dynamic message, which is very timely during the Lenten Season.

Parents of youth in grades K through 9 are reminded of the importance of children bringing completed and signed homework assignments, an expectation of the parish before progressing to the next grade. Share your faith with your children by working on the assignments with them.

The Readings this Sunday show God's faithfulness to his covenant with Abraham through the transfiguration of Jesus. The readings invite us to live the mercy we hope to receive by refraining from judgment, abiding in peace, and laying down our lives in response to God's call. God's mercy and love bring good out of evil and life from death.

Stewardship Blessings

Adult Sunday	\$2,719.00
Loose Plate	\$280.56
Electronic Giving.....	\$1,480.00
Other Income	\$228.20
Total Received for Debt Retirement.....	\$847.25
St. Cloud Visitor	\$37.00
Faith Formation	\$60.00
Kids Against Hunger (Ash Wed.).....	\$747.25
Total Income Last week	\$6,399.26

To meet budget per week – \$5,641.00-this includes monthly loan payment (\$2,611.00)

Year to Date Income	\$199,742.31
Year to Date Expenses.....	\$176,717.24
Loan Balance (as of 02-01-10)	\$245,863.15

Peter, James, and John wanted to build a "booth" for Jesus and just stay on the mountain where His transfiguration took place. But the Son of God, the Chosen One, knew that He must instead keep moving toward His crucifixion. We, too, must rise from worship and do what we can to hasten the coming of the kingdom.

Weekly Events

Mon	7pm	Jubilation Choir Rehearsal
Tue	7pm	Christian Women
Wed	6:30pm	Journey of Faith
Fri	8am	First Friday Mass with Adoration & Benediction
	5-7:30	Lenten Fish Fry
	7pm	Teen Stations of the Cross
Sun	9:45am	Jubilation Choir Rehearsal
	10:30am	Pre-School Sunday School
	11:30am	Coffee & Rolls after Mass

Future Events

March 12, 19, 26	Parish Fish Fries
March 14	Ham Bingo-Mayhew Lake
March 21	KC Ham Bingo

Second Week of Lent- The Transfiguration

Jesus' transfiguration was a moment of hope for the disciples, giving them the strength to endure the future sacrifices they would make as they formed the early Church. As we continue our journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, let us be mindful that our Lenten sacrifices help to give hope to our brothers & sisters in need.



- For your generous support of the Ash Wed. collection. A total of \$757.25 will be sent to the Kids against Hunger Program.
- To everyone who helped clean up the kitchen disaster Friday night. You really went above and beyond what would be expected in working a fundraiser. You are the BEST and we are proud to know and work with each and everyone of you.

—Tom & Peggy Kubat

- To a family for a special donation to help fund the funeral lunch program. Your generous support is appreciated!

Remember to support these fund raisers by coming to the Fish Fries on each Friday of Lent, from 5-7:30pm. Come enjoy good food and fellowship. Take out is also available. Call 393-3560, from 4:30-7pm. Please help out by signing up to work a shift!



Please welcome Matt & Chistina Evje and son Max who have joined our parish family.

KC's Host Ham Bingo

Bingo will be held Sun., March 21 at 2pm. Prize drawings will be held after the first 10 games of Bingo, at approximately 3pm. 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/ticket. Top prize of the raffle is \$2500.

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Lent is a time for personal reflection, so what better time to reflect on the rewarding relationship your marriage could be? The Marriage Encounter weekend gives you the tools to turn good marriages into great marriages. 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 or 888-455-3496.

Becoming a Love and Logic Parent Classes

There is no more difficult, detailed and time-consuming job than raising children. The class can be helpful in the areas of respectful communication and discipline. Attend this three evening workshop to not only learn new techniques, but also be able to discuss it with parents of similar aged children. At this session learn simple, low stress communication techniques that are effective with children from toddlers to teens: avoid power struggles, guide your children to solve their own problems, and model and teach responsibility. Classes are on Thursdays, March 4, 11, & 18, 2010, 6:30-9:00 p.m. (registration 6:00pm) We have 22 spots available. To register or for more information: Go online at www.resourcetraining.com or call Resource Training & Solutions at 255-3236 or 888-447-7032.

Thank You!

Thank you to all of my friends and family for making my 90th birthday so special! Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

Ray Bemboom

Stewardship Blessings

Adult Sunday	\$2,787.00
Loose Plate	\$58.89
Visitor	\$260.00
Youth	\$13.09
Initial Offering	\$6.00
Haitian Relief	\$13.00
Couples Night	\$25.00
Kids Against Hunger.....	\$288.50
Total Income Last week	\$3,451.48

Weekly Events

Sun., Feb. 28	After Mass	Confirmation Breakfast
Sun., Feb. 28	Choir on TV	Mass
Thurs., March 4	7:00pm	Liturgy Committee Mtg.
Fri., March 5	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross
Fri., March 5	5-7:30pm	Fish Fry at Immaculate Conception, Rice

Future Events

Sun., March 7	after Mass	Harmony With Horses Breakfast
Mon., March 8	6:30pm	Youth Choir Practice
Tues., March 9	7:00pm	Parish Council Meeting
March 12-14		Castaway
Sun., March 21		First Communion
Sun., March 21	8:30am	Youth Choir Sing at Mass

Notes from Shirley

- 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.

Ham Bingo

March 14, 1-4pm in Annunciation church basement. Everyone is welcome! Come play. Bring a friend. Win a ham! Climb out from your snow bank and join your neighbors for a little fun. We have 'Honest John' calling the numbers and a Jan-son lined up to watch Honest John. Come play! Any proceeds will go to the church carpet fund."



Choir Practice

Adult Choir Practice will be on Mondays at 7:30pm.

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!

Mitchell Lee, Jayden Gerads, Samantha Kaeter, David Peterson, Ray Schlichting, Lainey Hartwig, Jacob Biskey, Wayne Carriveau, Gena Hiemenz, Cory Popp, John Scapanski, Mona Ackerman, Morgan Zeleny, JoAnn Marshall & Daniel Wocken



Rice Mass Schedule

Wed 8:00 am †Dorothy Aschenbrenner
-Vic & Karen Trutwin
Fri 8:00 am †Gene Bender-Eileen Saldana
Sat 7:00 pm People of the Parishes
Sun 10:30 am †Ardella Popp- The family

Ministry Schedule

Week of March 1-7

Daily Mass Lector: Pat Kollodge

Cantor

Sat 7:00 pm Rebecca Tana
Sun 10:30 am Jubilation Choir

Lector

Sat 7:00 pm David Popp
Sun 10:30 am Mike Kampa, Lori Mader

Servers

Sat 7:00 pm Andrew Saldana, Jack Saldana
Sun 10:30 am Jesse Popp, Nick Popp

Greeters

Sat 7:00 pm Francis Januschka, Mardelle Pintok
Sun 10:30 am Roxanne & Mark Saldana

Ushers

Sat 7:00 pm Denny Popp, Allen Saldana
Sun 10:30 am Doug & Brett Gansen, Dale & Darlene Hiscock

Host Count

Sat 7:00 pm Eileen Saldana
Sun 10:30 am Kathy Siemers

Body of Christ

Sat 7:00 pm Sandy Saldana
Sun 10:30 am Greg Frank

Blood of Christ

Sat 7:00 pm Mary Lepinski, Eileen Saldana
Sun 10:30 am Sue Frank, Peggy Kerestes,
Roxanne Saldana, LuAnn Trutwin

Communion at Home:

Please call Janice Martin 393-2410

Mayhew Lake Mass Schedule

Tues 8:30 am +Marily Pietron Rosha
Thurs 8:30 am ++Frank & Beatrice Nasal
Sat 5:00 pm +Donald Gammon
Sun 8:30 am +James Loidolt

Ministry Schedule

Lectors:

Sat. Peggy Janson & Brianna Rajkowski
Sun. Maureen Atman & Bonnie Popp

Eucharist:

Sat. Donna Poganski(h), Dennis Emslander(hc), Rita Knott©, Duane Wentland©, Mike Kahl(cc)
Sun. Anita Montag(h), Jane Dietman(hc), Roger Athman©, Lori Popp©, Ann Scheel(cc)

Ushers:

Sat. Mike(S) & Tom Skaja, Gene Kubat & Mike Gans
Sun. David Lentner(S), Matthew Scheel, Matt Dietman & Kim Kosloski

Servers:

Sat. Kayla & Melissa Kahl
Sun. Cory Popp & Brent Harren

Greeters:

Sun. Joshua & Justin Puhalla

News for Both Parishes

2010 Annual Diocesan Appeal

If you have not yet responded to Bishop Kinney's message, please consider doing so today. The Annual Diocesan Appeal provides broader and more extensive services than those available at individual parishes. Your support is vital to our diocesan mission to be Jesus' heart of mercy, voice of hope and hands of justice. Without your help, this work would not continue.

Lenten Retreat

The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls invite you to a *The Way of the Cross: The Spiritual Journey Retreat*, on Friday, March 26 (6pm)-Saturday, March 27 (7pm), at St. Francis Convent, Little Falls. During Holy Week the church unfolds for us the sacred events in the life of Christ as well as the deep mysteries of own spiritual transformation.



Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen. - Lk 9:35-36

Readings for the Week of February 28, 2010

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Question of the Week

When is it the most difficult for me to give myself for the good of others?