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First Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2020

From: Fr. Christian Adike

DON'T EASILY GIVE UP AND ALWAYS LOOK UNTO GOD FOR DIRECTION.

“Let the children first be fed, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs” (Mark 7:27-28). The above portion of the Bible is the response from the woman that came to Jesus to cure her daughter. Jesus was so reluctant to grant her request so as to elicit her faith and she showcased her faith by not giving up; she persevered and persisted in her stance till she got what she wanted. None of us chose our parents. None of us had the privilege of choosing our date of birth or the circumstances surrounding our birth. Even our very religion is to a large extent given to us. I wonder what I would have been today if my parents were not Christians. As such, to be denied certain privileges simply because of my race, color or religion can be very painful to say the least. This woman because she was a Samaritan was seen as an inferior human just because she was born outside Jewish territory or was not a Jew. God doesn't discriminate and takes all as His children. This was the case with the woman in the aforementioned Gospel passage. She came to Jesus because she had heard so much about Him. She believed Jesus could heal her daughter who was possessed by an unclean spirit. I guess she was not expecting to hear Jesus make such a parable with reference to her. This is precisely the point where many of us give up. Let your sins or "sins in the church" not make you give up in attending Mass or being a member of the church, don't allow your present predicament make you give up in life et cetera. Once there is life there is hope. There is nothing worth having in this life that does not come with a struggle. Whenever we set out to achieve any dream, we are bound to hit some brick wall along the line. There comes a time when giving up may seem like the most reasonable thing to do. Jesus had just told this woman that it is not fair that her daughter would be healed since the children of God (the Israelites) were yet to receive all the miracles they needed. The lesson for us from this is that this woman refused to give up. She knew she had just met a brick wall but her faith in Jesus was strong enough to turn that wall into a stepping stone. She even added a sense of humor to it by saying that even the dogs feed on the crumbs that fall from the children's table. This woman simply refused to take “No” for an answer.

Jesus was so impressed by her response that He immediately granted her request. The saying goes that the road to success is never a smooth ride but an untarred road marred by so many pot-holes called “failure”, our safe arrival depends on our ability to keep going no matter how many times we fail.

Solomon was very young when he became King of Israel. In humble admission of his youthful age, Solomon prayed for wisdom to reign. However, when Solomon became old, instead of looking unto God for direction, he let his many wives turn his heart away from God. Solomon went as far as building temples for pagan idols. God appeared to Solomon twice but Solomon refused to heed these warnings. We fail in life when we don't make effort to abide by God's Will; we are prone to make mistakes but our efforts not to make the mistakes matters a lot in God's sight. He began well by looking unto God, that is why he asked God to give him wisdom to rule His people. This is quite a sad end to a very pleasant beginning. Solomon's experience teaches us that wisdom comes from God and we are wise only to the extent that we remain in close union with God. As the Psalmist says: “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.” (Psalm 111:10). The moment Solomon lost his fear of God or diverted his attention from God he was no longer as wise as he would have been. **ALLOW YOURSELF TO BE DIRECTED BY THE GOSPELS OF JESUS CHRIST.** Without God, we are nothing. **WISH YOU A FRUITFUL LENT.** 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

Contact Bev Passe
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EVENTS OF THE WEEK

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

8:30-11:30 AM KC Breakfast/New parishioners-SC

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

MONDAY – March 2

Lv 19:1-2,11-18; Mt 25:31-36

No Mass

1 PM Prayer Blanket-SC

6 PM Flame of Love Rosary-SC

7 PM Baptism Class-SC

7 PM Bells-SC

TUESDAY - March 3

St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

5:15 PM Mass - *St. Catherine*

d. Dorothy Caven

6 PM Mass - *St. Mary - Seaforth*

l & d COF Court #1757 members

7 PM Young Women's Bible Study-SC

7 PM Adult Ed-Evangelization #7-SA

WEDNESDAY – March 4

St. Casimir

Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

8 AM Mass - *St. Catherine*

d. Mary Teed

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

d. Clarence Rohlik

10 AM Mass - *Wabasso Healthcare*

d. Louise Honetschlager

5:30 PM Lent Meal/6:15 PM— *Stations-SA*

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 - March 5

Est C:12,14-16,23-25; Mt 7:7-12

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

d. Julia Susana Kronback

9 AM-6 PM Adoration/12 Rosary-SC

10 AM Mass - *Garnette Gardens*

d. Florence Prokosch

7 PM Choir - SC

FRIDAY – March 6

First Friday

Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

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

8 AM Mass - *St. Catherine*

d. Margaret Mary Hines

Coffee & Rolls-following Mass

8 AM Mass - *St. Mathias - Wanda*

d. Elaine Rohlik

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 – March 7

First Saturday

Ss Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

Dt 26:16-19; Mt 6:43-48

8 AM Mass - *St. Catherine*

d. Maggie Maserek

8 AM Mass - *St. Anne*

d. Ed & Rita Price

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

9-10 AM Confessions-SC

5 PM Mass - *St. Catherine*

d. Joseph Serbus

5 PM Mass - *St. Mary - Seaforth*

People of our Parishes

7 PM Mass - *St. Mathias - Wanda*

d. Leah Schilling

SUNDAY— March 8

Second Sunday of Lent

Gen 12:1-4a(25A), 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:5

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

d. Joe & Mary Hoffmann

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

9:30 AM Mass - *St. Catherine*

d. Janet & Ken (Corky) U'Ren

CCW- coffee & rolls

10 AM Mass - *St. Anne*

d. Donald Lensing

4-5 PM Holy Hour - SC

5 PM Adult Ed-Divine Mercy #8-SC

MASS SERVERS: MARCH 7/8, 2020

5:00 PM Saturday

Griffin Evans

Julia Lang

Cadence Pope

9:30 AM Sunday

Isaac Louwagie

Ethan Louwagie

Jack Frank

Our Gifts to God and to His Church

Adult Contribution	3,913.00	Adult for Week	3,913.00
Students	19.25	Adult Budget	4,808.00
Loose Plate	421.26		
Maintenance	25.00		
Ash Wednesday	995.00	YTD Actual	145,425.23
Total	5,373.51	YTD Budget	163,472.00

St. Catherine - Diocesan Ministry Appeal

112 Donated as of February 25

Goal	Total Received & Pledged	Amount Due	Parish 20%
\$23,261.63	\$34,480.80	(\$11,219.17)	\$6,491.16

Called to Eternal Life

Our sympathy and prayers go to the families and friends of Joseph Serbus, brother of Veronica Frank. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

MARCH FOOD SHELF DRIVE



March we will have the shopping cart out for collection of items to donate to the Redwood Area Food Shelf. Monetary donations can be dropped off at the parish office or put in an envelope marked food shelf and put in the collection basket.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes March 2020

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

- 6-8:30 PM Confirmation Retreat-SC

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!

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

...Church of the Japanese Martyrs in Leavenworth, MN Pancake Breakfast is on Sunday, March 8th from 9:30 AM-12:30 PM.

...Wabasso Lions Club Spring Breakfast on Sunday, March 8th serving from 9:30 AM-12:30 PM at the Wabasso Comm. Ctr.

...Community Scout BSA fundraiser event on Monday, March 16th from 5-8pm at the Pizza Ranch in Redwood Falls, 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!



Open House 80th Birthday Party for Jim Daun

Please join us to wish Jim Daun a Happy 80th birthday on Saturday, March 21st from 1-3pm at the Morton Senior Center at 230 N. Main St. in Morton, MN. Enjoy cupcakes, beverages & snacks along with polka & old-time music.

Ad spots available on back of bulletin

We have some ad spots available on the back of the bulletin, if you are interested in putting your ad on the back of this bulletin, please call the parish office and talk to Kris at 644-2278.

Prayer Blankets

Anyone interested in helping with the prayer blankets, join us on Monday, March 2nd at 1 PM at St. Catherine's. These blankets will be used as an encouragement gift for those in need. If you would like to make a donation to our prayer blanket ministry, please drop off at the parish office.

Lenten Meals

On Friday's during lent at 5:30 PM, we will have Stations of the Cross at St. Catherine's church. Following Stations there are various groups that serve a Lenten Meal. All are welcome to come to Stations of the Cross and to enjoy a delicious Lenten Meal.

Redwood Co. Relay for Life Jackpot Junction Night

On Monday, March 9, 2020 from 4:30-7:30 PM the Relay for Life are having the Jackpot Junction Casino night. Purchase a ticket from a Relay for Life member or come that evening and purchase at the Classic Lounge. The cost of a ticket is \$15, must be 18 to purchase. This \$15 ticket is valued at over \$30. Proceed will go to the American Cancer Society.

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.



CCW DEANERY 1 SPRING GATHERING

Thursday, March 19, 2020

St. Raphael's in Springfield, MN

Registration 4:30 PM - 5:00 Mass

5:45 PM Meal & 6:30 PM Speaker

Speaker: Michelle Zehnder Fischer

System Networking: A County Attorney's Perspective

Speakers topics include: Child protection, child support, law enforcement training, prosecution of felonies, child custody, domestic abuse, other family law cases.

Call the parish office if interested in attending and carpooling from church.



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 thankful for Pat Reitter cleaning the albs for more than 20 years.

This weeks Calendar Raffle drawing winners:

February 26 \$25 Dale Baune

February 28 \$50 William Schmidt

March 1 \$50 Blaine Kleinwachter

Checks will be mailed out to the address on ticket stub.

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