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Adult Envelope	\$ 2,668.00
Electronic Donations February 15	\$3,520.00
Donations Fiscal Year To Date	86,645.50
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Loose Plate	22.00
Children's Envelopes	7.25
Wednesday Coffee Cup	16.00
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Bishop's Annual Appeal	35.00

Liturgical Ministers

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD 8:30 AM MASS	
USHERS	Dan Ortloff & Arnie Sauerer
SERVER	Bob Simon
LECTOR	Karen Schellinger
GIFT BEARERS	Char Eisenschenk
COMMUNION MINISTERS	Chuck Griffith, Nancy Fandel Dan Ortloff
SACRISTAN	Chuck Lauer
MUSIC	Nathan Neuman

Calendar

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8:30 AM Mass
Faith Formation, Speaker & Breaking Bread

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:00 AM Mass
8:30 AM Breakfast
9:00 AM Hope For Those Who Mourn group

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

6:15 PM Liturgy/Faith Formation Meeting
6:00 PM Finance Council Meeting
7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:00 AM Mass & Benediction

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:30 AM Mass

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM Mass
8:30 AM Breakfast

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:00 AM Mass & Benediction
4:00-7:00 PM **Fish Fry**

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

8:30 AM Mass

Faith Formation Notes

Breaking Bread: Please consider signing up to volunteer in the kitchen for Breaking Bread. We are in desperate need of helpers. (Sign-up sheet on bulletin board)

Upcoming Events:

February 16 — Movie, **Warehoused**, explores the plight of long-term refugees through a glimpse into the lives of those living in Dadaab, Kenya, one of the world's largest refugee camps. Suud Olat, who lived in the Dadaab camp will answer questions.

Rice Bowl Program:

March 1: After Communion:
Catholic Relief Services Reader: Spencer Scholtz
Rice Bowl Basket Students: Cece Haeg, Lizzy Merdan, and Evan Acheson

March 8: After Communion:
Catholic Relief Services Reader: Nick Hansen
Rice Bowl Basket Students: Evan Acheson, Jesse Greenwood, Lizzy Merdan

March 8 — Peggy Roske, Part 3, Parish History

March 26 — Parish Reconciliation Service 6:30 pm

April 5 — Palm Sunday Speaker: Susan Stabile, "A Spiritual Journey Through Buddhism Back to Christianity" She was raised Catholic, practiced Buddhism for 20 years, and then returned to Catholicism.

April 18 — First Communion Workshop, 9-11:00 AM (Banners, bread making, practicing First Communion, Eucharist activities and crafts)

April 19 — Catechist Recognition Speaker: Matt Reichert on Disengaged Young Catholics

April 26 — First Communion 8:30 am Mass

May 13-- Confirmation, 7:00 PM, St. Joseph Catholic Church, St. Joseph

Prayer Corner

Louise Bartlett, Julia Beckmann,
Paul Dukowitz, Gloria Ebacher,
Alvina Klocker, Karen Kroska,
Gen Ludowese, Mildred Notsch,
Hal Roske, Anthony Scholz,
Charlie & Nancy Wenner,

all who are lonely, grieving or estranged,
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all the ill or suffering,
and the families of our recently deceased:

+ Jim Eisenschenk
+ Lorraine Degiovanni
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Parish Happenings



JOIN US FOR LUNCH!

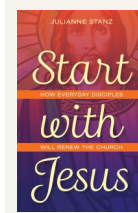
We have been hosting "Breaking Bread" community meal after every Faith Formation class. This meal is for **EVERY-ONE!**

Join us **February 16th, (Brunch; pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee cake, apple sauce and hash browns) serving at 10:45 am, a free will offering is collected at all community meals.**

Thanks to all of the volunteers who prepare food, set-up and clean-up at these community meals!

SAVE THE DATES!

The Lenten Soup & Speaker Series will begin again on Wednesday, March 11 and continue for three more Wednesday evenings. Come at 5:30 for the soup (& breads & desserts!) and stay for the speakers. In keeping with the general topic of Care for God's Creation, this year's line-up includes Arctic explorer Paul Schurke, recent DNR Commissioner Tom Landwehr, CSB/SJU students who attended the December Climate Conference in Madrid, and former Peace Corps volunteer Molly Roske.



During the six Sundays of Lent, members of the Parish Council will be summarizing portions of the book, *Start with Jesus*, during the homily. If you are interested in a copy of this book to read, please see Julie in the parish office.

FISH FRY DINNERS



Our annual Lenten Fish Fry Dinners will be **February 28 and March 6**, and we will need your help! Please volunteer to help at our dinners, there are

jobs for all ages and skill levels. **We mostly need more volunteers to help at the March 6 Fish Fry, please help us fill the spots on the sign-up sheet found on the bulletin board!**

Please take copies of our Fish Fry flyers to post at local businesses (copies can be found on the table in the hallway).

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2020

Information can be found in today's bulletin. Envelopes can be found in your packs or in today's bulletin. Contributions can be sent directly to the Diocese or made payable to the parish and a check will be forwarded to the Diocese. Each dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.



All children are welcome to stop by the table in the hallway to pick up your weekly Gospel puzzle sheet — **and don't forget to pick up a yellow**

children's envelope and write a good deed on it — Father will collect them during the offertory.

Some good deeds submitted on recent children's envelopes include: "I cleaned up my mess."
"I helped my Grandma bake a cake."
"I prayed for my sick cat."

LENT IS A TIME OF EXTRA PRAYER, FASTING, AND ALMSGIVING.

During Lent our parish will participate in **Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl**, a faith-in-action program that invites us to reflect on the challenges of global hunger — and our responsibility to respond to the needs of our global human family. Each week, during the Communion reflection time, one of the faith formation students will read about the theme for the week involving three families in the countries of Honduras, Vietnam, and Kenya.

After this reading, Confirmation students will be passing the baskets to collect money for the Rice Bowl to assist Catholic Relief Services.

Please consider giving extra alms for the CRS Rice Bowl this Lent.

HOPE FOR THOSE WHO MOURN



There is a grief support group which meets once a month here in the Parish Center for people like yourself who are experiencing grief. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, February 19th, at 9:00 a.m.** All are welcome. You can bring someone with you if you wish to do so. —Sister Joyce Iten, OSB, Group facilitator.

Our thanks to Fr. Jerome for taking time to listen to our stories. Your kind and thoughtful words made Mass and Cemetery prayers so special. Thanks to Br. David and the Parish Choir for the wonderful music. Thank you to Julie in the office, Shelly in the kitchen, and all the volunteers, because of you, the Wake, Mass and Luncheon were organized and wonderful. As a family we were in awe to see so many people and it was a blessing to hear so many compliments about how perfect everything was.

Prayers and hugs to you all,
—The family of Ron Eisenschenk

Thank you to all who supported the Koltes/Zimmer relatives of the Ione Koltes family. Your thoughts and prayers were/are appreciated.

More Parish Happenings on the next page...



40 DAYS FOR LIFE is a focused pro-life campaign of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigils to end abortion – to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life! Join other 40 Day volunteers anytime between 7AM to 7PM Monday through Friday at Planned Parenthood – 451 East St. Germain St., St. Cloud starting Wednesday, February 26 – Sunday, April 5, 2020.

DO YOU HAVE PHOTOS?



...of parish events in years past? The "parish archives" could use them! Parish Center construction (especially!)? Swayed Pines ice cream booth? Working the brunches? Picnics? Faith Formation? If so, would you be willing to lend them to be scanned? Please bring them to the parish office, or contact Peggy Roske, proske@csbsju.edu or 363-8687.

PALMS FOR BURNING/ASH WEDNESDAY

We are collecting Palms for burning. Palms can be dropped in the yellow collection box on the table in the hallway. **Ash Wednesday is February 26th, Mass will be at 8:00am.**

RUMMAGE SALE Mark your calendar and clear your clutter! Our Spring Rummage Sale will take place April 23 & 24. Donations will be accepted April 19, 20 & 21 from 1-7PM.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPE NOTE:

Please read carefully the designation of your weekly contribution envelopes. At quick glance, they may all seem like "Weekly Offering" envelopes, but if you look directly above the "\$ ____" You will see "Central MN Catholic Magazine" or "Bishops Annual Appeal" as examples in our current pack. Please be sure you are aware of which fund you are contributing to.

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Welcome

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus:
This is the season when planning for the future and figuring out where we are with finances takes place. I am greatly concerned about a replacement for Shelly Carlson as coordinator of the Colleagueville fundraising events. There have been no signs of interest by the community to take over this important ministry. This will of course impact the finances of St. John the Baptist negatively. But more than that it places a huge burden on Julie Ortloff, who we expect to end up coordinating any special events. This work is over and above her present part-time job description. **She is not to become the work horse** in the parish that covers **all** the ministries needed to keep a parish running. I think that we need to think seriously about finances and sustainable ministries. It is too comfortable to think that because everything runs well you don't need to do anything. It is also an error to think that because there is extra money that will solve the problem. **Every member of the parish** must discern his or her God given gifts to use for the good of the parish. If we rely on someone else to shoulder the burden, then we are guilty of shirking our duty to our brothers and sisters. We are all called to work for the Kingdom and that starts in the family and our parish. As I mentioned above, we need sustainable ministers for the work of the Lord. If not, then we had best close up shop and go home.
Fr. Jerome



Our Mission

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.

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