

## Your Weekly Stewardship

Adult Envelope	\$ 1,360.50
Ash Wednesday Envelopes	141.00
Donations Fiscal Year To Date	91,848.50
Budgeted Donations Fiscal Year To Date	97,764.00
Loose Plate	15.00
Children's Envelopes	3.00
Wednesday Coffee Cup	27.00
Bishop's Appeal	30.00
Catholic Magazine Envelope	25.00
Rice Bowl	116.77

## Liturgical Ministers

SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH 8:30 AM MASS	
USHERS	Clarence & Shirley Simon
SERVER	Mary Reischl
LECTOR	Denis Hynes
GIFT BEARERS	Joe & Elaine Omann
COMMUNION MINISTERS	Mary Reischl, Elaine Omann, and Linda McNair
RICE BOWL READER	Nick Merdan
RICE BOWL BASKETS	Holly Hansen and Cece McNair
SACRISTAN	Arnie Sauerer
MUSIC	Nathan Neuman

## 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. Military Men, Women and their families. All the ill or suffering.

## Faith Formation Notes

**Breaking Bread:** Please consider signing up to volunteer in the kitchen for Breaking Bread. (Sign-up sheet on bulletin board) **March 8:** Tacos in a bag with dessert.

### Upcoming Events:

#### Rice Bowl Program (After Communion):

**MARCH 8:**  
Rice Bowl Reader: Nick Hansen  
Rice Bowl Basket Students: Evan Acheson, Jesse Greenwood, Lizzy Merdan

**MARCH 15:** (See Liturgical Ministry Schedule)

**March 8** Adult Speaker: Peggy Roske, Part 3, Parish History

**March 26** — Parish Reconciliation Service 6:30 pm

**April 5** — Adult 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  
Adult 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

## Calendar

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8**  
8:30 AM MASS  
Faith Formation, Adult Speaker & Breaking Bread

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11**  
8:00 AM Mass  
8:30 AM Breakfast  
5:30 PM Soup and Speaker

**FRIDAY, MARCH 13**  
8:00 AM Mass, Benediction & Stations of the Cross

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15**  
8:30 AM Mass

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18**  
8:00 AM Mass  
8:00 AM Breakfast  
9:00 AM Hope For Those Who Mourn  
11:00 AM Word & Communion Training at Heritage Hall in St. Joseph  
5:30 PM Soup and Speaker

**THURSDAY, MARCH 19**  
5:45 PM Liturgy/Faith Formation Meeting  
6:00 PM Finance Council Meeting  
7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting

**FRIDAY, MARCH 20**  
8:00 AM Mass, Benediction & Stations of the Cross

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22**  
8:30 AM Mass

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25**

## Parish Happenings



### JOIN US FOR LUNCH!

We have been hosting "Breaking Bread" community meal after every Faith Formation class.

This meal is for **EVERYONE!**

Join us **March 8th, Menu:** Tacos in a bag!

Serving at 10:45 am, a free will offering is collected at all community meals.

**April 5th Menu:** Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes, Sausage Gravy, Crescent Rolls, Corn & Dessert.  
Thanks to all of the volunteers who prepare food, set-up and clean-up at these community meals!

### COME FOR THE SOUP, STAY FOR THE SPEAKER!

The Lenten Soup & Speaker Series on Creation Care kicks off this Wednesday at the Parish Center. Take time to visit, enjoy some great soup (and bread and desserts!), and learn from our expert guest speakers. This week (March 11) Environmental Studies professor Corrie Grosse and a group of her students will talk about their experience at the UN Climate Change Conference last December in Spain and share what they see as the most hopeful, effective ways to work for climate justice.

March 18: Arctic explorer Paul Schurke

March 25: DNR SNA manager & Peace Corps vet Molly Roske

April 1: recent DNR Commissioner Tom Landwehr

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.

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.

### FISH FRY DINNERS



Thank you to all of the people who made our 2020 Fish Fry Dinners so successful!

### How do the Numbers Compare?

Mass Attendance:	2019	2020
Week 3 of February	116	138
Week 4 of February	—	86
Week 1 of March	98	94



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 made a cake for my mom."*

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

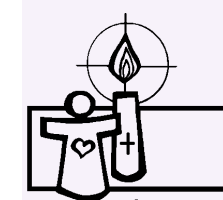
During Lent our parish will participate in **Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl**, a faith-in-action program that invites us to reflect on the challenges of global hunger — and our responsibility to respond to the needs of our global human family.

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.



### ALTAR SERVERS



**NEW** and current Server Training: March 15 after mass. This includes children (third grade on up) and any adults who would like to be trained. See Greg Hansen after mass.

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION TUITION ASSISTANCE 2020-21:** Parents seeking tuition assistance for Catholic School education (elementary and secondary) 2020-21 school year, must submit a written notice to the parish office by April 1, 2020. This information is needed in order to budget for the coming year. Notifications received after April 1 cannot be accepted.

### 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, March 18th, 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.

More on the next page...

## Preventing Respiratory Illnesses

As concerns grow regarding the spread of the Coronavirus, the Flu and other respiratory illnesses, we continue to pray that they are contained and controlled. Ensuring cleanliness to prevent the spread, we follow the policies of the Archdiocese, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and Centers for Disease Control and Protection (<https://www.cdc.gov/>).

### What We Will Do at St. John the Baptist Parish:

1. Remind parishioners to stay home if they feel sick or have flu-like symptoms.
2. Properly store wine and hosts.
3. Properly sanitize all vessels prior to use.
4. Priests and Communion Ministers Sanitize their hands just prior to offering communion.
5. Suspend the Sign of Peace (which is optional anyway) or offer it without touching.
6. Suspend Communion from the Chalice.
7. Discourage hand-holding during the Our Father.
8. Empty holy water fonts.
9. Clean and disinfect frequently-touched objects and surfaces.

### What You Can Do at Home:

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends everyday preventative actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses such as Coronavirus, flu and the common cold:

1. Stay home when you are sick
  2. Frequently wash your hands with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds before eating or use a 60%+ alcohol-based hand sanitizer
  3. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Cover your cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow
- Clean and disinfect frequently-touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe

### What You Can Do at Church:

1. Bring and use hand sanitizer before communion and after coughing or sneezing into your hands.
2. Exercise your choice when greeting others, holding hands and/or receiving communion. A friendly word or nod of the head can be used to greet one another. A smile to your neighbor can be done instead of holding their hand during the Lord's Prayer. Staying in the pew or walking forward for Communion with your arms folded across your chest will indicate to the Eucharistic Minister that you would like to be blessed, but not receive Communion.
3. Pray for those affected by these serious viruses, that they may receive the strength and care needed to assist them in their recovery.

**WORK IN  
PROGRESS  
COMING SOON!**

Our bulletin advertising contracts have all expired, and we are in the process of publishing a joint bulletin with the Church of Saint Joseph very soon! If you would like to still support our parish through advertising – you may do so on our NEW Placemats (used at fundraising dinners, funeral luncheons, etc.). For information about Placemat advertising – please contact Julie in the parish office.

We want to thank all of our loyal bulletin advertisers/sponsors.

# BENEDICTINE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES

OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST. JOSEPH PARISHES

MARCH 8, 2020  
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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## Welcome

Dear Friends in our Lord Jesus:

I was greatly touched by the number of people that are attending our daily masses. It shows how people are responding to the Lenten call for conversion. Sister Betty Larson OSB and Julie Ortloff have been contacting parishioners who might be interested in training to become ministers of Word and Communion services in our parishes. So far, we have about 15 who have responded positively to the invitation. This will allow for weekly services at Arlington Place and Serenity on Seventh once we have had our training session and assign ministers.

I believe that having the possibility of Eucharist and Word more often will strengthen the bonds between parish and our elderly parishioners. As of now we only have offered services once per month. As we make our Lenten journey I look forward to Easter and the mass changes in St. Joe which will allow me to celebrate more often at St. John the Baptist parish.

In case you have forgotten masses on Sundays in St. Joe will be at 8:30 and 10:30 starting the first week of Easter.

Please read the information posted on the back of the bulletin regarding Prevention of Respiratory Illnesses, and what we are doing here in the parish to be proactive.

Fr. Jerome Tupa OSB



## 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.