



SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 8, 2015 2nd Sunday of Lent

Our mission is to enhance the foundation of Christian faith by uniting fellow Christians through the ministries that celebrate the values and beliefs for righteousness and duties to God through community involvement addressing the needs of the people of this church and the community.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

Sacrifice brings out the best in us
and offers the best to us.

March 1, 2015

Plate	\$	147.00
Adult	\$	2,374.00
Cemetery	\$	20.00
Mass Stipend	\$	15.00
Build/Maintenance	\$	792.00
Religious Tuition	\$	35.00
Grand Total	\$	3,383.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Mark Yeakel	March 11th	
Janice Jones	March 12th	
Frank Irwin, Betsy Baertlein,	March 14th	
Aaron Campbell	March 15th	

If you would like the Eucharistic Ministers or Father to come to you for communion, please call Dan Fogarty 843-4336 or talk with Father.

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Day	Date	Time	March Services	Intentions
Sunday	15	10:00am 11:00am	Mass Reconciliation	Leon DeWitt

Our Loved Ones in the Hospital or Nursing Home

Please Pray For Them and With Them.

If you know someone who is in the hospital or nursing home, please notify Fr. Joe Fogal, Msgr. Don Schmitz, Deacon Chris Orłowski, or Carol Hofschulte.

Rochester, Madonna Meadows Nursing Home: Doloris Stein

Samaritan Bethany: Rita Arendt

Riverbend: Wilma Walker

Pine Haven Nursing Home: Helen Liffriq

Zumbrota Nursing Home: Doreen Pahl

Please Also Continue to Pray For Our Parishioners in Their Time of Need;

Dan Arendt, Glenn & Joanne Berry, Sue Frank, Carol Hander, Jack Irwin, Margaret Knish, Patrick Lawler, Harmony Liffriq, Joe Marx, Steve Matthees, Jerry Pahl, Sue Picket, Duane Reding, Helen Reiland, Marian Reiland, & Msgr Donald Schmitz

PLEASE WELCOME TODAY FR. "RED" DON SCHMITZ

AND NEXT SUNDAY FR. JIM RUSSELL!

NO TUESDAY ADORATION OR MASS MONTH OF MARCH

Message from Father

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. (John 6:68c)

Jesus knew [Chapter 58](#) of the book of the Prophet, Isaiah, which we read on the Friday and Saturday after Ash Wednesday. He knew that it was not sacrifices themselves that win God's favor. Now, in the temple, in the beginning of the Fourth Gospel, Jesus overturns the business of offering sacrifices to God. In this gospel, we will meet Jesus who is himself the one and only sacrifice of the new and everlasting covenant. Salvation is a gift. We do not earn it at all.

So, why do we pay attention to the Commandments of the Book of Exodus? Why are we on this Lenten journey? And what does it mean for us to do penance now?

The answer to these questions is found in the order of things, as gifts from God, and how grace (this gifting) works in our lives. Salvation - the victory God accomplishes over the power of sin and death itself - is a gift from God. To be precise, it is the gift won for each of us and we are free to embrace it or reject it. What we are trying to do by cooperating with the gift (God's grace) is to live the life of a grateful recipient of grace. If we move with the grace/gift we have received, then our hearts will, first of all, be filled with gratitude. Grateful hearts want to respond with love - to give thanks and praise, just as we say as we begin every Eucharistic Prayer: "it is right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks."

To the extent that our hearts are troubled, distracted, self-absorbed, or so divided that they are rebellious, we need to do things (acts of penance) to help us "turn back" to our Lord, with all our heart. Our desire in this Lenten journey is greater freedom - freedom to cooperate with, to respond to God's grace. The "work" of Lent is to discover where and in what concrete ways I'm not cooperating - where and when I'm resisting the gift that God is giving me in Jesus. When I don't want to honor our God, or when I am aggressive or covetous (desiring what is not mine or what is not good for me), then I'm out of balance and I can be quite closed to the love God wants to give me, in the form of new and everlasting life.

Lent is for freedom - freedom to make my heart like his. It is about freedom to give my life away. It is the process of practicing habits of thinking about the needs of others, before going after my needs first.

So, at the end of this forty day journey, the goal is not how many sacrifices I made, but how free I have become. We'll know this tree by its fruit. Who in my family is sensing that I'm less angry or selfish? Who senses I'm softer and more compassionate? Who would say that I'm seeming to be more generous and self-sacrificing? Ultimately, how have I grown in compassion for the poor and those on the margins of society? How have I thought about being their advocate in helping dismantle the unjust social structures which bind them in poverty and despair? What is different in my behavior, and shows how I've cooperated with grace? What is going to last?

What am I doing with the remaining weeks of Lent? Whatever will help these kinds of graces grow in me. Asking for them with deeper and deeper desiring. Finding ways to say "no" to past habits and to practice new ones. Giving thanks and praise when the grace comes. Feeling and celebrating how freedom and fidelity to the law of the Lord brings the gift of life.

by Andy Alexander, S.J., Collaborative Ministry Office, Creighton University's Online Ministries

2ND COLLECTION TODAY FOR INITIAL OFFERING (EXPENSE OF CHURCH ENVELOPES)

NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULE IS AT EACH ENTRANCE - SORRY IT IS LATE!


Today is Girl Scout Sunday - Prayer for Catholic Girl Scouts

Dear Jesus, we ask you to bless us and all other Girl Scouts. Give us grace to serve you and our country and to keep our Girl Scout Promise and Law. Make us humble and friendly, eager for adventure, alert and prepared for service. Give us the courage to dare to do right; make us both strong to fight and steadfast to endure; and may our lives be filled with joy that spreads happiness everywhere. AMEN.

RICE BOWLS AVAILABLE AT EACH ENTRANCE

Rice Bowls - During Lent: We are motivated by the example of Jesus Christ to assist poor and suffering people in 93 countries on the basis of need, without regard to race, religion or nationality. Through Catholic Relief Services' (CRS) **Rice Bowl**, we hear stories from our brothers and sisters in need worldwide, and devote our Lenten prayers, fasting and gifts to change the lives of the poor. You may return the **Rice Bowl** at anytime in the collection basket before Easter Sunday, April 5.

2015 Catholic Ministries Appeal - Heavenly Father, may we grow closer to Christ through our support of the 2015 Catholic Ministries Appeal. We thank you, Lord, for your many blessings you have bestowed upon us. We cherish the gifts of time, talent and treasure that each member of our universal Church family makes to build up Christ's Church in love. We ask you, Lord, to send us forth in this spirit of love to serve our communities and our world with open hearts. Amen. Please give generously to this year's Appeal www.catholicfsmn.org/Appeal. This year's goal total for SS Peter & Paul is \$9,800. As of March 3rd we have raised \$235. Our Parish project we are looking into is purchasing a new dishwasher that will be countertop height so we will not have to bend over to load and unload the dishwasher anymore. So any money donated after our \$9,800 goal will come back to us to help pay for the dishwasher.



2015 Catholic
Ministries Appeal
Closer to Christ

You make possible the many retreats and conferences for our youth and young adults to encounter Christ, faith formation for all to learn the rich story of our faith, catechetical training for hundreds of clergy, parish and school staff, support with vocations discernment, resources to strengthen marriages and families and community outreach to the poor. Please give generously to this year's Appeal.

Catholic Foundation of
Southern Minnesota
www.catholicfsmn.org/Appeal

During Lent, we focus on three main points: prayer, almsgiving and fasting. I have written about each of these in the past, but with a new Lenten season reminders are always nice. We heard about prayer, almsgiving and fasting during Monsignor Schmitz's homily on Ash Wednesday. It is easy to list fasting requirements—those between ages 18 and 59 are required to fast on Good Friday and Ash Wednesday. Basically, this means we limit our meals to one light meal. Besides fasting, we abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent as well as Ash Wednesday. Almsgiving means that we give to the poor, and prayer is the final point. Our Confirmation students led a class on February 25th about the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Project. This is a great way to get your family involved in prayer, fasting and almsgiving during Lent. The Rice Bowl project collects money to share with people who are in developing countries, and the project helps support self sufficiency in those countries. When our classes discussed the Rice Bowl, some in the room shared their Rice Bowl family traditions. Each Rice Bowl comes with a calendar that gives prayers and recipes for a meal that can be shared with your family. One suggestion was that at least once during Lent, a family could make a recipe from one of the highlighted countries, and then take the money they saved on that meal and place it in the Rice Bowl. In our family, we try to have at least one meal a week that is 'lighter' and do the same thing by placing the money saved on that larger meal in the Rice Bowl. One other suggestion is that your children could do chores and instead of giving them an allowance, use the money from the chores for the Rice Bowl.

Whatever you can do during Lent, your Rice Bowl sharing is helping others and a great lesson for our children. Have a great week.

MINISTRIES	March 8-Youth Mass- Sunday School	March 15	March 22 - Sunday School KC Pancake Breakfast
Lector:	Alex Gerken	Katie Brenny	Joanne Levi
Eucharistic Ministers:	Carol Hofschulte, Cheryl Baertlein, Leila Bussman-Yeakel	Pam Befort, Kris Helfer, Jeanette Richardson	Patrick Johnston, Kathi Arendt, Stacy Stier
Servers:	Gracie & Isabelle Flicek	Ben Helfer, Nathan Haltom	Lana Yeakel, Sidda Hunt
Gifts:	Caleb Kurtti, Frank Flicek		
Ushers:	Ashli Christopherson, Brandon DePestel	Tom Roble, Mike Liffrig	Mark Losure, Dennis O'Brien
Money Counters:	Ted Brenny, Rhonda or Joe Sand, Joanne Levi	Mindi Arendt, Joe Sand, Mike Steffes	John Weber, Diane Gilsdorf, Joe Sand
Sacristans:	Bobbi & Mark Losure	Beth Arendt	Sheila Frank
Communion Homebound:	Dee Markson	Jenny Darcy	Jim Siems
Coffee After	Chris & Henry Schultz	Deb & Louie Blanck	Lynn Freihiet, Bev Poncelet, Judy Hofschulte

Parish Contact Information

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Bulletin (due Wed. PM): Call with details, fax or e-mail secretary@sspnp.com

Scheduling: Joanne Levi 507-843-4127, or E-mail; joannelevi1@gmail.com

Music Director: Stephanie Josselyn 507-421-5902

Youth Church Choir Practice: Sunday's 9am

New Parishioners: Contact; Secretary at 507-843-3885 or Email; secretary@sspnp.com

Marriage Preparations: Contact Father at least **6 months** to proposed wedding date

Baptismal Preparation: Contact Father **6 weeks** before proposed Baptism date

Loved Ones in Hospital or Nursing Home: Contact Carol Hofschulte 507-843-5041

Church Hall/Event Calendar: Contact the parish office 507-843-3885 or Email; secretary@sspnp.com

Funeral Arrangements: Funeral home contacts Marie Josselyn at 843-3635, who contacts Guild Leader.

Pax Christi Mass Schedule - Saturday - 5:15pm, Sunday - 7:30, 9, & 10:45am, Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri - 9am, Wednesday - 7am

Reconciliaton - Mazeppa - Sunday's 11am after Mass, Pax Christi - Sat 4-5pm or by appointment

March 13, 20, 27 - Lenten Fish Fry - at Church of St. Michael, Pine Island from 4:30-7pm. Adults \$10, Ages 12 & under \$5, Family Max \$35. New this year—we will be offering both baked & fried cod! Hosted by Church of St. Michael Men's Club.

Monday, March 9 - J. August Kern Knights of Columbus Council 2751 meeting here at SS Peter & Paul at 8pm.

Sunday, March 22 - J. August Kern Knights of Columbus Council 2751 will be putting on a Pancake Breakfast for our Mazeppa Area Food Shelf (serving Mazeppa, Zumbro Falls, Bellechester Area) from 8-12noon. Free will offering.

Saturday, March 14th - The 10th Annual St Patrick's Day Bash - Come enjoy local Rochester area bagpipers, a silent auction, and an Irish meal catered by Victoria's at Pax Christi Church from 6:15 to 9:30 PM. The proceeds from this event will help fund the 2015 Pax Christi youth and adult leaders attending Alive in You Catholic Work Camp, Steubenville North Conference, and YTM. Ticket includes meal, beverages, and entertainment. \$5 wrist bands for the bar can be purchased that night. Ticket prices: Adult (13 & Up) - \$20; Children (4-12) - \$12; Ages 3 & Under - Free; Family Maximum - \$80. All prices increase \$5 after March 9th. Tickets will be available at the Pax parish office starting March 2nd.

Sunday, March 15 - 2nd Collection for Catholic Relief Services. This collection provides funding for Catholic Relief Services; the USCCB Offices of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services, and Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees; relief work of the Holy Father; and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network.

Sunday, March 15 - Church of St. Paul St. Patrick's Ham Dinner from 11am-1pm at the Zumbrota VFW. Price; Adults \$12, Children 6-12 \$6, Under 6 Free. Take out available.

Thursday, March 26 - SS Peter & Paul's Spring Dinner is from 5-7pm, in the Church Hall. Serving Turkey Gravy over Mashed Potatoes, Salads, Dinner Buns, Desserts & Beverages. Adults \$9.00, Children (5-10) \$3.00, Pre School 4 & under \$1.00. St. Rose & St. Theresa Guilds are putting it on. Please bring a donation to our Mazeppa Area Food Shelf

New Church Website - We have a new website thanks to Tom Stahman who has set it up and will be maintaining it for us. Our new website address is: sspeterandpaulmazeppa.org. I have along with our bulletins on there, the Ministry, Coffee After Mass schedules & Church calendar for whole year. On the calendar I put the church seasons for Banners & Holy Days. Would you like me to put the names of people we will be praying for on the calendar? Please take time to look it over and offer any suggestions to Sheila at secretary@sspnp.com or call 507-843-3885.

Easter Triduum Mass Schedule: Holy Thursday, April 2 - 7PM, Good Friday, April 3 - 7PM, Holy Saturday, April 4 - 8PM, Easter Sunday, April 5 - 10AM.

