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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 17, 2019

From: Fr. Tony Hesse

This past week, during some of the weekday Masses, I was sharing how the readings these final weeks of the Church year focus on end times. Not only do they remind us of the end times, as when Jesus comes at His final coming, but they also remind us of our end times, when Jesus comes to call us home (God-willing) to heaven. In both cases, we need to be ready. We need to be vigilant and live a virtuous life, for we do not know the day nor the hour.

One of the ways that we can be ready is by preparing ourselves or our loved one's death. Attached to the bulletin this weekend, Fr. Aaron Johanneck (our Diocesan Worship Director and former parishioner from St. Mary in Seaforth) and his office put together some guidelines for cremation and traditional burial. Please read the guidelines and talk about your plans with your loved ones. Remember to be mindful of your family's desire for you after your death. For example, some of you prefer to be cremated when you die, but your family may prefer a full casket. Remember, if you are the one who is dead, hopefully you are in heaven and don't care what happens to your body, as long as it is respectful, but your family who grieves their loss, does care. They may need a full casket for closure. Again, please discuss your plans with them.

Secondly, it is also important that we prepare our lives for His coming. One way that we can do that is by being good stewards. Whether it is with our time, talent, or treasure, God is always calling us to be good care-takers of the blessings He has given us. God is always inviting us to spend time in prayer, at Mass, and in various prayers services. He is also encouraging us to share the talents that He has given us to the best of our ability. Finally, he is always calling us to give back to Him a portion of the financial blessings He has given us, with increase. And one of the ways that we can do that is through the Diocesan Ministries Appeal (DMA).

Next Sunday is Commitment Sunday for the 2019 DMA. Watching the video this weekend, we are reminded of the good work the DMA is doing in ministries too big for parishes to do alone, but ministries that are important to us. Remember, in supporting the DMA, we contribute to those important ministries in the diocese, but we also support the project we have identified for our parish. Although our smaller parishes are still in discussion about our future, (merge or close) many want to make sure there are funds to maintain it for this year. These are the projects the Administrative Councils designated for their respective parish:

Our Lady of Victory – Support of St. Anne School and furnace for rectory and church
St. Anne – Tuckpointing , gym bleachers & etc.
St. Catherine – Updating of lobby and air conditioning units
St. Mary – School for tuckpointing, church repairs, and cemetery
St. Mathias – Cemetery



As you reflect on what your pledge should be, prayerfully keep in mind God's generosity to you. The DMA offers a great opportunity to make a return to God of the blessings we have received. This year with the theme "Forward with Faith," Bishop LeVoir invites us to recognize the ways that God continues working in our midst and to go forward with faith that God is still in with us in a powerful way. Be assured that contributions to the DMA will be used only for the benefit of the ministries designated in the brochure and no other purpose.

Therefore, let us be prayerfully discern how we can serve our Lord and His Church, and be ready when He comes. Know my prayers are with you all!

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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

Contact Bev Passe
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EVENTS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY - November 17

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mal 3:19-20a (159C), 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

8 AM Mass - *St. Mary - Seaforth*

d. Angeline Bergen

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

9:30 AM Mass - *St. Catherine*

d. Norman Rudenick

10 AM Mass - *St. Anne*

d. Harry & Jerry Frericks

4-5 PM Holy Hour - SC

MONDAY - November 18

The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

1Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lk 18:35-43

No Mass

TUESDAY - November 19

2Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10

8 AM Mass - *St. Catherine*

d. Jordan Joel Baune

8 AM Mass - *St. Mary - Seaforth*

Ken Loges health

7 PM Adult Ed # 8 - *St. Anne*

WEDNESDAY - November 20

2Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28

8 AM Mass - *St. Catherine*

d. Oswald & Elizabeth Mages family

8 AM Mass - *Our Lady of Victory - Lucan*

d. Jim Ourada

10 AM Mass - Belview

For Special Intention

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

7-8 PM RE-GR 7-12

7-8 PM No Adoration & Youth Group - SC

7-8 PM Adoration - SA

8-8:45 PM Youth Group - SA

THURSDAY - November 21

1Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44

8:30 AM Mass - *St. Anne*

d. Marcella & Lawrence Plaetz

9 AM-6 PM Adoration/12 Rosary-SC

10 AM Mass - *Garnette Gardens*

d. Florence Prokosch

7 PM Choir-SC

FRIDAY - November 22

St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

1Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48

5:45 AM - 7 AM This Man is you - SA

8 AM Mass - *St. Catherine*

d. Phyllis Gulden

8 AM Mass - *St. Mathias - Wanda*

d. Elaine Rohlik

SATURDAY - November 23

St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr

St. Columban, Abbot

Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest & Martyr

1Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40

9-10 AM Confessions - SC

8:30-9:30 AM-Confessions & Adoration-SA

4 PM Mass - *St. Mathias - Wanda*

People of our Parishes

5 PM Mass - *St. Catherine*

d. Richard Irlbeck

6 PM Mass - *Our Lady of Victory - Lucan*

d. Linda Turbes

SUNDAY - November 24

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

2Sm 5:1-3(162C), Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

8 AM Mass - *St. Mary - Seaforth*

d. Mary Warner

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

9:30 AM Mass - *St. Catherine*

d. Gary Bliss

10 AM Mass - *St. Anne*

d. Wilbur, Joan, Steve, Jim & George Frank

1:30 PM - KC Turkey Bingo-SC

4-5 PM Holy Hour - SC

MASS SERVERS: NOVEMBER 23/24, 2019

5:00 PM Saturday

Andy Fischer

Brooke Fischer

Andrew Willemsen

9:30 AM Sunday

Austin Gunderson

Josh Gunderson

Victoria Johnson

MASS SERVERS: NOVEMBER 28, 2019 - THANKSGIVING DAY - 8:00 AM

Andy Fischer

Brooke Fischer

Thomas Fischer

Our Gifts to God and to His Church

Adult Contribution	3,996.00	Adult for Week	3,996.00
Students	15.00	Adult Budget	4,808.00
Maintenance	440.00		
Loose Plate	550.80		
All Saints	126.00		
Catholic Human Dev	20.00		
Military Service	739.00		
Cemetery	25.00	YTD Actual	78,493.11
Total	5,911.80	YTD Budget	91,352.00

CALLED TO ETERNAL LIFE

Our sympathy and prayers go to the families and friends of Howard Stotesbery, father of Tom Stotesbery. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

Want To Be Catholic Or Learn More About The Catholic Faith?

If you, or if you know of someone, who wants to learn more about their faith, deepen the faith, or comes from another faith tradition and is inquiring about the Catholic faith, please let us know at our parish office. We are hoping to begin the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults [RCIA] soon, especially for those who want to become Catholic.

Meals on Wheels

St. Catherine's is doing Meals on Wheels for December, please sign-up in the Gathering Space if you can help deliver meals on one or more days. Also, sign-up for Salvation Army bell ringing at Tersteeg's or Running's in the Gathering Space.



Share the Spirit—Angel Tree

We are sponsoring four families this year. Select an Angel from the Angel Tree in the Gathering Space and have fun shopping for a child/family in need. Do not wrap the gift, just tape the Angel to the gift and set under the tree. Deadline is Sunday, Dec. 8th.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes November, 2019

Sunday, November 17

- 8:30-9:15 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, November 20

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

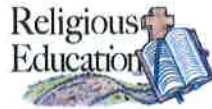
- 7-8 PM GR 7-12-no Adoration & no youth group-SC

Sunday, November 24

- 8:30-9:15 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, November 27

- No Religion Classes - 6:30-8PM-AFC youth group-SA



You are Invited!

.....Spaghetti Dinner on Wed., Nov. 20th from 5-7 PM at St. Raphael School. Also available are take & bake pies at St. Raphael School or Advent calendars call 723-4135.

....St. Mary's in Bird Island, MN Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 17th from 10AM-12:30PM.

....24th Annual Lutheran Men in Mission Lutefisk & Meatball Supper at Gloria Dei on Thurs., Nov. 21st from 4:30-6:30 PM.

....Scout Troop 42 Chili Feed at Minnwest Bank in Redwood Falls on Friday, Nov. 22nd serving 5-7PM.

....Sausage Feed at Clements Legion Hall on Sunday, Dec. 1st from 4:30-7 PM.

"Religious Education Prayer Ministry Opportunity:

Join us on Wednesday's at St. Catherine and St.



Anne Churches from 7-8pm for Adoration in the Church. During this hour, we invite all those who

feel called to pray on behalf of our students, teachers, families, and for a general openness to God's grace for us all.

Cor Jesu

On December 8th at St. Anne's Church in Wabasso starting at 7:15 PM join us for the sound of Gregorian chant filling the air as incense rises in a candlelit church. After the Gospel and a short sermon, there will be an hour or adoration with sounds of sacred music. For more information visit: www.dnu.org/cor-jesu.

Advent Prayer Service



All families, especially those with children, are invited to attend an Advent Prayer Service with Bishop John M. LeVoor on Sunday, December 8. The service is at 4:00 p.m. in Bird Island at the Church of St.

Mary. This service is designed to help us focus on Advent and prepare for the true meaning of Christmas, centered on the birth of Jesus. Families are encouraged to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their home nativity set. The figure will be blessed by Bishop LeVoor individually as families come forward in procession. There will be a blessing on families and expectant mothers as they prepare for Jesus' birth in their hearts. A "swaddling clothes" collection (blankets, sleepers, layette items, etc.) and cash donations will be taken for babies in need. For more information, contact the diocesan offices at 507-233-5325.

Christmas Flower Donation



If you would like to donate toward the Christmas flowers in memory of or in honor of a loved one, leave your donation in the envelope marked Christmas Flower Offering in your contribution envelopes or write "Christmas Flowers" on an envelope and put in collection basket.

Be sure to list the name (s) you want remembered.

Thank You!

Thank you women of St. Catherine's CCW for making the hot dish supper a huge success. Thanks to the set-up, serving, and clean up people. Thanks for the cash donations, and the wonderful variety and delicious hot dishes, salads, and desserts. All of you are so generous with your time, talents, and treasures. God Bless!

Chairs: Ag Johanneck & Mary Liebl

Thanksgiving Day Dinner

Thanksgiving Day Dinner at St. Anne's in Wabasso, MN on Nov. 28th at 12 noon. All individual & couples are invited to join us for dinner, please RSVP by Nov. 25th at 342-5190. A free will offering to go to WAFER.

Riverbend TEC Weekend

Anyone 16 or older, youth or adult, is encouraged to participate in the Riverbend TEC (Together Encountering Christ) weekend on January 18-20, 2020 in New Ulm, MN, June 27-29, 2020 in Marshall, MN For information call: 952-688-1995 or email riverbendtec@gmail.com.

Prayer Service for Hope and Healing

Prayer Service for hope & healing on Friday, Dec. 6th at 7 PM at Church of St. Mary's in Sleepy Eye. Presided over by Bishop John M. LeVoor.

Eucharistic Adoration with opportunities for healing prayer, Confession, spiritual counsel.



KC Turkey Bingo
Sunday, November 24th at 1:30 PM
at St. Catherine's Church
\$6.00 FOR 20 Games

St. Mary's Fundraiser

"Taste of Bechyn" Supper & Raffle on Wed., Dec. 4th at the Olivia American Legion. Czech meal served from 4:30-7PM. To purchase a \$50 ticket contact Char at 507-644-3842.

Proceeds to be used for landscaping & kitchen repairs at St. Mary's in Bechyn.

DONATIONS FOR LOCAL FOOD SHELF!



Our local food shelf is in need!! Please place your donation in the shopping cart in the Gathering Space. You can drop your cash donations in the offertory in an envelope marked "food shelf", or drop off at the Parish office. God bless you!

This weeks Calendar Raffle drawing winners:

Nov 11 \$25 Gordy Serbus	Nov 15 \$25 Ahnna Malecek
Nov 12 \$25 Helen Welsch	Nov 16 \$25 Kathy Kahnke
Nov 13 \$25 Mary Schmit	Nov 17 \$50 John Hurst
Nov 14 \$25 Laura Rohlik	

Checks will be mailed out to the address on ticket stub.
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Jeremiah 29:11

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