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Welcome

We are a progressive Catholic Benedictine Community
encountering Christ through the celebration of Word and Sacrament,
one another, nature, and our thirst to create a just world.



The Rite of Sending

Last year we celebrated the Rite of Welcome for Greg Nelson as he made public his intention to be baptized in the Catholic Church. Today we celebrate the Rite of Sending in which we send him to St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud to meet Bishop Kettler. Over this past year Greg Nelson has faithfully attended his Becoming Catholic sessions and participated in Sunday worship. His sponsor, Jim Mergan, and I have seen real growth in his faith and practice and believe he is ready to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. When an adult is baptized they also celebrate Confirmation and share in their First Communion at the same time. Since the Bishop is the normal person who confirms, and the Bishop can't be present in all the parishes at the Easter Vigil, all those who will be baptized are sent to meet the Bishop on the First Sunday of Lent.

The Rite of Election

The ceremony with the Bishop is called the Rite of Election because we celebrate that God has chosen Greg Nelson to be baptized. To symbolize his Election by God, Greg Nelson will sign his name to the Book of the Elect. In the Book of Revelation it states that the one on the throne will read the names of all those who are saved from the Book of the Elect. Please join me in praying for and supporting Greg Nelson as he makes his final preparation to become a Catholic Christian.

Together we go to God,
Fr. Greg

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The Coming Week

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Parish Office Closed		8:00 AM MASS Soup 5:30PM & Speaker 6:15PM	5PM Fish Fry Set UP	8:00AM Mass +Jason Ruprecht Stations of the Cross 4-7PM Fish Fry	5:30 PM Mass +Jason Ruprecht 6:30PM Lector Training	2nd Sunday of Lent Faith Formation

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Events in our Area:

- February 18, Watkins, St. Nicholas Church Breakfast:** Serving 9am-noon at the St. Nicholas Church. Menu: pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, fried potatoes, fruit, pastries, and beverages. Bake sale and raffle too.
- February 18, St. Cloud, Parish Breakfast:** St. Anthony Parish. Serving 8:00am-noon. 25th Ave & first street north.
- February 18, Upsala, Quilt Bingo:** St. Mary's Church 1PM. Free Lunch, Hand stitched Quilts. Proceeds go to St. Mary's Mission Group. 20 games for \$10. Blackout is extra.
- February 23, St. Cloud, Fish Fry:** St. Anthony Parish Fish Fry. Serving 4-7PM at the St. Anthony Parish Center: 2410 first street North St. Cloud, Menu: fish, beans, coleslaw, rolls and coffee.
- February 23, St. Cloud, Fish Fry:** St. Augustine Parish Center (Wilson Ave. & First Street SE) Menu: Fish, coleslaw, potato salad, chips, beans & beverage. \$10. Silent Auction, Meat Raffle and Ice Cream too!
- March 2, St. Cloud, Fish Fry:** St. Anthony Parish Fish Fry. Serving 4-7PM at the St. Anthony Parish Center: 2410 first street North St. Cloud, Menu: fish, beans, coleslaw, rolls and coffee.
- March 2-4, Belle Prairie, "Paschal Mystery" Koinonia Retreat:** Join us in this Christian living experience designed for adults ages 20 and older. Belle Prairie TEC Center, just 3 miles north of Little Falls. Fr. Ernie Martello will be the Spiritual Director. The weekend starts at 5:30pm on Friday and ends Sunday afternoon. Applications at centralmnkoinonia.org or by calling Dorie Reiter at 320-217-2476 or email: cmkoinonia@gmail.com. \$70/weekend. Scholarships available.
- March 2-4, Buffalo, Married Couples Retreat:** Christ the King Retreat Center hosting Retreat. \$320. per person which includes \$60/couple to reserve a room. Contact Lori for info. Or to register: 763.682.1394 or lpolman@kingshouse.com
- March 4, St. Joseph, Breakfast:** Knights of Columbus sponsored Parish Breakfast. Serving 8:30am-Noon. At the Church of St. Joseph, Heritage Hall.
- March 6-8, Buffalo, Women's Silent Midweek Retreat:** Christ the King Retreat Center hosting Retreat. \$160/person, includes \$30 deposit to reserve a room. Contact Lori for info. Or to register: 763.682.1394 or lpolman@kingshouse.com
- March 9, St. Cloud, Fish Fry:** St. Anthony Parish Fish Fry. Serving 4-7PM at the St. Anthony Parish Center: 2410 first street North St. Cloud, Menu: fish, beans, coleslaw, rolls and coffee.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. -Mark 1:12-13



In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross. © Loyola Press

Bishop's Annual Appeal

The Bishop's Annual Appeal is his outreach to the faithful for our help. Bishop Don needs robust Ministries and Offices to serve our parishes and carry forth his mission. Your tax-deductible gifts will be used solely for the purpose of funding such things as TV Mass, scholarships for seminarians, marriage preparation, men's and women's conference, retreats and faith formation for all youth, assistance and healing for divorced couples and much, much more! Please be generous with your donation. Donation envelopes have been inserted in this weeks bulletin, they can be mailed or placed in the collection basket.

Stations of the Cross

Please join us for Stations of the Cross following Friday, 8:00AM Masses during Lent.

Lenten Fish Fry Dinners



Can you VOLUNTEER TO HELP??? Volunteers of all ages and skill levels are needed in the kitchen and dining room. Please sign-up to volunteer on the bulletin board or by emailing Julie in the parish office.

Our SECOND fish fry dinner will be held on Friday, February 23.

Mass Schedule

St. John the Baptist Church		St. Benedict's Church	
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Monday	8:00 AM
Friday	8:00 AM	Thursday	8:00 AM
Saturday	5:30 PM	Sunday	8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
2nd Sunday/month	8:30 AM		

Reconciliation: Saturdays (St. John the Baptist) 4:30 PM & Thursdays (St. Benedict's Church) 7:30 AM

Lenten Soup & Speaker Series Soup 5:30PM & Speaker 6:15PM

Wednesday, Feb. 21: Come for the Soup, stay for the Speaker!

Take time to visit, enjoy some great soup (and bread and desserts!), and learn the facts about the cost of refugee resettlement in Stearns County from Melissa Huberty, the county's Health & Human Services Director. Serving starts at 5:30, speaker afterwards.

Wednesday, Feb. 28

A panel from Cultural Bridges will be here to talk about their organization's outreach to those new to the St. Joseph area, especially those from other cultures. Please come!

Mass Ministers

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24TH 5:30 PM						
GREETERS:	SERVERS:	LECTORS:	GIFT BEARERS:	EUCH. MINISTERS:	SACRISTAN:	MUSIC:
Mike Peternell Heidi Peternell	Scott Wallner	Nick Hanssen Isaac Hansen	Becky Hafner Jerry Fogarty	Deb Symalla Tess Koltjes Alyssa Maty	John Brinkman	Peggy Roske Michael Roske

Lector Training

February 24th immediately following mass we will have a brief training for new and current Lectors. We will also answer your frequently asked questions. We are in need of more Lectors—if you would like to learn more about this ministry please join us on the 24th!

Your Weekly Stewardship

Adult Envelopes	\$2,210.00	Children's Envelopes	\$6.00
Monthly Electronic Donations	\$3,800.00	Wednesday Coffee Cup	\$14.00
Donations Fiscal Year To Date	\$91,844.00	Green Envelope (Facility Fund)	\$10.00
Budgeted Donations Fiscal Year To Date	\$87,586.00	St. Cloud Visitor	\$243.00
Loose Plate	\$37.00		

Thank you to those who regularly and generously give of their treasure as well as those who give of their time and talent to support the work of our parish.

Music Notes

Bishop Kettler will be in Avon on Sunday March 11th for a 2 pm liturgy to administer the sacrament of Confirmation to our candidates. We are seeking voices to form a choir to honor and celebrate the sacrament. If you are interested, please RSVP to Jason Prigge by Sunday March 4th so that binders can be made. This is a great way to show our support to our young people as they begin their faith journey. I strongly encourage you to join us.

I also strongly encourage you to join the choir for Holy Week and Easter. Postcards with a personal invitation were sent out last week. If you didn't receive one, take this as your personal invite to join in song. Any skill level or passion for prayer, we want you in our music family. Contact me Jason to engage in conversation of how you can get involved.

BINGO Party March 16th

Catholic United Financial will be sponsoring the final BINGO Party of winter...you won't want to miss it BINGO begins at 6:00 p.m., cash prizes, refreshments and a whole lot of family FUN!!

Mark your calendar: **Friday, March 16th.**

Prayer Requests

- Louise Bartlett ● Julia Beckmann ● Lorraine Degiovanni ● Loretta Dullinger ● Bob Dumonceaux ●
- Gloria Ebacher ● Ben Hamilton ● Olivia Eynck-Kimlinger ● Richard Haeg ● Leo Heck ●
- Alvina Klocker ● Susan McKeon ● Clara Meyer ● MaryAnn Sauerer ●
- Military Men, Women and their families. ●

If you would like your name added to our Prayer Corner, please contact the Parish Office. After 3 months, names are removed, to be re-added contact the office.



Quiet Oaks Lenten Donations



This Lent we will be collecting supplies for Quiet Oaks Hospice House. See the bulletin insert for a full list of the donations.

The Second Saturday of Lent: February 24th we will be collecting Kleenex

