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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2020

From: Fr. Tony Hesse

A few of our parishes are in the process of meeting with the Administrative Councils to discuss the future of Our Lady of Victory, St. Mary, and St. Mathias. We hope to have letters out soon to those parishes sharing our progress and inviting feedback as we look to the future of our parishes. One of the things that Bishop would like to do is have a Mass at the parishes in June. Whether it will be “Closing Mass” or “Last Mass”, it will be determined by what happens to the parishes. I think the dates that we have will work to reverence our parishes and their histories. More info will go out soon as we go along, but right now, we are looking at having the three Masses in these parishes with the Bishop the weekend of June 20/21. Instead of the phrase, “The family that prays together stays together”, having these Masses being the same weekend (highlighting our history of working together) maybe the phrase is more like, “The family that stays together prays together.” We have been together all these years, I think it is fitting that our Masses (opportunities for prayer) will also be the same weekend as each other. I am also looking into what happens that last weekend in the parishes if these Masses are the week earlier. Stay tuned.

However, regardless of where our parishes are at in this process, one of the things that I kept hearing over and over again (especially in the surveys) is the need for hospitality. Many of our smaller parishes mentioned that they don’t want to be “swallowed up” or be seen as the “step child”. So, one of the things that I am hoping to look into tonight is how can we be more hospitable as a Church and especially as individual churches. How can we make people feel that we are one big family, just different sites? How can we make people feel cared and appreciated and that they are a valuable person in our Area Faith Community (AFC), with gifts and talents that need to be celebrated? How can we make them feel that we need them just as much as they need us?

In a couple of weeks, we also will be introducing a prayer that we will be praying as we go along. The prayer is about asking God to help each of us to be a part of the bigger picture. However, until then, please pray for each other and know of my prayers as well. If you ever have questions or concerns about the process or our parish’s future, please let me know. As an AFC Family praying and worshipping together, may God bless you all!

Lent begins this week with **ASH WEDNESDAY, February 26th**. Please note the times of Masses on that day in all the parishes. Also, Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting as well as not eating meat, as are the Fridays of Lent.



LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKS: There are reflection and prayer books in all the churches to help with your individual devotion this Lenten Season. We have several options like *The Little Black Books* in the gathering space and *Stations of the Cross* and other booklets available in the back of the churches. Feel free to take them and use them for your personal or family devotions during this season.

FASTING/ABSTAINING: Fasting is a wonderful way for us to let go of the desires that we think we need and instead put our trust in needing God to satisfy. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. *Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Catholics, 14 years of age or older, must abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent.*

ALMSGIVING: Almsgiving is a chance for us to recognize that we have been blessed in some form or other and in turn to reach out to satisfy the hungers of the world through our finances.

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Light of the World website: www.LOWAFC.org

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.	CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING 1-866-670-5163	PRAYER NETWORK Contact Bev Passe 637-5967 bpasse60@yahoo.com
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EVENTS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY— February 23

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 19:1-2,17-18 (79A), 1Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

8 AM Mass - St. Mary - Seaforth

d. Helen Turbes

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

9:30 AM Mass - St. Catherine

d. Caroline Buckley

10 AM Mass - St. Anne

d. Harry & Jerry Frericks

4-5 PM Holy Hour - SC

5 PM Adult Ed-Divine Mercy #6-SC

Note: Date &
Time-Adult Ed-SC

MONDAY – February 24

Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29

No Mass

6 PM Flame of Love Rosary-SC

TUESDAY - February 25

Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37

5:15 PM Mass - St. Catherine

Anniversary Blessings for-
Sharon & Bernie Kretsch

6 PM Mass - St. Mary - Seaforth

d. Richard Kramer

7 PM Young Women's Bible Study-SC

7 PM Adult Ed-Evangelization #6-SA

WEDNESDAY – February 26

Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18 (219), 2Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6,16-18

7 AM Mass - St. Catherine

d. Philip & Doreen LeGare

8:30 AM Mass - St. Anne

d. Jim Jacoby

10 AM Mass - Serenity Suites

d. Willie Linsmeier

5 PM Mass - St. Mary - Seaforth

d. Anton I. Soupir

5 PM Mass - St. Mathias - Wanda

d. Elaine Rohlik

7 PM Mass - St. Catherine

d. Shawn Gewerth

7 PM Mass - Our Lady of Victory - Lucan

d. Jim Ourada

All Religion Classes-Ash Wednesday Mass

THURSDAY - February 27

Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

8:30 AM Mass - St. Anne - Wabasso

d. Andy Schiller

9 AM-6 PM Adoration/12 Rosary-SC

10 AM Mass - Sunwood

d. Fran Kaufenberg

7 PM Choir - SC

FRIDAY – February 28

Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

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

8 AM Mass - St. Catherine

d. Richard Irlbeck

8 AM Mass - St. Mathias - Wanda

d. Inez & Bernard Schottenbauer

12:40 PM-Stations of the Cross

-St. Anne School

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

-Lenten Meal to follow-SC

7 PM Stations of the Cross-OLV,SM,SMT

SATURDAY – February 29

Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

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

9-10 AM Confessions-SC

5 PM Mass - St. Mary - Seaforth

d. Emil & Geraldine Wendler

5 PM Mass - St. Catherine

d. Roger Schmit

7 PM Mass - St. Mathias - Wanda

People of our Parishes

SUNDAY— March 1

First Sunday of Lent

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 (22A), Rm 5:12-19 or 5:12,17-19; Mt 4:1-11

8 AM Mass - Our Lady of Victory - Lucan

d. LaVern Honetschlager

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

9:30 AM Mass - St. Catherine

d. Gary Bliss

10 AM Mass - St. Anne

l & d members of the KC's

4-5 PM Holy Hour - SC

5 PM Adult Ed-Divine Mercy #7-SC

Note: Date &
Time-Adult Ed-SC

MASS SERVERS: 7 PM - FEBRUARY 26, 2020 - ASH WEDNESDAY

Andy Fischer

Brooke Fischer

Thomas Fischer

MASS SERVERS: FEBRUARY 29, MARCH 1, 2020

5:00 PM Saturday

John Balko

Justus Probst

Cayden Johnson-Mariner

9:30 AM Sunday

Conner Salmon

Aidan Salmon

Clayton Salmon

Our Gifts to God and to His Church

Adult Contribution	4,131.00	Adult for Week	4,131.00
Students	21.00	Adult Budget	4,808.00
Loose Plate	533.25		
Maintenance	210.00		
Ash Wednesday	25.00	YTD Actual	141,512.23
Total	4,920.25	YTD Budget	158,664.00

St. Catherine - Diocesan Ministry Appeal

112 Donated as of February 18

Goal	Total Received & Pledged	Amount Due	Parish 20%
\$23,261.63	\$34,480.80	(\$11,219.17)	\$6,311.16

Lenten Meal: Proceeds go to Catholic Heart Work Camp Group

This Friday, Feb. 28th at 5:30 PM, we will have Stations of the Cross at St. Catherine's church. Proceeds from the meal following stations will go to the Catholic Heart Work Camp Mission Group. All are welcome to come to Stations of the Cross and a Lenten Meal.

2019 Bishop Lucker Lecture - Hungry for God

Bishop Lucker Lecture is on Monday, March 9th at St. Catherine's at 7 PM with speaker Ralph Martin. This talk will consider how to increase our desire for God and for holiness and how to make this practical in our daily lives by turning away from those things that block or impede our spiritual progress and turning towards God in prayer. All are welcome with no registration and free admission. Sponsored by Diocese of New Ulm.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes February, March 2020

Sunday, February 23

- 8:30-9:15 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, February 26

- Ash Wednesday Mass

Sunday, March 1

- 8:30-9:15 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, March 4

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

- 6 PM Pizza w/Padre GR 10-12-SC

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

Sunday, March 8

- 8:30-9:15 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, March 11

- 5:30-6:15 PM GR 1-6

- 5:45-6:45 PM Meal and speaker at 7 PM

Sunday, March 15

- 8:30-9:15 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, March 18

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

- 6 PM Pizza w/Padre GR 10-12-SC

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

Sunday, March 22

- 8:30-9:15 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, March 25

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

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

Sunday, March 29

- 8:30-9:15 AM Sunday School (Last Day)

- 8:30-11:30 AM - Youth Pancake Breakfast-SC



You are Invited!

....KC's of St. Michaels in Morgan are having a Fish Fry on Friday, Feb. 28th serving from 4:30-7pm.

....Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish & Shrimp Fry at St. Mary's Church Hall in Bird Island, MN on Friday, Feb. 28th serving from 4:30-7 pm.

.... Men's Sausage & Sauerkraut Dinner & Raffle on Sunday, March 1 from 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM at St. Mary's school cafeteria in Sleepy Eye, MN

....St. Michael's Church in Morgan, MN Hot dish Supper is on Wed., March 18 serving from 4:30 -7 pm.

KC Famous Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, March 1st - 8:30 AM- 11:30 AM

St. Catherine's Catholic Church

(Welcome New Registered Parishioners)

Pancakes from scratch, scrambled eggs & sausage

All are welcome!



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.

Wanted someone to clean servers albs

We are looking for a volunteer to take up the ministry of cleaning the servers albs three times a year. If interested please call the parish office at 644-2278. We are very thankful for Pat Reitter cleaning the albs for more than 20 years.

Preschool/Kindergarten Information night at St. Mary's

Learn more about your child's Catholic education at St. Mary's in Sleepy Eye on Mon., Feb. 24th at 5:30 PM. If you want more information call 507-794-6141 or visit their website: www.sesmschool.com

Adult Formation Series

The Adult Formation at St. Catherine's is now on Sundays at 5pm (following 4-5pm Adoration) with the Divine Mercy study, and is at St. Anne's on Tuesdays at 7pm with Lectio: Evangelization. Everyone is welcome to attend at either location.

Mission of Love Thank You!

The CCW would like to thank everyone that bought a valentine (s) or made a donation to the Mission of Love project that helps support our mission in San Lucas, Guatemala. I want to thank Pat Reitter for helping sell the valentine's and the Religious ED classes & Katie for helping make the valentines, you did an awesome job! We sold 438 valentine's and collected \$877.00!!
~ Bonni Guetter

Thank you!

A huge "thank you" to all the Council of Catholic Women who brought food or worked at the Feb. 13th Hot Dish Supper. We had many comments on the delicious hot dishes, salads, bars & cookies. St. Catherine's church is very blessed with so many generous & wonderful women. Thank you to all the people who braved the cold weather and ventured out to support our CCW. God Bless.

Chairs: Arlene Woelfel & Renee Kodet

Valentine Bingo!

Rescheduled to:

Sunday, February 23, 2020
at 1:30 PM

Prizes & Door Prize

Refreshments served

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus

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. Proceeds will go towards the Religious Education program. This event is open to the public.

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!



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