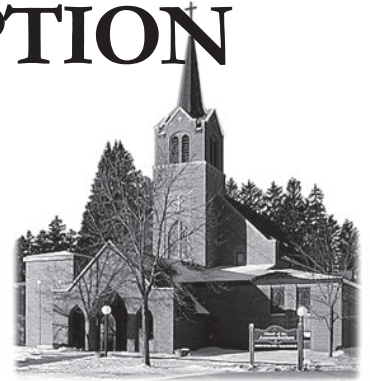


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March 7, 2010 • Third Sunday of Lent

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PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

by *Father Tim*

On this third Sunday of Lent, let us review our Lenten resolutions to see how we are doing. Are we striving for holiness and charity during this special time of God's grace? Let us support and pray for one another on our Lenten journey.

Please welcome Fr. Ken Brenny, a retired priest from Buckman, who will be taking the Masses Sunday morning. I will be at Our Lady of Victory Church in Fergus Falls for the baptismal ceremony of my niece's baby, Bella Anne Marie. You may recall last summer I shared with you that shortly after she was born, she had serious lung problems and had difficulty breathing. Because of this, I baptized her in the hospital at that time. I will now provide the full baptismal ceremony in Church. Bella has fully recovered and is now a happy, healthy baby. Thank you for your prayers last summer.

March is Food Share month. I encourage you to make a donation of food or money during the month of March. MN Food Share will match it, which doubles your donation. For cash donations, you may put it in an envelope, mark it "Food Shelf", and put it in the collection basket. Cash is a good way to donate because MN Food Share can buy food very inexpensively. With the poor economy more people are in need of food.



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.

Immaculate Conception News

Journey of Faith

Thank you to everyone who participated in our "Journey of Faith" session last Wednesday evening and to Caitie Tobin for her presentation. Our Church teaches us that all are called to community and participation. By our prayers, fasting, learning, and giving during Lent we unite with those who are our sisters and brothers in need throughout the world. Lent is a time for each of us to remember our call and live our faith. Youth brought home Rice Bowls and are asked to sacrifice for Operation Rice Bowl during the remainder of the Lenten Season. There is a prayer on the Rice Bowl to use at meal times.

Next Wednesday both our Second Graders and Confirmation Candidates have class from 6:30 to 8pm.



Chrism Mass is Thursday, May 25th at 7pm at St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud. All Confirmation Candidates are expected to go to this Mass, where the Bishop will consecrate the Chrism Oil for their Confirmation in the Catholic Faith.

Readings for Third Week of Lent

We are challenged to recognize in Jesus, who proclaims "I AM," the presence and action of God. Jesus confronts us to avoid the traps of self-righteousness and to match forgiveness with forgiveness. When we fail, the prophets remind us of God's intense desire that we live his gift of salvation. Jesus casts out the demons of our lives that keep us from recognizing and living the unity of love of God and the love of neighbor.



Liturgy Committee

Our monthly supper meeting is Thursday at 5pm. Please read *Triduum* in the Sourcebook and complete Section 4 of *Sing to the Lord*.

Stewardship Blessings

Adult Sunday	\$2,871.00
Loose Plate.....	\$98.00
Other Income.....	\$31.55
Total Received for Debt Retirement	\$179.04
St. Cloud Visitor.....	\$17.00
Religious Retirement	\$100.00
Funeral Lunch Program	\$1,000.00
Total Income Last week.....	\$4,296.59
Year to Date Income	\$203,560.86
Year to Date Expenses	\$183,993.66
Loan Balance (as of 03-01-10).....	\$244,172.41

The parable in today's Gospel clearly warns that we, like the fig tree, will be judged by our fruit. While God mercifully provides us with time and opportunity, let us give witness to our faith with deeds of kindness and generosity!

Weekly Events

Mon	6:30pm	Jubilation Choir Rehearsal
Wed	6:30pm	Second Grade Catechesis
	6:30pm	Confirmation Catechesis
Thu	5:00pm	Liturgy Committee Supper Mtg.
	8:00pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting
Fri	9:00am	Mass at Benton Apartments
Fri	5-7:30pm	Fish Fry
	7pm	Family Stations of the Cross
Sun	10:00am	Youth Choir
	10:30am	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	11:30am	Recognition Reception for Pat Spence

Congratulations to Pat Spence who received certification as a Parish Catechetical Leader from the Minnesota Catholic Education Association. This certification was granted as a result of attending classes and completing projects in the area of Theology and Catechetics.



To acknowledge Pat's accomplishments, there will be a reception for her after the 10:30am Mass next Sunday. Refreshments will be served. Please stop by to congratulate her and to thank her for the good work she does in our parish.

Christian Women

Just a reminder to all members, this Friday, March 12th is the Fish Fry our organization will work at. All members who are physically able are asked to come and help!

KC's Host Ham Bingo

Bingo will be held Sun., March 21 at 2pm. Prize drawings for the **Cash Raffle** 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 are 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.



A warm welcome to *Keeley Jae Hurdt*, daughter of John and Stacy, who became the newest member of our parish family through the sacrament of Baptism.

Third Week-Operation Rice Bowl

Our participation in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl unites us in prayer, fasting, and giving with the millions of people around the world who are oppressed by poverty, injustice, war, disease, and lack of education and other opportunities. We are called, just as God called Moses, to lead people from oppression to freedom.

February Debt Reduction Details

Debt Retirement Donations.....	\$1,683.25
\$927.75 short of \$2611.00 Payment	
Pizza Sales.....	\$1,857.66
Chili Cook off.....	\$504.50
Scrip Principal Payment.....	\$250.00
Penney Pledge.....	\$39.04
Total Debt Retirement Received in February.....	\$4,334.45

Annunciation News

Welcome!

We welcome to our faith community Aaron & Rosemary Voigt and their son, Isaac.

Annunciation Youth Group Tubing!

What: Tubing at Powder Ridge

Who: Any youth or young adult 8th grade and up.

Immaculate Conception Parish youth are encouraged to attend also!

When: Sunday, March 21st (meet in the basement right after 8:30am Mass)

Cost: \$22 tentatively for tubing and bus ride (snacks will be provided)

If you are interested, contact Jill Karls, 290-4204.

Holy Week Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday (4-1):

Annunciation—7:00pm Rice—7:00pm

Good Friday (4-2):

Annunciation—12:30pm Rice—12:30 & 3:00pm

Holy Saturday (4-3):

Annunciation—8:00pm Rice—8:00pm

Easter Sunday (4-4):

Annunciation—8:30am Rice—8:30 & 10:30am

Flowers of Hope

Daffodils will be offered for sale after Masses on the weekend of March 20th & 21st. Cost is \$10 for a bunch of 10. Proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.

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.

Choir Practice

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

Stewardship Blessings

Adult Sunday	\$3,607.00
Loose Plate	\$74.01
Initial Offering	\$6.00
Youth	\$18.22
Visitor	\$80.00
Carpet & Improvements.....	\$100.00
Votive	\$29.82
Total Income Last week	\$3,915.05

Weekly 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
Fri., March 12	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross
Fri., March 12	5-7:30pm	Fish Fry at Immaculate Conception, Rice

March 12-14 Castaway

Future Events

Sun., March 14	1-4pm	Ham Bingo
Wed., March 17		First Communion Practice
Sat., March 20	9:00am	First Communion Practice
Sun., March 21		First Communion
Sun., March 21	8:30am	Youth Choir Sing at Mass

Notes from Shirley

- Learning Centers for 2nd graders and parents on the 10th of March.
- Castaway Retreat is on March 12-14.
- First Communion Practice on the 17th and also on the 20th (Saturday) at 9am.
- First Communion on March 21st.
- Parish Penance Service March 24th—all children will attend—meet in class first.

Ham Bingo

Sunday, March 14, 1-4pm. Everyone welcome. All ages. Come to have fun with your neighbors. This event is sponsored by the Annunciation Social Events group and is a Youth Group activity as well. Come win a Ham at any one of the 19 games with a \$5.00 card. One Blackout Game, \$1.00 a card, with the winner receiving 50% of the card purchase money for that game. Join in the Meat Raffle during the game, \$1.00 a chance. A light lunch (free will offering) following the blackout.

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!

Lenten Vespers:

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

Happy Birthday!

Richard Cash, Patrick Herbst, Jeffrey Kaeter, Rose Lubbesmeier, Sharon Popp, Kathy Janson, Melissa Thell, Todd Robinson, Charlotte Roeber, Dan Gerads & Loren Popp

Rice Mass Schedule

Wed 8:00 am †Eugene Jedlicki-Ken & Vicki Noda
Fri 9:00 am †John Wojtanowicz-Mitch & Nancy Fiedler
Sat 7:00 pm People of the Parishes
Sun 10:30 am †Eleanor Gottwalt (A)
-Jim & Mary Schlangen

Ministry Schedule

Week of March 8-14

Daily Mass Lector: Eileen Saldana

Cantor

Sat 7:00 pm Irene Kloss
Sun 10:30 am Youth Choir, James Moon, Katie Schmitt

Lector

Sat 7:00 pm Susan Cekalla
Sun 10:30 am Joe Katzner, Caitlyn Larson

Servers

Sat 7:00 pm Alex Patton
Sun 10:30 am Hannah Moeller, Tamber Moon

Greeters

Sat 7:00 pm Francis Januschka, Marcus Saldana
Sun 10:30 am Janet & Leon Skroch

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 Theresa Eisenshenk
Sun 10:30 am Joan Donovan

Body of Christ

Sat 7:00 pm Bill Rauch
Sun 10:30 am Lisa Wannigman

Blood of Christ

Sat 7:00 pm Sandy Saldana, Guy Spence
Sun 10:30 am Joanne Karls, Sara Michaelson,
Roseann Moeller, Diane Wojtanowicz

Communion at Home:

Please call Janice Martin 393-2410

Mayhew Lake Mass Schedule

Tues 8:30 am +Alvina Knott
Thurs 8:30 am +Loretta Brenny
Sat 5:00 pm Dec. Rajkowski/Bemboom
Relatives
Sun 8:30 am Conversions

Mayhew Lake Ministry Schedule

Lectors:

Sat. JoAnn Marshall & Gloria Nelson
Sun. Jill Zimmer & David Zimmer

Eucharist:

Sat. Natalie Schubert
Sun. Shirley Scapanski(h) & Charlotte Roeber(hc)

Ushers:

Sat. Bernie(S), Joe & Andy Janson & Arnie Popp
Sun. Lawrence(S) & Jane Thell, Duane Walz & Chuck
Wocken

Servers:

Sat. Jacob Biskey & Jesicah Miller
Sun. Brianna & Zachary Harren

Greeters:

Sun. Brent & Joshua Ackerman

News for Both Parishes

Catholic Relief Services

Next week is the annual collection for CRS. This collection helps us to fund six Catholic organizations that improve the quality of life and protect human dignity. Your gift will support agricultural development to strengthen economics and create food sustainability, provide outreach services to survivors of human trafficking, and help supply pastoral care for immigrants & refugees. By helping the marginalized and impoverished, you **give hope to Jesus in disguise**. Please be charitable in the Catholic Relief Services Collection.

Rice Lions Breakfast

Go out for breakfast Sunday, March 7th at Graham United Methodist Church. Serving from 8:30am-12:30pm. Cost is \$6 for adults. Come and enjoy!

Lenten Weekend Retreat

The Way of the Cross: The Spiritual Journey Retreat is Fri, March 26 (6pm)-Sat., March 27 (7pm) at the St. Francis Convent in Little Falls. Sr. Joan guides us through stations of reflection as we enter Holy Week and celebrate Easter. Call 632-2981 for more info.



Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3

Readings for the Week of March 7, 2010

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/
Lk 13:1-9
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Question of the Week

What can I do this week to really spend time alone with God, listening with my heart?