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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 2020

From: Fr. Tony Hesse

A sage once wrote that a good marriage is like a fire around which others come to warm themselves. So, as we celebrate World Marriage Day this Sunday on February 9, we realize that no matter our station in life – married, single or religious – we have benefited from this sacred covenant relationship whether through the example of our parents, grandparents, and other role models, or through our own stewardship of the marriage covenant. For the Catholic steward, marriage goes far beyond the legal or societal agreement that our culture might define. For the Catholic steward, marriage is a sacrament that fosters a sacred covenant; establishing family and nurturing the domestic church which we understand is fundamental to our spiritual development. As I think about marriage, I think that this is a wonderful vocation not only by showing us the love of two people coming together, but marriage exemplifies God’s self-giving love for us. Marriage brings us countless blessings, but is met with many obstacles. Busy schedules, the challenges of parenthood, the strains of finances, mortgages, issues of health and aging – all of these test the bonds of even the finest unions. And that is why we are recognizing marriage this weekend.

World Marriage Day, observed on the second Sunday of each February, is sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, associated with Catholic Marriage Encounter. Many Catholics have participated in a Marriage Encounter weekend, but no matter how we have endeavored to grow in and to support our marriages, or the marriages of those close to us, we know that marriage does take effort, continuing commitment, deep prayer, great communication, a good sense of humor and faithful love.

This year, the observances of National Marriage Week, February 7 to 14, and World Marriage Day, are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. Take time this February to celebrate marriage, whether by setting aside a special time to devote to your own spouse, or by honoring the marriages that have warmed you and nurtured you throughout your life.

As a couple, you may be interested in the making a Marriage Encounter. This may be something that you may be interested in to grow in the love that has brought you two together. If interested, please let me know. Also, we are giving out prayer cards to remind us and to prayerfully support couples in this beautiful gift of the Church. Please pray for all married couples, and if you are one of them, make sure that you are also praying for your spouse and your marriage.



May God bless us all in His merciful love.

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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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PRAYER NETWORK

Contact Bev Passe
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EVENTS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY— February 9

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10 (73A), 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

8 AM Mass - *St. Mary - Seaforth*

Christmas Blessings

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

9:30 AM Mass - *St. Catherine*

Christmas Blessings

CCW - *Coffee & Rolls*

CCW-Mission/Valentines for San Lucas-SC

10 AM Mass - *St. Anne*

Christmas Blessings

CCW International Concerns Dinner-SA

1:30 PM KC Valentine Bingo-SC

4-5 PM Holy Hour - SC

MONDAY – February 10

St. Scholastica, Virgin

1 Kgs 8:1-7,9-13; Mk 6:53-56

No Mass

6 PM Flame of Love Rosary-SC

7 PM Adult Ed-Divine Mercy #4-SC

7 PM Baptism Class-SA

TUESDAY - February 11

Our Lady of Lourdes

1 Kgs 8:22-23,27-30; Mk 7:1-13

5:15 PM Mass - *St. Catherine*

d. Gary Bliss

6 PM Mass - *St. Mary - Seaforth*

d. Clay Arends

6 PM CCW Mtg-SC

7-8 PM KC Mtg-SC

7 PM Young Women's Bible Study-SC

7 PM Adult Ed-Evangelization #4-SA

WEDNESDAY – February 12

1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23

8 AM Mass - *St. Catherine*

d. Richard Irlbeck

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

d. Mike & Eileen Schueller

10 AM Mass - *Heritage - Wabasso*

d. Alphonse Goblirsch

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 - February 13

1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30

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

d. Donald Salfer

9 AM-6 PM Adoration/12 Rosary-SC

10 AM Mass - *Wood Dale*

d. Dorothy Caven

4:45 PM Worship Schedule-SC

5-6:30 PM CCW Hot Dish Supper-SC

6:30 PM E & C Mtg-SA

7 PM Choir - SC

FRIDAY – February 14

Ss Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop

1 Kgs 11:29-32,12:19; Mk 7:31-37

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

8 AM Mass - *St. Catherine*

d. LeRoy Brau

8 AM Mass - *St. Mathias - Wanda*

Forgotten Souls

SATURDAY – February 15

1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10

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. Madonna Baune

CCW-Mission/Valentines for San Lucas-SC

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

d. Nick & Mary Kramer, Richard & family

SUNDAY— February 16

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 15:15-20 (76A), 1 Cor 2:6-10;

Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a,27-28,33-34a,37

8 AM Mass - *St. Mary - Seaforth*

d. Ernie & Mike Warner

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

9:30 AM Mass - *St. Catherine*

d. Ben & Blanche Serbus

CCW-Mission/Valentines for San Lucas-SC

10 AM Mass - *St. Anne*

d. Joe & Rose Fischer family

4-5 PM Holy Hour for Vocations - SC

MASS SERVERS: FEBRUARY 15/16, 2020

5:00 PM Saturday

Cayden Johnson-Mariner

Michael Balko

Kendall Huhnerkoch

9:30 AM Sunday

Madeline Hanna

Sophia Hanna

Calvin Hanna

Our Gifts to God and to His Church

Adult Contribution	4,197.00	Adult for Week	4,197.00
Students	22.00	Adult Budget	4,808.00
Loose Plate	610.51	YTD Actual	133,293.23
Maintenance	435.00	YTD Budget	149,048.00
Total	5,264.51		

St. Catherine - Diocesan Ministry Appeal

112 Donated as of February 4

Goal	Total Received & Pledged	Amount Due	Parish 20%
\$23,261.63	\$33,980.80	(\$10,719.17)	\$6,187.16

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.

CALLED TO ETERNAL LIFE

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

Holy Hour for Vocations

Join CCW for a Holy Hour for Vocations on Sunday, Feb. 16th from 4-5 PM at St. Catherine's. This is an hour of Adoration praying for those who have responded to their call of a religious life and that more will be open to the call.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes February, 2020

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 26

- Ash Wednesday Mass



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 to attend at either location.

Young Women's Bible Study

On Tuesdays at 7pm we are having a Young Women's Bible Study for all the young women ages 18-24 in our area. This is being held at St. Catherine's church. For more information contact Ahna Malecek at 507-430-8239

HOMEBOUND

If you or someone you know is homebound at home or in a care facility for any period of time, please contact the parish office 507-644-2278 so arrangements can be made for a visit.

St. Mary's in Bechyn Snuzzle Card Party

Join us for our Bechyn Card Party on Sunday, Feb. 23rd at 1 PM in the church basement in Bechyn. Lunch will be served at 4:30 PM, bring a snack to share. For more information call 320-522-1218. All are welcome!

KC's Jackpot Junction Night

On Monday, February 24th from 4:30-7:30 PM the Knight of Columbus are having the Jackpot Junction Casino night. Purchase a ticket from a KC member or come that evening and purchase at the Classic Lounge. The cost of a ticket is \$15, must be 18 to purchase. For \$15 you get a package valued at over \$30.

Valentine Bingo!

Sunday, February 9, 2020
at 1:30 PM

Prizes & Door Prize
Refreshments served
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You are Invited!

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

...Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Spaghetti Dinner on Wednesday, Feb. 19th from 5-7 PM at St. Raphael School in Springfield, MN.

Hot Dish Supper

Thursday, February 13, 2020

5:00-6:30 PM

All are Welcome!!

Sponsored by the CCW

Ladies please sign up in the
Gathering Space to bring a hot
dish, salad, dessert, or to work.



Proceeds will
help fund the
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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 13th Hot Dish Supper is our Scholarship fundraiser, some of the proceeds 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, 2020.

Welcome to New Parishioners



St. Catherine's parish family welcomes
Dennis & Judy Kodet. We are delighted to have
you join our parish family.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A Marriage Encounter Weekend is a private weekend away from life's distractions that allows a husband and wife to focus on each other. The next available weekends are April 24-26, 2020 in Hutchinson, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: southmnwwme.org or contact Miki at 507-227-8229 or website; applications@southmnwwme.org.

Prayer Blankets meeting

Anyone interested in helping with the prayer blankets, please join us on Monday, February 17th at 1 PM at St. Catherine's. This is carrying on the making of the St. Johns beautiful blessed prayer blankets that they have shared over the years. These blankets will be used as an encouragement gift for those in need.

LAST CHANCE TO BUY 2020 ST. CATHERINE'S RAFFLE TICKETS

Tickets should be purchased and turned in by Feb. 13th as the drawing will be on Feb. 14th, 2020. If you would like to purchase some additional tickets, please stop in the parish office. After the drawing on Feb. 14th the winners will be posted in the bulletin weekly.



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