

St. Mary's Catholic Church



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 26, 2017

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, says the Lord.

Mass Times

St. Mary's Warroad

Saturday 6pm~Sunday 8:30am

St. Joseph Williams~Saturday: 4:30pm

Sacred Heart Baudette~Sunday 10:30am

Are You a New Parishioner

To help serve you better,
please register with the Parish Office.

Parish Office

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Fr. Todd Arends-Pastor

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Jennifer Hilligoss - Sec/Bookkeeper

stmarys2@mncable.net

Planning a Marriage or Baptism?

Contact pastor for more information



Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays~7pm-10pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesdays 5:45-6:45pm

Saturdays 3-3:30 pm

Anytime by appointment

Low Gluten Hosts are available at St. Mary's

Please see Pastor before Mass if you
need to receive a Low Gluten Host.

Homebound or in a health care facility?

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Call pastor if Holy Communion/or a visit is
desired. Hospitals will not call unless a
patient asks that a priest be notified.

Parishioners

Please notify the parish office of changes
of address or telephone number.

If you would like the bulletin emailed to you send
Jennifer an email at stmarys2@mncable.net.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

Louann McGlynn~lmcglynn@crookston.org

Safe and confidential line 218-281-7895

Abortion Alternative

Birthright~1-800-550-4900

Crisis Pregnancy Helpline~1-888-4-OPTIONS

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday Feb. 25 6pm Mass +M. Madge Saurette
 Sunday Feb. 26 8:30am Mass For the Parishes
 Tuesday Feb. 28 5:15pm Mass +Dave Jaroszewski
 Wednesday March 1 Ash Wednesday
 1pm Mass WSLC+Ruth Erickson
 7pm Mass +Brian King
 Thursday March 2 10:30am Mass@WSLC+Mark Schreiner
 Saturday March 4 6pm Mass +Lambert Brunkhorst
 Sunday March 5 8:30am Mass +Ron Vanyo

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday March 4
 Commentator—Tim Paquin
 Reader—Barb Kotta
 Musician—Pat/Dignans
 Sacristan—Nancy

Sunday March 5
 Commentator—Harold Thiessen
 Reader—Jeff Scheving
 Music—Heather
 Sacristan— Thiessens

If you are unable to serve in the ministry you are scheduled for please contact a substitute.



Our gift to God for

2-19-2017
 \$1444.00

We thank God for all gifts!

Bible Readings for the Week of Feb. 27 – March 5

Monday Sir 17:20-24/Mk 10:17-27
 Tuesday Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31
 Wed. Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
 Friday Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
 Sunday Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19/Mt 4:1-11



Prayer Requests

Denise, Hall, Leonard, Dahlgren, Dan McKinnon, Kevin Smith, Arne Freije, James Michael Sweeney, Megan Knott, Lisa Lewis, Ryan Detweiler, Jim Benoit, Alice Mohs, Dale Telle,

Phil Goulet, and Stephanie Schmitz.

Please remember to call the office when a name should be added or removed. *Those listed in the "Prayer Request" box will listed for two months and then removed unless a request is made to keep them on the list.*

The Week Ahead



Sunday Feb. 26
 8:30am Mass
 7-8:30pm HS RE
 Monday Feb. 27
 6pm Lenten Bible Study
 Tuesday Feb. 28
 5:15pm Mass
 Adoration/Marion Prayers following Mass
 Wednesday March 1
 10:30am Prayer & Fellowship
 1pm Ash Wed. Mass @ WSLC
 3:20-5pm Elem RE
 7pm Ash Wed. Mass
 Thursday March 2
 10:30am Mass @ WSLC
 Saturday March 4
 6pm Mass
 Sunday March 5
 8:30am Mass



Our Sympathy to the Ann Olimb and family upon the recent death of Ann's mother. May she rest in the love and peace of Christ.

Our sympathy to Harold Forpahl and family upon the recent death of Harold's sister. May she rest in the love and peace of Christ.

February 26, 2017

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (material wealth)." MATTHEW 6:24

For many people, God and money run "neck and neck" as their first priority. Making money and spending money becomes the center of their life and they actually become a slave to money. The solution – become more generous. Giving money to Church and charity frees us from slavery to money and from making money a "god" before God.

Prepare for Lent!

Masses for Ash Wednesday, March 1st

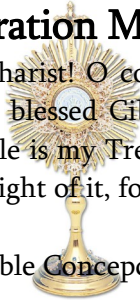
7:00 am at Sacred Heart Church

1pm WSLC-Warroad

7:00 pm at St. Mary's - Warroad

Adoration Moment

“O Jesus of the Eucharist! O consecrated Host! O envied Monstrance! O blessed Ciborium, beloved of my heart! The Tabernacle is my Treasure, and, far or near, my eyes never lose sight of it, for it contains the God of Love.”



Venerable Concepcion Cabrera de Armida

Black and Indian Mission Collection Next Week

Next week our parishes will take up the 134th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity.

North Country Koinonia

Friday, March 10 - Sunday March 12

St. Patrick's Church, Kelliher

Adults of all faiths are invited and encouraged to attend this retreat. It has been awhile since the last North Country Koinonia so now is a great time to consider attending. Please register by March 3rd. Deacon Jim can answer any further questions.



HONOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

We Keep in our prayers...

Jacob Larson, Tyler Larson, Brett Hebel, Nic Gray, Joseph Larson, Shane Thompson, Krista Johnston, Kampton Carpenter, Alex Johnston, Pamela Genereaux, Derek Woodward, Jason Hillgoss, Deb Lien & Kyle Mohrbacher.



Student Ministry

High School

Feb. 26 7-8:30pm

Elementary Faith Formation

March 1 3:20-5pm

Middle School (Grades 6-8)

March 8 6:30-8pm

Lenten Regulations

FAST AND ABSTINENCE (self-denial). To foster the spirit of penance and of reparation for sin, to encourage self-denial, and to guide us in the footsteps of Jesus, Church law requires the observance of fast and abstinence (CCC 1249-1253).

1. **Abstinence:** All persons who have already celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.

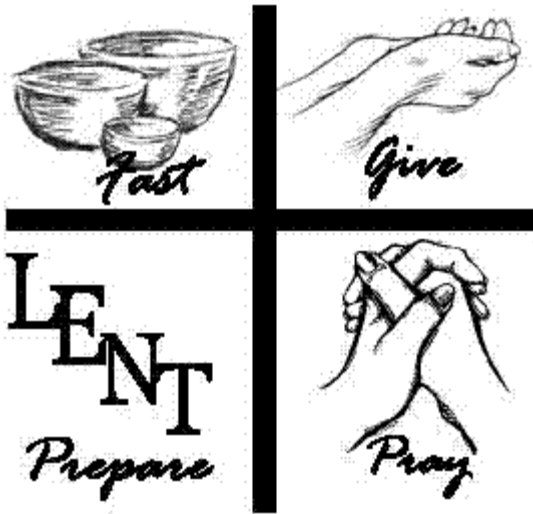
2. **Fasting:** Everyone, from the celebration of their 18th birthday to their 59th birthday, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Voluntary fasting on other weekdays of Lent, especially on Wednesdays and Fridays, is highly recommended. Fasting is generally understood to mean eating one full meal each day. Two other partial meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken; but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.

Piece Makers Prayer Quilt Ministry
Quilt & Craft Retreat
Friday & Saturday March 10-11
Friday Noon-Saturday 4pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthday wishes (Feb. 27-March 5) go out to....

Laurel Gray, Adeline Bush, Kim Tofstad, Christopher Anselmo, Mark Harren, Keith Huerd, Conway Marvin, Casey Anderson, Patrick Stoskopf, Diarra Thompson, Jason Cole, Jaxon Thunder, Holli Anderson, Luke Erickson, & Melissa Washnesky.



What's the deal with Lent? Why do we need Lent? How will prayer, fasting, and alms giving prepare me for Easter? These are questions that I seem to get asked every year as we approach Lent.

The simple answer is that we need Lent because we need God. Without God life makes no sense. We need God to help us understand the purpose of life, and to show the way to salvation. Life, though, is filled with myriad distractions. God is not always front and center, and from time to time we need to set aside time to focus on our relationship with Him.

We can think of Lent as an annual retreat. We are asked to find some special time to spend with the Lord, which is the function of prayer. The one who prays allows prayer to be conversation — telling God the joys, sorrows, challenges, sins, and difficulties of life. The person thanks

God for all gifts and blessings that are God-given, and at the same time lists for God the challenges and sins of life. The need of God is realized and brought to speech when the challenges of life cannot be handled by any human enterprise. In prayer, the person turns to God for the healing and salvation that only He can offer. What is the chief lesson of prayer? Only in God will the soul be at rest.

It is traditional to fast during Lent, we give up meat on Fridays and we make a Lenten commitment to give up something else for the days of Lent. Now this needs some perspective in this modern age. Meatless meals are not uncommon in this age of dieting (unless one is going low carb, of course!) so is it really fasting? Each person needs to find ways to make fasting personal. There are various reasons for fasting. The first is to go without something important in life. Why? Fasting helps us to remember that our greatest need is God. The challenges and pain of fasting can also be likened to the pain Jesus felt on the cross. Fasting also helps us to identify voluntarily with those in the world who go without the basic needs of life every day. Through fasting, one grasps the blessings of life, and that only in God is there a feeling of true peace, harmony, and fulfillment.

Alms giving is another traditional Lenten practice. Through prayer and fasting, the person realizes their need for God and learns to be thankful for all of God's gifts and blessings. In this third practice of Lent, trust is the key lesson. We are asked to give to those in need, not just from surplus wealth, but from basic sustenance. This kind of charity demands that we realize that God will not abandon the charitable giver.

Pope Benedict reminds us that: "Through praying, fasting and giving alms, we allow Christ to come and satisfy the deepest hunger that we experience in the depths of our being: the hunger and thirst for God." Sincerely undertaking the practices of prayer, fasting, alms giving, aids us in walking with Jesus Christ. In Lent, the walk with Jesus takes specific focus. Why? Through Lenten practices we get to the core of life. Through the practices of prayer, fasting, and alms giving, our need for God and of salvation grows ever deeper. At the end of Lent, we can realize wholeheartedly that we yearn for the salvation and healing of God through his Son, Jesus Christ. Once this need is established, the walk with Jesus continues into the sacred Triduum, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter, when the Church celebrates the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. On Easter Sunday morning, tears come to the eyes of the faithful! Jesus is risen!

Prayer, fasting, and alms giving lead us to the joys of Easter. These practices help us to realize in the depths of our souls the need we have for God. This need is met by a loving God who desires nothing more than salvation for his sons and daughters, and offers that salvation through his son Jesus Christ.

Peace and God Bless
Fr. Todd