

Church of St. John the Baptist  
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**Confessions:** Sat.Night 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

**February 24, 2019 - 7th Sunday in ordinary time**

Mon. 25	8:30 a.m.	Duane Sodwada
Tues. 26	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Comm. Service
Wed. 27	5:45 p.m.	Margaret Dockendorf
Thurs. 28	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Comm. Service
Sat. Mar. 2nd	7:30 p.m.	Poor Souls
Sun. Mar. 3rd	10:30 a.m.	People of the Parish

Take up gifts:

Saturday: the Ushers  
Sunday: the Ushers

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

**PARISHIONERS** please watch carefully for icy spots on the sidewalks

**LOOKING AHEAD: Ash Wednesday is March 6<sup>th</sup>.**

Mass at 12:30 p.m. Poor Souls  
Mass at 6:30 p.m. People of the Parish  
This is a day of fasting and abstinence.

**LOOKING AHEAD: Penance Service is Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

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

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR MARCH

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

**FRIDAY, MARCH 1ST, IS OUR Auction/Dinner.**

Tickets are still available at \$15 Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup>, but as of Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, they are \$20 each.

**We need volunteers to take the items to Sobieski**

**Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> around 8:30/ 9:00 a.m.** Please go to the back entrance to load them. If you can help in any way to set up the tables, chairs & decorations, set out the auction items, etc. please come to the Sobieski Center Friday morning March 1<sup>st</sup>. I will have it open by 9:00 a.m. We also hope some of you stay to help take down tables, chairs, etc. and clean up after the event. Thanks to all who help with so many things. You are Greatly appreciated. Just me – Val

Lenten Fish Fry at St. Anthony Parish in St. Cloud  
Fridays 4:00 TO 7:00 P.M. starting Friday March 8<sup>th</sup>.

A HUGH THANK YOU to all who volunteer clearing the snow, changing light bulbs, music for special services, teaching our children, and so many other things some of you continue to do for our parish.

Pope Francis invites us to pray the Rosary and the prayer To St. Michael daily for our country, our Catholic faith, and to thank the priest we now have and for more of our young men to join the priesthood.

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](mailto:stjohnscatholicswanville@centurylink.net)

**HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE**

**Collection for February 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**

Adult	\$ 990.00
plate	\$ 301.13
Visitor paper	\$ 30.00
Bishops Appeal	\$ 320.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,641.13

**Thank you for your gifts and support !**

**FAITH FORMATION**

Marge Mettler – Coordinator 547-2513  
Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> - regular classes at 6:30 p.m.  
**Students are expected to attend the 12:30 p.m. OR 6:30 p.m. Mass for Ash Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.**  
**Parents are welcome to join us.**

**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

IF YOU WANT A COPY OF YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2018, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AND I WILL GET ONE TO YOU.

You have an envelope in the box for the collection for the **Bishop's Annual Appeal**. You may be sent one to your home. They want to reach everyone...even those who don't use their envelopes. If you use your envelope in the box you will be given credit for your 2019 donations. If you use the other envelopes and they are sent to the diocese, there is no way for me to put them on your donations sheet. This is true for all occasions when we have an envelope in the box & you may be given another one.

Message from the diocese:

The Bishop's Annual Appeal supports the Tribunal Office, where people experiencing broken relationships receive mercy and healing.

**We can still take donations for our Auction/Dinner event**

Any donations after today are welcomed and will be announced at the event. Please come and enjoy the friendship, food, music, and of course Al and his crew during the auction. It truly is a night when all have fun.

**On the west wall bookshelf** are some books about abortion for you to take and read. It is a good way to get more informed about abortions. I was amazed at how many working at the abortion clinics quit when they came to realize abortions were given right up to the time when the baby is born.

**FACEBOOK** : We now have a face book page for you to go to. It does not give the full bulletin but will mention some events going on in our parish. When you go to your face book, search @stjohnthebaptistswanville to get on our page. Let your family & friend know about this site also. We will have Youth events and cancellation of faith formation classes posted here. If you have problems getting on this site, please let us know.

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> AT OUR DINNER/AUCTION. IT IS A GREAT FUNDRAISER, GREAT FOOD AND A LOT OF FUN !!!**