

Your Weekly Stewardship

Adult Envelope	\$1,968.00
Donations Fiscal Year To Date	\$94,465.50
Budgeted Donations Fiscal Year To Date	\$101,000.00
Loose Plate (No Masses March 9/10)	\$43.75
CRS Rice Bowl	\$30.00

Children's Envelopes	\$7.00
Central MN Catholic Magazine (Visitor)	\$20.00
Wednesday Coffee Cup	\$19.75
Fish Fry #2 Beverage Free Will Offering	\$205.00
Joe Town Table	\$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. Consider Electronic Giving; forms are on the parish website or paper enrollment forms are hanging on the bulletin board in the parish center. If you have questions about Electronic Giving, contact Julie in the parish office.

Prayer Corner

Louise Bartlett, Julia Beckmann, Lorraine Degiovanni, Angeline Dufner, Bob Dumonceaux, Gloria Ebacher, Ron Eisenschenk, Ben Hamilton, Elizabeth Hamilton, Leo Heck, Lillian Johannes, Dcn. Mike Keable, Alvina Klocker, Gen Ludowese, Susan McKeon, Mildred Notsch, Judy Ruprecht, Bob Simon, Charlie & Nancy Wenner, Military Men, Women and their families, and all ill or suffering.

Please contact the parish office to have your name added or removed from the list.

Liturgical Ministers

SATURDAY MARCH 30TH 5:30 PM							
USHERS:	DOOR GREETERS	SERVERS:	LECTOR:	GIFT BEARERS:	EUCH. MINISTERS:	SACRISTAN:	MUSIC:
Bob Mayers Alice Mayers	Volunteer needed	Mary Reischl	Greg Hansen Nick Hansen	Kevin & Ann Schrom	Chuck Griffith Evie Dumonceaux Bob Dumonceaux	Brian Posch	Karen Schellinger John Kyler

Thank you to those who volunteer for our various liturgical ministries. If you would like to volunteer for any of our Liturgical Ministry roles, please contact the parish office.

Area Catholic Community (ACC) Updates

The 2019 pastoral plan for the Diocese of Saint Cloud introduces the concept of Area Catholic Communities (ACC). The aim of this pastoral plan focuses on strengthening the life of the Church in central Minnesota. This will be accomplished through collaboration and sharing of resources, talents, and efforts within an ACC. Every parish in the Diocese will be part of an ACC comprised of two or more parishes in a region.

Our parish of St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph Parish of St. Joseph will form an ACC.

What will happen on July 1, 2019? The formal establishment of Area Catholic Communities in the Diocese of Saint Cloud. What that will look like will be determined by local leadership in collaboration with the diocesan personnel committee. For some, it is the joining of existing clusters. For others new parish relationships may begin. Goals for relationship building, ministries, resource use, etc. will be determined by each ACC planning council.

Music Notes

We are still seeking lots of voices, trumpets, guitars, percussion, we want it all. It is important that you come to rehearsal!! That way we can sing and proclaim with confidence which helps our parish celebrate in a deeper way. We welcome any skill level or talent to join us. For future rehearsals times for Holy Week, Easter, Confirmation and First Communion see below:

Saturday March 23rd at 6:30 pm (Collegetown) Sunday March 24th at 6:30 pm (Avon)
 Wednesday April 3rd at 9:45 am (Collegetown) Sunday April 7th at 6:30 pm (Avon)
 Wednesday April 10th at 9:45 am (Collegetown)

Faith Formation News

Our Next Class: Sunday, **March 24th** following 8:30 a.m. Mass (Rescheduled due to Snow storm)
Second Graders: Second grade families should be working on Lesson 2 in their First Eucharist books this week at home. Our First Communion Workshop for parents & students will take place on Sat., March 23 at 9:30AM.
Confirmation Students: Rehearsal for our Confirmation Celebration will take place on **Wednesday, April 24th at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Benedict's Church in Avon.
Passports: Please remember to bring your passports to mass, Father will be distributing the weekly destination stickers during the Closing Hymn at mass.

Parish Happenings

Rummage Sale

Save the date for our Spring Rummage Sale! Sale dates & Times: Thursday, April 25th 7:00am-7:00pm Friday, April 26th 7:00-11:00am. Donations for the Rummage Sale will be collected on Monday & Tuesday, April 22 & 23rd from 1-7PM.

Stations of the Cross

Join us each Wednesday for Stations of the Cross at 9:30AM in Mary Chapel.

Diocesan Notice

Anyone who wishes to bring forward a complaint of sexual misconduct on the part of church personnel is encouraged to contact a victim advocate who will assist the person to take whatever steps the victim feels are appropriate to resolve the issue. (Confidentiality is assured to anyone who speaks with them.)

Victim Assistance Advocates for the Diocese of St. Cloud are:

Roxann Storms, (320) 248-1563 (Confidential Line)

Jane Blee: St. Cloud (320) 251-3430

Tom Klecker: St. Joseph (320) 253-2866

Peggy Rezac: Fergus Falls (218) 731-5528

Rev. Stanley Wieser: Wheaton (español) (320) 815-9696

Jennifer Wirz: Central MN (320) 339-0622

Rice Bowls

This Lent join our faith community as we encounter Christ in the desert through Daily Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving that changes lives. How can you assist refugees in your community to rebuild their lives? Visit www.crsricebowl.org for more information.

Soup & Speaker Program

Lenten Soup & Speaker Series on Creation Care continues Wednesday at the Parish Center.

Come to one, or come to all! 5:30 soup, 6:00 speaker at the Parish Center. This week (March 27) Cormac Quinn, SJU Sustainability Fellow, who has researched several environmental issues on the St. John's campus, will address how water pollution, deforestation, and social justice relate to our food consumption.

Creation Care Champion Ideas

Adult: Subscribe to online newspapers, magazines and download eBooks instead of buying the actual book.

Kids: Keep a plastic journal for a week for all of the ways your family uses plastic. At the end of the week discuss how to cut down on plastic.

Not Fun Fact: Over 700 species of marine animals have been reported to have eaten or been entangled in plastic.

**Lenten Gifts for the
St. Joseph Food Shelf**

We invite you to join us on this journey of weekly almsgiving. Donation Collection Bin will be located near the altar.



Week Four, March 30th Item:
Jelly
Buen Camino (Good Journey)!



Kids Corner

We have designated a table in the hallway just for kids! Children attending mass can find gospel puzzle sheets, children's envelopes, and colors or pencils for their use. Each week at mass a new passport destination sticker will be issued.

Some wonderful examples of good deeds submitted in last week's children's collection include:

“Help my friends.”

“Helped at the Fish Fry”

BECOMING CATHOLIC REUNION Sunday, March 31 from 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM in the Faith Formation Office (south east side of the school building) in Avon. This reunion is for those who have recently become Catholic, and their sponsor. During this session we will be able to reconnect with each other, ask questions and support one another.

Workshops on end-of-life issues set for St. Cloud

Catholic United Financial is sponsoring two FREE workshops on end-of-life issues on March 25. Father Tom Knoblach will address questions about church teaching on cremation and living wills, church teaching on death with dignity, how to make a health care directive and other topics. John Tetzloff, advanced case specialist for Catholic United Financial, will talk about the financial aspects of end-of-life decisions, and David Eickhoff from the Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of St. Cloud also will be on hand to answer questions about planned giving. Scheduled workshops:

9 a.m. Monday, March 25, Holy Spirit Church, St. Cloud
 6 p.m. Monday, March 25, St. Anthony Church, St. Cloud

Lenten Reconciliation Opportunity

Thursday, April 11th at 7:00pm in the Parish Center. Take some time out of your busy schedule to celebrate the reconciling love and healing graces our Lord offers us in the form of song, reflection, penance and/or communal participation.

Catholic Education Tuition Assistance 2019-20:

Parents seeking tuition assistance for Catholic School education (elementary and secondary) 2019-20 school year, must notify the pastor in writing by April 10, 2019. This information is needed in order to budget for the coming year. Notifications received after April 10 cannot be accepted.

Your Invited to Lunch

Joe Town Table, a free community meal, welcomes one and all to enjoy a delicious home-cooked meal on Sunday, **March 24**, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm at the St. Joe Legion. Remember, kids are welcome too! Tator tot hotdish, bread, fruit, and dessert will be served.

The next Joe Town Table, sponsored by area churches, the Central MN Catholic Worker and the College of St. Benedict's Community Kitchen, will be held on Sunday, **April 28**. Spread the word and invite others to attend. For more information, email centralmncw@gmail.com.

Lent Home Visits

If you are home-bound and would like a pastor visit, reconciliation, anointing, or communion please contact Fr. Greg at 320.291.5223 to schedule.

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Events in our Area

March 29, St. Cloud, St. Anthony Parish Fish Fry: Fish Fry at St. Anthony Parish 2405 1st St N, St. Cloud, from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

March 29, Henning, Fish Fry: 23rd Annual Lent Fish Fry at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Henning. Serving 5-7:00 p.m.

March 29, St. Cloud, Unplanned Movie showing: Parkwood 18 will be showing the movie "Unplanned", an inspiring true story about a woman's journey of transformation.

March 31, Sauk Rapids, Ham Bingo: Sacred Heart Catholic Church 1:00PM in the Parish Hall 20 Games: \$5/Card. 2875 10th Ave. NE

March 31, Monticello, Quilt Bingo: The church of St. Henry will be sponsoring Quilt Bingo at Little Mountain Elem. School: 9350 Fal-lon Ave. from 1-4PM. Snacks and bag lunch will be available. Doors open at noon to preview quilts. Cash only. \$15/card.

March 31, Cold Spring, Concert: Saint Boniface Catholic Church in Cold Spring is hosting Chris Muglia, nationally known singer, songwriter, and speaker, for a night of music and storytelling. Chris' 90 minute concert artfully mixes beautiful music and powerful witness for a night that inspires people of all ages. Please join us at 6pm in Saint Boniface Church, located at 501 Main Street in Cold Spring, for this reflective Lenten event. There is no cost for the concert, but a free will offering will be taken up.

April 6, St. Cloud, God's Compassion for a Planet in Peril Presentation and wine reception: Lecture presented by St. Elizabeth Johnson, CSJ. At Christ Church Newman Center 396 1st Ave. S St. Cloud. April 6th at 7:00 p.m.. Free Event.

April 7, St. Joseph, Parish Breakfast: St. Joseph's Parish KofC breakfast. Serving 8:30-Noon in the dining room of the catholic school.

April 12, Collegeville, A Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary Theology Day: ? In this presentation, we will explore the biblical and theological understandings of forgiveness in relationship to contemporary research on why and how to forgive those who have hurt us. April 12th, check-in from 8:30am - 9am, presentation from 9am-12pm., Emmaus Hall, Saint John's University, Col-legeville. Free event. Lunch provided. Registration required: www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, 320-363-3560.

April 14, St. Joseph, Walz Barn Rebuild Fundraiser: At Milk & Honey Ciders 11738 County Rd. 51 St. Joseph. Serving from 12-6pm: \$2 from every cider purchase and all tips will be donated directly to the Walz family. The Walz family Barn fire on February 8th forced them to sell their cattle and the barn was a total loss. Please come and help support a local farm family.

April 22 & 23, Collegeville, Donation Drop-Off for Rummage Sale: St. John's Parish will be collecting donations on Monday and Tuesday from 1-7PM for our Rummage Sale. NO appliances, electrical items, baby cribs, high chairs or strollers will be accepted.

April 25 & 26, Collegeville, St. John's Parish Rummage Sale: April 25th from 7AM-7PM. And Friday, April 26th from 7-11AM.

April 27, Cold Spring, Let the Sun Shine Run/Walk for Mental Health: 2.2 mile run/walk, kids fun run, silent auction, bake sale and door prizes. At St. Boniface Catholic Church. 9am Walk/Run, 10am Silent Auction closes, 10:05am Kids run. All proceeds donated to Brain & Behavior Research Foundation. To Register visit: www.letthesunshinerun.com or call Kathy 320-250-8892.

May 4, Collegeville, Abbey Conservation Corps 2019 Workday: Interested in contributing time to land stewardship projects that

MARCH 24, 2019 : THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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The Great 90 Days

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.

Twinned Parish: Church of Saint Benedict of Avon
PO Box 98 | Avon, MN 56310 | 320.250.5618
Mass Times: Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 AM, Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

A Note from Jason Prigge

Where's the fruit? Repent!

The journey of the Great 90 Days continues this week with our destination being the fig tree. What's important about our stop this week? Repent! It's a phrase we hear often during Lent, especially at Reconciliation Services but we also are challenged with the phrase at the beginning of our journey. When would have that taken place? If you guessed Ash Wednesday, you would be correct. We are signed with Ashes and upon our markings the minister says, "Repent and believe the Gospel." To repent is to have remorse or sincere regret and to amend our life from sin.

In the ancient world it was believed that bad things happened to those who did something horrible. But it was also believed that if you did good, your life was blessed and full. Jesus saw the events at the beginning of the Gospel differently which led him to tell the parable of the fig tree. Jesus challenges us and says if we aren't growing and bearing good fruit, we will be like the fig tree and be cut down, even if we "lead a good life." Where in your life, family, friends, work or parish is there a lack of fruit? For me I often find fruit in our young people, our liturgical ministers, our choir, etc. It is because our foundation (our soil) is rich, healthy, vibrant which helps us bear good fruit. The lack of fruit in my life comes from our secular world; Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, politics and even parts of the Catholic Church. So as Jesus challenges us, let us repent and look for the fruit so we don't end up as a dead tree that will end up being cut down. Nobody wants that.

Buen Camino (Good Journey)!
-Jason



Mass Times
Wed. & Fri. 8:00 a.m.
Saturdays 5:30 p.m.
Monthly Sunday Masses:
March 10 & April 7 at 8:30 a.m.

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Saturdays at 4:30 p.m.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
3rd Sunday of Lent 8:30AM Mass Faith Formation Classes	Parish Office Closed		8:00AM MASS Breakfast 9:30AM Stations of the Cross 5:30PM Soup & Speaker Series		8:00AM MASS Benediction	5:30PM MASS	4th Sunday of Lent