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# February 3, 2019

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



From: Fr. Tony Hesse:

As you will notice below, Fr. Christian has shared a wonderful message. So, I thought I would keep this short. Although my column is short, it is about an important schedule change. First, I will be helping out as a spiritual director for the upcoming Together Encounter Retreat (TEC) on February 16-18 (please call the parish office if interested in deepening your encounter with Jesus). In the meantime, I have been trying to find a priest from our diocese to help out. I called all 8 priests and parishes that have priests available and none are able to help. Because some of them have gone south for the winter, recovering from surgery, or helping out other parishes, I cannot find a priest to cover my Masses that weekend. Therefore, Fr. Christian will be doing 4 Masses in just two of the parishes. There will be 2 Masses in Wabasso and 2 in Redwood Falls. Lucan, Morton, Seaforth, and Wanda parishioners are asked to go to one of the other two parishes for Masses that weekend. I know this will perhaps bother some people, but I apologize. There is just no one available, which leads me to the second important invitation.

Please help yourself to the candles that were blessed on Saturday for the feast of Candlemas. Not only did we celebrate Jesus' Presentation in the Temple, but we also celebrated by blessing candles reminding us that even in darkness, His Light still shines. As Jesus was presented to the Father, I encourage you to present yourselves, your worries and concerns, to the Father as well. And let the Light of Christ give you the message of hope, acceptance, and peace.

### BECOME A BLESSING TO EVERYONE YOU MEET

"Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?" \*(Mark 3:4)\*

In the letter to the Hebrews 7 or Genesis 14; When Melchizedek met Abraham, he blessed him and the blessing of Abraham was unequalled in all of the history. Melchizedek is the symbol of the ideal priest having no father or mother without beginning or end, while Jesus Christ is the perfect realization of everything that Melchizedek represents.

As Abraham was blessed by Melchizedek, Jesus Christ blessed many even those He met on Sabbath days. The Pharisees were in charge of blessing the people but they could not help the man with a withered hand. They forgot their first duty which was to lift the people up, instead, they became preoccupied with the external show of keeping rules and regulations.

Jesus Christ criticized the Pharisees not because they actually kept the rules, but because they only pretended to be keeping the rules. The rule-keeping had shifted from the worship of God to the worship of self. Some people do good only for people to see and praise them. Such goodness is not being appreciated by God. They wanted people to respect and honor them as "next-to-God" with their external shows while their hearts were actually far from God.

Like these Pharisees forgot their purpose, we Christians tend to forget the true purpose of our calling when we focus too much on keeping the rules or making people to see us as being good at the expense of uplifting the people around us or making them happy. Jesus asked a question to which no one could provide an answer: "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good?"

Being good to others (blessing others) is a universal law. It is a law that is more superior to any other law. Goodness, kindness and mercy are laws that God Himself wrote in our hearts. There is no law surpassing the law of kindness. If we fail to be a blessing to all those we meet on a daily basis, our keeping of any other law is in vain. This is the point Jesus wanted the Pharisee to learn.

In truth, there is no law against kindness. This means there is no limit to the amount of good we can do to others. Our true calling is to love. Lift people up; elevate others; bless people, make life better for people; go extra miles to take care of the people around you. Let us Pray: Lord Jesus, use me to bless whoever I meet today and always. Amen.

\*Be Happy. Live Positive. Have Faith. It is well with you. God bless you.

LOVE FROM: Fr Christian

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#### BAPTISM

Contact your parish office to set an appointment for class and baptism.

#### MARRIAGE

Contact the parish office at least nine months before intended marriage.

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#### PRAYER NETWORK

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## EVENTS OF THE WEEK

### SUNDAY – February 3

#### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 1:4-5,17-19 (72C), 1Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13; Lk 4:21-30

8 AM Mass - St. John

*People of our Parishes*

8 AM Mass - St. Mary - Seaforth

*d. Lavonne Bernardy*

8:30 AM - 9:15 AM Sunday School - PRE-K

9:30 AM Mass - St. Catherine

*l & d members of Tom Ochs family*

CCW-Mission of Love Valentines-San Lucas

10 AM Mass - St. Anne - Wabasso

*d. Bob & Lorraine Almich*

4-5 PM Holy Hour - St. Catherine

### MONDAY – February 4

Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20

No Mass

### TUESDAY - February 5

#### St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43

5:15 PM Mass - St. Catherine

*d. Pat Schultz*

6 PM Mass - St. Mary - Seaforth

*d. Helen Gewerth*

6:30 PM - Following Jesus Bible Study

### WEDNESDAY – February 6

#### St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Heb 12:4-7,11-15; Mk 6:1-6

8 AM Mass - St. Catherine

*d. Sharon Hennen*

8 AM Mass - Our Lady of Victory – Lucan

*d. Shirley Macht*

10 AM Healthcare - Wabasso

*d. Mary Jane Salfer*

5:30-6:30 PM-RE class GR 1-6

6 PM Pizza w/Padre - GR 7-9

7 PM RE-GR 7-12

### THURSDAY - February 7

Heb 12:18-19,21-24; Mk 6:7-13

8 AM Mass - St. John

*d. Betty Ann Goelz*

8:30 AM Mass – St. Anne - Wabasso

*d. Millie Trost*

9 AM-6 PM Adoration/12 Rosary-St. Catherine

10 AM Mass – Garnette Gardens

*d. Dorothy Soupir*

### FRIDAY – February 8

#### St. Jerome Emiliani

#### St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29

5:45 AM "That Man is You"

8 AM Mass - St. Catherine

*d. Alphonse Goblirsch*

8 AM Mass - St. Mathias - Wanda

*d. Clara Schilling*

### SATURDAY – February 9

Heb 13:15-17,20-21; Mk 6:30-34

9-10 AM Confessions – SC

4 PM Mass – St. Mathias - Wanda

*Christmas Blessings*

5 PM Mass - St. Catherine

*Christmas Blessings*

CCW-Mission of Love Valentines-San Lucas

6 PM Mass - Our Lady of Victory - Lucan

*Christmas Blessings*

### SUNDAY – February 10

#### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 1:4-5,17-19 (72C), 1Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13; Lk 4:21-30

8 AM Mass - St. John

*Christmas Blessings*

8 AM Mass—St. Mary—Seaforth

*Christmas Blessings*

8:30 AM - 9:15 AM Sunday School - PRE-K

9:30 AM Mass - St. Catherine

*People of our Parishes*

CCW-Mission of Love Valentines-San Lucas

10 AM Mass - St. Anne - Wabasso

*Christmas Blessings*

4-5 PM Holy Hour – St. Catherine

#### MASS SERVERS: FEBRUARY 9/10 2019

##### 5:00 PM Saturday

Andy Fischer

Brooke Fischer

Thomas Fischer

##### 9:30 AM Sunday

Madeline Hanna

Sophia Hanna

Calvin Hanna

#### Our Gifts to God and to His Church

Adult Contribution	2,432.00	Adult for Week	2,432.00
Students	6.00	Adult Budget	4,808.00
Maintenance	100.00		
Loose Plate	345.14	YTD Actual	144,191.22
Total	2,883.14	YTD Budget	149,048.00

#### St. Catherine - Diocesan Ministry Appeal

119 Donated as of January 29

Goal	Total Received & Pledged	Amount Due	Parish 20%
\$26,182.64	\$33,766.15	(\$7,583.51)	\$5,975.97

#### Stewardship (Volunteer) Form

If you have not filled out the stewardship form included with the bulletin a few weeks ago, please do so. This is a chance to let us know any changes you have of phone #'s, address, etc. Also, this is a chance to help with the ministries for our parish. We are short on many ministries and need more people to volunteer. Remember many hands make less work for all. If you need a form there are more on the back tables in the church.

#### NEW! Mom's Group

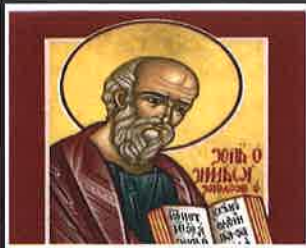
A new Mom's group will meet every 4th Monday of the month starting February 25th at 7 PM. This Mom's group is for fellowship, time with other moms, a way to deepen our prayer life, and a way to learn and journey with other moms. All moms are welcome, and child care will be available if needed.

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# St. John's Bulletin

## February 03, 2019



### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>February 03</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	Bill Shaw / Rick Farmer
<b>Servers:</b>	Maddie Mages
<b>Lector:</b>	Mary Sullivan
<b>Video Taper:</b>	Shawn Kodet
<b>Gifts:</b>	Paul / Dee Dee Wenisch Family
<b>Hosts:</b>	Rick Farner
<b>Cup:</b>	George / Cindy Schottenbauer
<b>Money:</b>	Meghann Kodet / Barb Hennen

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>February 10</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	Don / Edna Wertish
<b>Servers:</b>	Luke Mages / Colton Mages
<b>Lector:</b>	Judy Kodet
<b>Video Taper:</b>	Shirley Dove
<b>Gifts:</b>	Tony Mages Family
<b>Hosts:</b>	Sandy Seehausen
<b>Cup:</b>	George /Cindy Schottenbauer
<b>Money:</b>	George / Cindy Schottenbauer Sandy Seehausen

#### RELIGIOUS ED LOOKING AHEAD

#### 1/30 - Regular Class times

**February 6th:** Our First Communion student will be doing First Reconciliation. Keep Chase Kodet in your prayers as he prepares for that Sacrament here at St. John.

**2/13 : Regular Class**  
**2/20 : Regular Class**  
**2/27 : Grades 7-12 5:30—6:30**  
**Pizza with Padre**

**Grds Pre-6th—6:30 Fr. Tony will be with us for the hour!!!**

#### Our Gifts to God and to His Church

##### WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Weekly—Adult	\$ 465.00
Weekly Bdgt	\$ 528.00
YTD Adlt Act	\$18,606.70
YTD Budget	\$15,312.00
Loose Plate	\$ 157.00
Student	\$ 2.00
Fuel Fund	\$ 100.00

##### 2018-19 DMA STATUS

As of 01-29-2019

<b>Total Goal</b>	<b>\$ 5,702.35</b>
<b>Total Amt given</b>	<b>\$ 2,712.45</b>
<b>Variance</b>	<b>\$ 2,989.90</b>
<b>Portion for DMA</b>	<b>\$ 2,169.96</b>
<b>St. John's amt</b>	<b>\$ 542.49</b>
<b># of donors</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Cash/Pledges</b>	<b>\$ 3,548.65</b>

#### ATTEND ADORATION

**CCW MEETING: LADIES OF THE PARISH—PLEASE JOIN US FOR FEBRUARY'S CCW MEETING. COME PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US AT 6:15 and following will be our meeting. We meet in the church and go to the church basement after the rosary for our meeting. Plan to check it out. Tuesday—Feb. 5th—6:15 –Church**

#### The Challenge of Love

One of the most popular readings at weddings is this passage from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians: "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous. It bears all things. Love never fails." It is a beautiful hymn to love, and it captures the emotions that many couples feel as they celebrate their wedding day.

But Paul did not have marriage in mind. He was writing about the early Christian community in Corinth, the equivalent of a parish today. The members had many gifts. They were not using them well. They were divided in their sentiments. They said they believed in Jesus, but they were not acting the way he taught. Jesus wanted everyone to love God and to love their neighbor. That was not happening in Corinth.

So Paul reminded them what love is—and what it is not. "It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing." The Corinthians were guilty of all these things.

Paul would probably be surprised to know that this passage was used so often at weddings today. He would probably remark, "OK—but just remember. If this describes the love of a newly married couple, that is the kind of love you should have for everyone in your parish. Not just for one person."

#### CALLED TO ETERNAL LIFE

Our sympathy and prayers go to the families and friends of Ruth Sands, Mother of Barb Hennen, Grandmother to Meghann and Shawn Kodet and Dustin Hennen and Great Grandmother of Morgan, Chase and Brooklyn Kodet and Jaxton and Jamen Hennen. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.





### Religion Class Schedule

Please keep our catechists, students and their families in our prayers through this school year.

#### February Schedule

- Wed., Feb 6 - 5:30-6:30 PM RE GR 1-6  
5:45 PM 1st Communion - Parent Mtg  
6 PM Pizza w/Padre GR 7-9  
7-8 PM RE GR 7-12
- Sunday, Feb 10-Sunday School (Pre-K)  
8:30 AM—9:15 AM
- Wed., Feb 13- 5:30-6:30 PM RE GR 1-6  
6 PM Pizza w/Padre GR 10-12  
7-8 PM RE GR 7-12
- Sunday, Feb 17— No Sunday School (Pre-K)
- Wed., Feb 20 - 5:30-6:30 PM RE GR 1-6  
7-8 PM RE GR 7-12
- Sunday, Feb 24 - Sunday School (Pre-K)  
8:30 AM—9:15 AM
- Wed., Feb 27 - 5:30-6:30 PM RE GR 1-6  
7-8 PM RE GR 7-12

#### Pizza with Padre in Rademacher Hall

We invite our St. Catherine youth to join us on the following Wednesdays for Pizza with Padre(s). We will gather for pizza at 6 pm, and hang out and visit until RE begins at 7 pm. February 6th - Grades 7-9  
February 13th - Grades 10-12

#### Let's make our Catholic voices count!

The Catholic Conference Staff offers training and information on what will be the issues of importance in the upcoming legislative session. Please keep them in your prayers! Register by Feb. 3rd for Catholics at the Capitol on Feb. 19th from 7 AM-4PM at: [www.Catholicsatthecapitol.org](http://www.Catholicsatthecapitol.org).

#### BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS SCHEDULE

This is a one hour class for any person asking for a baptism that has not been at a class in the last 3 years. This class is to be attended prior to baptism.

- Feb. 11th—St. Anne's— Wabasso
- Feb 25th— St. Catherine-Redwood
- April 8— St. Anne's-Wabasso
- May 13-St. Catherine-Redwood
- June 10-St. Anne's-Wabasso

Classes are at 7 PM. Contact your priest and the parish office to schedule a baptism.

#### Cor Jesu

On February 9th at Holy Redeemer in Marshall, MN starting at 7:15 PM join us for a powerful night of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, an inspirational sermon, opportunities for Confession, and reflective music.

#### Valentine Bingo!

Sunday, February 10, 2019  
at 1:30 PM

Prizes & Door Prize  
Refreshments served  
Sponsored by Knights of Columbus  
All are welcome!



#### Welcome to New Parishioners

St. Catherine parish family welcomes Laura Rohlik and Lucille Lienig. We are delighted to have you join our parish family.

#### You are Invited!

...Church of the Japanese Martyrs in Leavenworth, MN has their Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 3rd from 9:30 AM—12:30 PM in the Church Social Hall

#### CCW Scholarship Program

The New Ulm Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (NUCCW) Scholarship Program gives scholarships to volunteers in parish ministry. If you are planning to attend, or have attended a workshop, conference, seminar or class that helps you in your parish ministry, you can apply for a scholarship.

The February 7th Hot Dish Supper is our Scholarship fundraiser, \$600 will go toward this Scholarship fund. Scholarship applications are available in the parish office and are due to the Diocesan Scholarship Coordinator by March 1, 2019.

#### LAST CHANCE TO BUY ST. CATHERINE'S RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle tickets will be for sale in the Gathering Space after Masses the weekends of Feb 2/3 & 9/10, or you can call the parish office at 644-2278 or stop by the parish office and pick some more up. Tickets should be purchased and turned in by Feb. 14th as the drawing will be on Feb. 15th, 2019. After the drawing the winners will be posted in the bulletin weekly.



### Hot Dish Supper

Thursday, February 7, 2019  
5:00-6:30 PM  
All are Welcome!!



\$600 of proceeds will go to CCW Scholarship Fund

Sponsored by the CCW  
Ladies please sign up in the Gathering Space to bring



#### Riverbend TEC Weekends

TEC (Together Encounter Christ) is a three-day retreat designed for people who are searching for goals, acceptance, meaning, community, values, and most especially, for God – or deepen their relationship with God. A TEC Retreat is a spiritual encounter around the Pascal Mystery and is intended for people who are 16 and older. It is a weekend of fun, food and faith that may be just what you're looking for. Our next retreat weekend is on Feb. 16-18 at Holy Trinity in Winsted. Our final weekend is June 22-24 at St. Mary's in Bird Island. Sign-up by June 1. If you would like more information, please call the parish office. Brochures are in the back of all of our churches.

#### St. Mary's School in Bird Island Raffle Tickets for Sale!

St. Mary's School in Bird Island \$5 raffle tickets will be for sale after the weekend Masses or in the parish office.

#### MEALS ON WHEELS – FEBRUARY 11-28TH DRIVERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to deliver Meal on Wheels for February 11-28th, if able to help please call Patsy at 644-6464 or 627-1969.

#### KC free throw contest helpers & participants!

Thank you to all the Knights and students that helped out with the council and district free throw contest. Also, thank you to all the contest participants. ~Travis Fluck-Grand Knight



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