

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

### March 17, 2019 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

Mon. 18 8:30 a.m. Intention of Fr. Ron  
Stations & Holy Hour follow 8:30 a.m. Mass  
Mon. 18 6:00 p.m. Stations and Benediction  
Tues. 19 8:15 a.m. Rosary & Comm. Service  
Wed. 20 5:45 p.m. Poor Souls  
Thurs. 21 8:15 a.m. Rosary & Comm. Service  
Sat. 23 7:30 p.m. People of the Parish  
Sun. 24 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. 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

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETS

Tuesday, Mar.19<sup>TH</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall. 20 games for \$5 – blackout games are extra.

**We have our ham bingo April 14<sup>th</sup>. More about that later..**

St. Mary of Mount Carmel Church in Long Prairie is offering sessions **to “explore the true meaning of marriage and the day-to-day challenges”**. This is a six evening enrichment series to learn, discuss and enjoy. Dates are March 19, April 9 – 16 – 23 – 30 and May 7. Sessions begin at 7:35 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. You can come earlier for 7 p.m. Mass. For more info. and to register call 320-987-3200.

I was informed that **the movie “unplanned”** will be showing at some of the local theatres March 29, 30,31. For more information call the theatre near you or go to [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com) This is another movie about abortions. This one is rated “R” because it will show giving an abortion. They are trying to inform more people and get the word out , not only about abortions, but how healing and forgiveness is also needed.

If you can spare some time when in St. Cloud, maybe consider giving an hour to join others to peacefully walk in front of the Planned Parenthood abortion facility center. Hours are Mon-Fri. 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more info. you can call Lori Thoma at 547-2108

**Thanks to Harold Reith, David VanHeel and Michael VanHeel. They came at a moments notice to get the snow away from the two office doors where the water was coming in and the carpet was already getting wet. Thanks to ALL OTHERS who helped with the snow and ice this winter. YOU ARE APPRECIATED !!**

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](mailto:stjohnschurchswanville.org) for Diocese web page: [www.stclouddiocese.org](http://www.stclouddiocese.org) our e-mail: [stjohnscatholicswanville@centurylink.net](mailto:stjohnscatholicswanville@centurylink.net)

#### **HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE**

#### **Collection for March 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>**

Adult	\$ 1,589.00
Plate	\$ 618.32
more for auction	\$ 840.00
more for dinner	\$ 75.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,122.32</b>

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

#### **FAITH FORMATION**

Marge Mettler – Coordinator 547-2513  
March 20<sup>th</sup> Regular Classes at 6:30 p.m.

#### LOOKING AHEAD

First Communion rehearsal will be Saturday, April 6, at 9 a.m.  
First Communion will be Sunday, April 7, at 10:30 Mass

CHOIR PRACTICE will be at 6:00 p.m. on the following Thursdays:

March 21<sup>st</sup> , March 28<sup>th</sup> , April 4<sup>th</sup> , April 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### 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 **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 “intentional collaboration” in an Area Catholic Community? Intentional collaboration is about building mutual relationships where every parish shares for the good of the Body of Christ. Every parish is unique and has something to offer.

**Next weekend** we will have boxes out for the **FOOD SHELF**. **It would be great if every family brought even one item** to donate to those who are in need. This year we take the donations to the Long Prairie food shelf.

**“Spring has sprung” Potluck lunch** Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center 12:00 noon. Bingo to follow.

All are invited to St. Mary’s Cathedral in St. Cloud at 4:00 p.m. on March 31<sup>st</sup> to enjoy **some fantastic organ music** by Jacob Benda. The theme for the music is “the seven last words and triumph of Christ. Jacob plays at many cathedrals, festivals and universities throughout the United States. We are fortunate to have him come to St. Cloud on his Lenten tour.

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

Jonah and the Whale: the teacher was telling the students that the whale could not possibly swallow Jonah. One student challenged the teacher but was again told it was impossible. The student said “when I get to heaven I will ask Jonah”. The teacher asked “what if Jonah didn’t go to heaven”. The student replied “then you ask him”.

I was nice to see several students at Penance Service Wednesday night.