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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26, 2020

From: Fr. Tony Hesse:

This Friday, Jan. 31st, our Church will celebrate the feast day of Saint John Bosco, a priest who had a special love for young children. He was called the "Apostle of Youth." He never came up with a set way to teach children, but he believed that good education is based on being true to the message of the Church, while treating children with real love.

As our schools celebrate Catholic Schools Week this week, I am happy to see our parishes living out St. John Bosco's example of "treating children with real love." Our Area Faith Community (AFC) is blessed to have a similar mission. "Enter to Learn Christ; Exit to Serve Christ." Catholic Schools not only provide excellent education, as our public schools do, but Catholic Schools allow education to be achieved through faith in Christ. Because our Catholic Schools are able to bring God into education, God will not let our students fall short in learning the rest of the curriculum. Even other denominations are creating Christian Schools so that they can teach their faith as they teach education.



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was very helpful in forming and shaping the current catholic school system. She is also the patron saint of Catholic Schools. Fittingly, our youth groups this past week talked about her. By the way, please encourage our young people in high school, and high schoolers, please come to these gatherings after religious education and Pizza with Padres before them. The location of Pizza with Padres would have been given to you a few weeks ago. Please let Katie or David know if you need a copy of the schedule for Pizza with Padres. Because of St Elizabeth's dedication, our Church is blessed to have Catholic schools today.

Because we have been blessed to have St. Anne Catholic School and other Catholic schools in our area, I encourage to support them with prayer and support, and if at all possible, finances. We have been blessed to have people supporting our schools in the past, and with your help, we look forward to it in the future. In closing, I would like to share some thing I read with you. It comes from the University of Notre Dame's Task Force on Catholic Education which published a document, *Making God Known, Loved and Served: The Future of Catholic Primary and Secondary Schools in the United States (2006)*. "The rise of evangelical Christian Schools shows that other Christian communities have learned what many Catholics have forgotten or are willing to ignore – that there is no substitute for spending 35 hours each week in an educational environment permeated by faith and Gospel values. To those who wonder how we can afford to make the investment necessary to sustain, strengthen, and expand Catholic Schools, we respond by turning the question on its head. How can we afford not to make this investment? Our future depends on it more than we may suspect."

Speaking of school, enjoy:

A little girl came home from school and said to her mother, "Mommy, today in school I was punished for something that I didn't do." The mother exclaimed, "But that's terrible! I'm going to have a talk with your teacher about this ... by the way, what was it that you didn't do?" The little girl replied, "My homework."

May God bless the faith that we share with our young people, and carry it to fruition.

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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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Contact Bev Passe
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EVENTS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY - January 26

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Is 823-93(67A), 1Cor 1:10-13,17;

Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

8 AM Mass - *St. Mathias - Wanda*

Christmas flower memorials

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

9:30 AM Mass - *St. Catherine*

People of our Parishes

10 AM Mass - *St. Anne*

Christmas flower memorials

12 Noon-KC District Free Throw-RACC

12:15 PM - 1st Reconciliation - SA

4-5 PM Holy Hour - SC

MONDAY - January 27

St. Angela Merici, Virgin

2 Sm 5:1-7,10; Mk 3:22-30

No Mass

6 PM Flame of Love Rosary-SC

7 PM Adult Ed-Divine Mercy #2-SC

7 PM Mom's Group-SC

TUESDAY - January 28

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

2 Sm 6:12b-15,17-19; Mk 3:31-35

5:15 PM Mass - *St. Catherine*

d. Viola Bauer

6 PM Mass - *St. Mary - Seaforth*

d. Floyd Kramer

7 PM Young Women's Bible Study-SC

7 PM Adult Ed-Evangelization #2-SA

WEDNESDAY - January 29

2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20

8 AM Mass - *St. Catherine*

d. Pat Schultz

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

d. Shirley Macht

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

7-8 PM RE-GR 7-12

7-8 PM Adoration - SC & SA

8-8:45 PM Youth Group-SC & SA

THURSDAY - January 30

2 Sm 7:18-19,24-29; Mk 4:21-25

8:30 AM Mass - *St. Anne - Wabasso*

d. Donald Noon

9 AM-6 PM Adoration/12 Rosary-SC

10 AM Mass - *Garnette Gardens*

d. Norma Andersen

7 PM Choir - SC

FRIDAY - January 31

St. John Bosco, Priest

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34

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

8 AM Mass - *St. Catherine*

d. Ruben Lange

8 AM Mass - *St. Mathias - Wanda*

d. Elaine Rohlik

ADORATION TIME



Adoration is in the church on Thursdays from 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM with Rosary at 12 noon.

Also there is Adoration in the church on Wednesday evenings from 7-8 PM.

SATURDAY - February 1

First Saturday

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41

8 AM Mass - *St. Catherine*

d. Joe Malecek

8 AM Mass - *St. Anne*

d. Donald Lensing

8AM-7PM-NUD Marriage Prep. Program-SC

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

9-10 AM Confessions-SC

4 PM Mass - *St. Mathias - Wanda*

People of our Parishes

5 PM Mass - *St. Catherine*

d. Robert Mertens

CCW-Mission/Valentines for San Lucas-SC

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

d. Marcella & Lawrence Plaetz

SUNDAY - February 2

The Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4(524), Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

8 AM Mass - *St. Mary - Seaforth*

d. Henry & Arleen Groebner

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

9:30 AM Mass - *St. Catherine*

d. Clifford & Lillian Molitor

CCW-Mission/Valentines for San Lucas-SC

10 AM Mass - *St. Anne*

d. Andy Schiller

11AM-2PM - St. Anne School Carnival

4-5 PM Holy Hour - SC

MASS SERVERS: FEBRUARY 1/2, 2020

5:00 PM Saturday

Brad Balko

John Balko

Justus Probst

9:30 AM Sunday

Noah U'Ren

Austin Gunderson

Josh Gunderson

Our Gifts to God and to His Church

Adult Contribution	4,083.00	Adult for Week	4,083.00
Students	19.00	Adult Budget	4,808.00
Loose Plate	688.00		
Solemnity of Mary	11.00		
Maintenance	40.00	YTD Actual	124,741.23
Total	4,841.00	YTD Budget	139,432.00

St. Catherine - Diocesan Ministry Appeal

112 Donated as of January 21

Goal	Total Received & Pledged	Amount Due	Parish 20%
\$23,261.63	\$33,980.80	(\$10,719.17)	\$6,101.16

Flame of Love

We invite you to join us to pray the **Flame of Love** of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Rosary. This is every Monday evenings at 6 PM at St. Catherine's church. It will take about 45 min. to an hour.

The **Flame of Love** is a pressing invitation and a gift of an exceptional significance that the Lord Jesus and the Virgin Mary give to our particularly troubled time. *Steve and Connie Plaetz*

Young Women's Bible Study - Starting this Tuesday, January 28th, at 7pm we are beginning a Young Women's Bible Study for all the young women ages 18-24 in our area; all are welcome to join! We will meet each Tuesday at 7pm at St. Catherine Church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes January & February, 2020

Sunday, January 26

- 8:30-9:15 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, January 29

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

- 7-8 PM GR 7-12 with Adoration & youth group

Sunday, February 2

- 8:30-9:15 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, February 5

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

- 6 PM Pizza w/Padre GR 7-9-SC

- 7-8 PM GR 7-12 with Adoration & youth group

Sunday, February 9

- 8:30-9:15 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, February 12

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

- 7-8 PM GR 7-12 with Adoration & youth group

Sunday, February 16

- 8:30-9:15 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, February 19

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

- 7-8 PM GR 7-12 with Adoration & youth group

Sunday, February 23

- 8:30-9:15 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, February 25

- Ash Wednesday Mass



You are Invited!

...Build your own burger at St. Raphael in Springfield, MN on Saturday, Feb. 1st from 6-7:30 PM.

...Pork Loin Dinner at St. Michael's in Milroy, MN on Sunday, Feb. 2nd serving from 11 AM—1 PM.

...Tom Webb, Head Women's Basketball Coach at SMSU is speaking at St. Michael's Church in Milroy, MN on Wednesday Feb. 5th at 7 PM., everyone is welcome.

Adult Formation Series

A new series of Adult Formation started on January 20th and 21st. They are at 2 locations, with two different studies. St. Catherine's is on Mondays at 7pm with the Divine Mercy study, and St. Anne's is on Tuesdays at 7pm with Lectio: Evangelization. Everyone is welcome at either location. We are offering Divine Mercy again, in case anyone missed it at St. Anne's and wanted to participate in the series.

Welcome to New Parishioners



St. Catherine's parish family welcomes Michelle Mertens & Adam MacHolda, and Kate Colwell. We are delighted to have you join our parish family.

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who worked at the Relay for Life Omelet Breakfast and for everyone who joined us for breakfast and everyone who bought some baked goods, which helped make this a success. ~ Barb Bernardy & team

Reject Assisted Suicide

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops is asking us to contact our representatives to support the resolution H. Con.Res.79 which urges the Federal Government to reject assisted suicide. Assisted suicide is a "deadly, discriminatory and non-compassionate practice." The Federal Government should ensure that every person facing the end of their life has access to the best quality and comprehensive medical care tailored to their needs and the Federal Government should not adopt or endorse policies that support, encourage or facilitate suicide or assisted suicide, whether by physicians or others. Some addresses, phone numbers:

US House of Representatives, Congressman - 202-225-2165

Collin C. Peterson: www.collinpeterson.house.gov/contact
#220 Rayburn House Office Bldg Washington DC 20515

Senator Amy Klobuchar: www.klobuchar.senate.gov/public
302 Hart Senate Office Bldg. Washington DC 20510 - 202-224-3244

Senator Tina Smith: www.smith.senate.gov/contact-tina
60 Plato Blvd Suite St. Paul, MN 55107 - 651-221-1016

St. Mary's in Bechyn Snuzzle Card Party

Bechyn Schnuzzle Card Party on Sunday, Jan. 26 at St. Mary's Church, starting at 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be served at 4:30. Everyone is invited, bring a snack to share. For more info call 320-522-1218.

Raffle Tickets for 2020

Raffle tickets can be purchased until Feb. 13, 2020. If you need more tickets stop in the parish office for them.

Catholic Hearth Work Camp in 2020

Are you interested in attending the Catholic Heart Work Camp in Fremont, Nebraska on June 21-27, 2020? Please contact Katie or David at 644-2278 or email katie@mystcatherines.org or wickdav9413@gmail.com.

Youth in 9th grade and up to adults are welcome to attend camp.

Catholic Schools Week January 26th - February 1st

National Catholic Schools Week is Jan. 26th-Feb. 1st. In conjunction with this event, Bishop John M. LeVoir has announced that a second collection will be taken up at all Masses in the diocese the weekend of Jan. 25/26 to benefit Catholic Schools in the Diocese of New Ulm.

In those Area Faith Communities that have Catholic schools, 75% of the proceeds will go directly to the Catholic school. The other 25% will be deposited equally to two endowment funds already set up to benefit those Catholic schools. Where there are no schools, 100% of the funds will go into the endowment funds.

St. Anne's in Wabasso School Carnival

Sunday, February 2nd from 11 AM-1:30 PM join St. Anne's for games, prizes, raffle, silent auction, cakewalk, bingo, cards & refreshments. Meal served from 11 AM- 1PM.

Celebrate Catholic Schools week with St. Mary's!

St. Mary's Catholic School in Sleepy Eye invites you to Family Fun Night on Wednesday, Jan. 29th from 4:45-7:15 PM. Enjoy a meal at 4:45-6:15 PM, the RAD Zoo from 5:30-6:30 PM, kids games and activities from 6:30-7:15 PM, a dodge ball tournament at 6-7:15 PM, escape rooms from 4:40-7 PM, and view the students science fair projects from 6-7 PM. This is a wonderful night to share with family & friends of our school. Visit our [website www.sesmschool.com](http://www.sesmschool.com).



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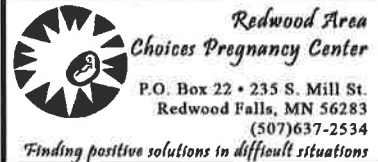
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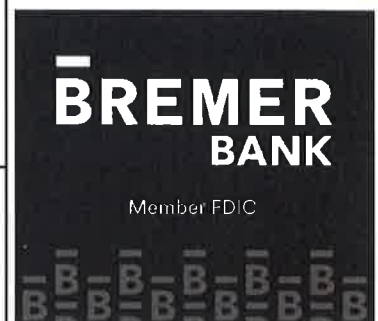
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Jeremiah 29:11

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