

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

March 3, 2019 - 8th Sunday in ordinary time

Mon.	4	8:30 a.m.	Intention of Fr. Ron
Tues.	5	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Comm. Service
Wed.	6	12:30 p.m.	Poor Souls
Wed.	6	6:30 p.m.	People of the Parish
This is Ash Wednesday a day of abstinence & fasting			
Thurs.	7	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Comm. Service
Sat.	9	7:30 p.m.	Joseph Hubner
Sun.	10	10:30 a.m.	People of the Parish

Take up gifts:

Saturday: the Hubner 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 !

LOOKING AHEAD

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

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED IN ANY WAY FOR OUR DINNER/AUCTION EVENT. **SPECIAL THANKS TO AL WESSEL AND HIS CREW WHO MAKE THE AUCTION A LOT OF FUN FILLED WITH LAUGHTER.**

Once again we had some really wonderful items donated for the auction this past Friday. We also had very generous cash donations. I will have more information in next weeks bulletin.

Quilt Bingo/Raffle will be held Sunday, March 17th, at St. Michael's Parish Center in Buckman at 1:00 p.m. Coffee cakes for sale, door prize and free lunch. Many quilts to choose from.

On behalf of the Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls, Sr. Michelle L'Allier **invites the high school youth in our religious education programs and youth group in our parish to a "PIZZA PARTY"** and conversation with the Sisters at St.FrancisConvent, followed by a short prayer service in the chapel. this event is to honor National Catholic sister's Week from March 8th to 13th. We hope to have youth from all the parishes in the Little Falls area join us ! This event will be Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at the St. Francis Convent in Little Falls from 6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. **Please call** the office 547-2920 in the morning OR Marge at 547-2513 **by March 6th if you can go.** I need to call with a count so they know how many to plan for.

Please remember Fr. Ron's dad in prayer as he turns the young age of 91 Saturday, March 2nd. I am hoping he will dance with me at the dinner auction as we did before. Just me - Val

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 February 23rd & 24th

Adult	\$ 2,479.00
Youth	\$ 1.15
Plate	\$ 145.13
Bishop's Appeal	\$ 400.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,025.28

Thank you for your gifts and support !

FAITH FORMATION

Marge Mettler – Coordinator 547-2513
March 6th 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Mass
Students are expected to attend this Mass.

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.

Message from the diocese:

The Bishop's Annual Appeal brings his word to our loved ones who are homebound through the weekly televised Mass.

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.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all who volunteer and do so many things for our parish.

Christ Church Newman Center in St. Cloud invites all To their 14th annual Fr. Wil Illies Memorial Lecture. This year the topic is "God's compassion for a planet in peril" and our call to solidarity presented by Sr. Elizabeth Johnson, CSJ—a pioneer in feminist theological discourse.

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

PLANNING ANNOUNCEMENT:

The 2019 pastoral plan for the Diocese of St. Cloud introduces the concept of Area Catholic Communities. The aim of this pastoral plan focuses on strengthening the life of the church in central Minnesota. This will be accomplished through collaboration and sharing of resources, talents, and efforts within an Area Catholic Community.

The maps attached to the bulletin is the final plan for the cluster of parishes.

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