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Confessions: Sat.Night 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

March 24, 2019 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

Mon. 25 8:30 a.m. Intention of Fr. Ron
Stations & Holy Hour follow 8:30 a.m. Mass
Mon. 25 6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Stations of
the cross and Benediction
Tues. 26 8:15 a.m. Rosary & Comm. Service
Wed. 27 5:30 p.m. Margaret Dockendorf
Thurs. 28 8:15 a.m. Rosary & Comm. Service
Sat. 30 7:30 p.m. Greg Wessel
Sun. 31 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Take up gifts:

Saturday: the Wessel Family
Sunday: the Ushers

NOTE TO ALL USHERS: Please put ice melt on the icy spots....not only in the front of the church but also on the sidewalks further east and west. Thanks loads !

PARISHIONERS please watch carefully for icy spots on the sidewalks. As much as we try, we cannot keep them completely clear of icy areas. Thank you !

USHERS FOR MARCH

Sat. Charles Pelzer & Tom Nienaber
Sun Elmer Vavra & Dave Hollenkamp

SERVERS FOR MARCH

Saturdays : anyone who can help
Sundays: Frank Meagher & Connor Gerads

LECTORS FOR MARCH

Saturdays : Tom DeFrance
Sundays : Mary Hollenkamp

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR MARCH

Sat. Issy Schmiesing & Jeanette Barthel
Sun. Jeff & Laura Kurtz
Diane Loven & Marge Mettler

WHOOPY...BINGO is only a few weeks. Sunday, April 14th, is not only Palm Sunday but we also have our Ham Bingo at 7:00 p.m. If you can make a donation towards the cost of the hams, please put it in an envelope marked bingo and drop it in the collection basket. Or you can make your donation the night of bingo. This is a fun event with free lunch and conversation. Bring a friend. Some of you will win a nice ham for Easter.

“Unplanned” is a true story movie about Abby who was a Planned Parenthood Clinic Director for 8 years. Now she is a pro-life activist helping others get out of the abortion industry and work for pro-life. Go to 40daysforlife.com for information when this movie will show at a theatre near you. Discounted tickets can be purchased at spirit929.com or kyesradio.com. With more states wanting to allow (what they now call) an abortion even after a child is born, it is good for us to be informed.

As per our Diocesan Safe Environment Guidelines and ethics & integrity in ministry we are posting the following message: Anyone who wishes to bring forward a complaint of sexual misconduct on the part of church personnel is encouraged to contact a victim advocate who will assist the person to take whatever steps the victim feels are appropriate to resolve the issue. (Confidentiality is assured to anyone who speaks with them). In our area the advocate is Jane Blee: 320-251-3430

If you in the St. Cloud area with time to spare, consider giving even a short time to join others as they walk peacefully in front of the Planned parenthood building. You can call Lori Thoma at 547-2108 for more information. Can these walks against abortion be of some help? Yes they can and they do ! It takes time but progress is starting to show more than ever. We hear on the news about states allowing abortion as a child is being born....but they don't tell us about the states that are changing the laws of abortion to curtail them to a shorter time allowed than before..

The next several weeks, before Easter, is a good time for us to strengthen our faith. Please keep those who are questioning their faith in your prayers.

HAVE A GREAT WEEK....

Office hours are normally 8 a.m. to noon. However, they do vary so call before coming to be sure I am here. 547-2920. Just me – Val -- home phone 547-2479. for the bulletin: stjohnschurchswanville.org for Diocese web page: www.stclouddiocese.org our e-mail: stjohnscatholicswanville@centurylink.net

HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE

Collection for March 16th and 17th

Adult	\$ 953.00
Youth	\$.24
Plate	\$ 277.91
Auction/Dinner Bar	\$ 337.28
Religious Ed registration	\$ 10.00

TOTAL \$1,578.43

Thank you for your gifts and support !

FAITH FORMATION

Marge Mettler – Coordinator 547-2513
March 27th Regular Classes at 6:30 p.m.

First Communion Rehearsal will be Saturday, April 6th at 9:00 a.m.

First Communion will be Sunday, April 7th during the 10:30 a.m. Mass

Choir Practice will be at 6:00 p.m. on the following Thursdays:
March 28th, April 4th, April 11th

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SAY THIS PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious God and Father, We praise You for Your goodness and love. We ask You to stir the hearts of all those You call to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life in the Diocese of Saint Cloud. Send Your Holy Spirit upon our families and our children. Choose from our parishes, our homes and our schools those called to this adventure of love. With Mary, Mother of every vocation, we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

The 14th Annual Fr. Wil Illies Lecture mentioned in last weeks bulletin **is Sat. April 6th at 7:00 p.m.** in St. Cloud

The **Little Black Books for Lent** are on the table in the entrance. Many of our parishioners like these for prayers etc.

The “Word Among Us” **books for LENT** are also on the table.

Also on the table are the **“Rice Bowl” collection boxes**. We hope more people will participate in this collection.

PLANNING ANNOUNCEMENT:

What has been the planning process thus far? Bishop Kettler asked The planning council when looking at demographics and numbers to develop a plan for the diocese to be implemented in 2019. Priest focus groups began the process in the summer of 2017. Additional input was received from participants at the Diocesan Ministry Day workshop in September, at a Curia meeting, and fall deanery meetings with parish leadership representatives from every parish. In the spring of 2018, each parish was asked to hold discussions and submit recommendations. The planning council read through the over 650 submitted recommendations. Discerning and praying about the input from all of these discussions and studying work done from other dioceses the planning council discerned the concept of Area Catholic communities.

The food shelf boxes will be in the entrance of the church until April the 15th. Please help the needy by bringing even one item to put in the boxes. People tell me they want to give but continue to forget to bring something. As you read this, maybe make a note and put it by your car keys as a reminder.

I am sorry if I forgot to give a special thank you to the person who gave a whole day of his time to repair our pews and kneelers a while back. Others have commented that they appreciate that you did this.