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

March 10, 2019 - 1st Sunday of Lent

Mon. 11 8:30 a.m. Poor Souls
Stations and Holy Hours after 8:30 Mass
Mon. 11 6:30 p.m. Stations & Benediction
Tues. 12 8:15 a.m. Rosary & Comm. Service
Wed. 12 5:30 p.m. Intention of Fr. Ron
Note time change for Wed. Mass
Wed. 13 6:30 p.m. Penance Service
Thurs. 14 8:15 a.m. Rosary & Comm. Service
Sat. 16 7:30 p.m. Jill Determan
Sun. 17 10:30 a.m. Poor Souls

Take up gifts:

Saturday: the Determan family
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. 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

FINANCE BOARD MEETS Monday, March 11th
at 7:15 p.m.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETS Monday, March 11th,
at 8:00 p.m.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETS Tuesday, Mar.17th,
at 7:00 p.m. in Swanville

FELLOWSHIP in the dining hall after the 10:30 a.m. Mass
March 17. Come on back and meet other parishioners.

Sacred Heart Church in Sauk Rapids invites all to their Ham Bingo
Sunday, March 31st at 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall. 20 games
for \$5 – blackout games are extra.

We have our ham bingo April 14th. More about that later.

WOW—Once again the dinner/auction was a great success. Our parish sold 207 meal tickets and the auction brought in \$ 17,500 plus \$1,425 cash donations giving us a profit of \$20,050 after expenses. Even with the inclement weather, most people came and enjoyed themselves. THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED in any way....selling & buying tickets, setting up, donating items & cash, bidding on items—coming to make this another success !! There is a little more coming in yet.

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.

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 2nd & 3rd**

Adult	\$ 879.00
Youth	\$ 2.31
Plate	\$ 131.00
Bishop's Overseas (CR	\$ 80.00
Visitor	\$ 20.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,112.31

Thank you for your gifts and support !

FAITH FORMATION

Marge Mettler – Coordinator 547-2513
March 13 – LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE 6:30 P.M.
Parents and Students

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

Message from the diocese:

Please support our Diocesan Mission to be Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice through your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

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.

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 is an Area catholic Community? Every parish in the Diocese of St. Cloud will be part of an Area Catholic Community. These communities are comprised of two or more parishes of which can gain substantial advantages by offering a more comprehensive set of pastoral services for their parishioners by being part of the group.

Thank you to all who have made the Auction/Dinner another huge success for the past 13 years. I am continually overwhelmed by the ingenuity and generosity you have shown in contributing to this important event. I know it is sometimes difficult to come up with ideas for items to donate but whatever items you choose will be greatly appreciated, whether large or small. As we prepare for the 14th Auction/Dinner, I hope first of all you are able to attend and we are blessed with good weather as in most of the past years. Your contributions to this event and other major fundraisers has allowed St. Johns to be financially secure and has allowed our parish to further our mission in this area. We are looking forward to our 14th Auction/Dinner with a fun night of fellowship and humor. Thanks again for your generous support. Al Wessel

I believe our next Auction/Dinner will be February 16, 2020.