

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

March 4, 2018 -- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Mon. 5 **6:30 P.M.** Poor Souls  
Mon. 5 **7 to 8 P.M.** Holy Hour including  
**STATIONS** AT 7:15 then Benediction  
We hope some of our youth come in the evening.  
Tues. 6 8:30 a.m. Rosary & Comm. Service  
Wed. 7 **8:30 A.M.** People of the Parish  
**NO 5:45 p.m. Mass**  
Thur. 8 8:30 a.m. Rosary & Comm. Service  
Sat. 10 7:30 p.m. John & Irene Loven  
Sun. 11 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

TAKE UP GIFTS:

Sat. the Loven Family  
Sun. the Ushers

**TONIGHT, MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>**, we have a meeting for all of our parishioners at 8:00 p.m. in the dining hall. This is to give your thoughts about the future of our parish do to the shortage of priests. **Please come** especially if you have not already been part of this discussion at an earlier date.

USHERS FOR MARCH

Saturdays: Charles Pelzer & Tom Nienaber  
Sundays: Dave Hollenkamp & Phillip Cichon

SERVERS FOR MARCH

Sat. any server who is here  
Sun. 4 & 11 Andrew & Corine Notermann  
Sun. 18 & 25 Zach & Isaac Gapinski

LECTORS FOR MARCH

Saturdays: Tom DeFrance  
Sundays: Mary Hollenkamp

EUCCHARISTIC Ministers for MARCH

Saturdays: Tom DeFrance & Jeanette Barthel  
Sundays: Richard Knopik & Jeff Opelia  
Diane Loven & Marge Mettler

First Wedding Banns for Brian Hollenkamp  
and Miranda Gross

**NOTICE – TIME FOR MORE FUN** Palm Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, is also our HAM BINGO at 7:00 p.m. Money donated toward the purchase of hams will be greatly appreciated. Put donation in the collection marked towards hams OR call the office OR you can also donate the evening of Bingo.

STEBENVILLE YOUTH SUMMER TRIP 2018

What a wonderful opportunity for our youth grades 8-12. This summer, July 12-16, Steubenville will be **at Rochester MN**. This is a very popular event for our youth. Information sheets are on the table in the entrance.

TRY THIS MEAL: **A different dinner—Pork Chops**, Real mashed potatoes, vegetable, lettuce salad, Aluski & desert for only \$9 adults ; \$5 4 to 10 ; under 3 is free. At Our Lady Lourdes in Little Falls Sun. March 11<sup>th</sup> --- 9:30 to 12:30

The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls are hosting their 11<sup>th</sup> annual Franciscan **Girls Camp** entitled "Faith & Fun with the Franciscans" Tue., **June 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. through June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** in the Franciscan Assisi Park at the Convent. Girls who have completed grade 6 through 8 are invited for a variety of nature & fun activities, campfires, prayers and singing. Learn about the Franciscan Sisters and become aware of God's presence in your lives. For more info. call 632-0680 - Sr. Ange Mayers.

St. Michael's in Buckman has their annual "QUILT BINGO" March 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. – free lunch & door prizes.

St. Joseph's Church is having their FISH FRY at the Hub Supper Club March 26<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there.

Office hours are normally 8 a.m. to noon. However, they do vary so you may want to call before coming to be sure I am here. Just me – Val 547-2920 home phone 547-2479  
**You can get the bulletin on the parish webpage below.**  
Parish web page: stjohnschurchswanville.org  
Diocese web page: www.stclouddiocese.org  
Parish e-mail [stjohnscatholicswanville@centurylink.net](mailto:stjohnscatholicswanville@centurylink.net)

**HANDICAP ACCESSABLE**

Collection for February 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

Adult	\$ 1,682.00
Plate	\$ 407.00
St. Cloud Visitor	\$ 37.00
Bishop Annual Appeal	\$ 200.00
Votive Lights	\$ 76.39
Easter Flowers	\$ 40.00
Dinner/Auction	\$ 50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,492.39</b>

Mass attendance Saturday 50  
Mass attendance Sunday 87

FAITH FORMATION

Marge Mettler – Coordinator 547-2513

Wed. March 7<sup>th</sup>—Regular Classes at 6:30 p.m.

**NOTE "CHANGE" IN DATES FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNION AND REHEARSAL.** Rehearsal will be Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. First Communion will be PALM SUNDAY, March 25<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 a.m. Mass.

**Congratulations to those who will be confirmed today, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 P.M. in Long Prairie. May they always keep God in their lives.**

Hailee Schmidt, Nathan Lambrecht,  
Dylon Kurtz, Jayna Johannes,  
Avery Jackson, Nicole Gill,  
Abigail Kurowski, Emily Beseman,  
Miranda Gross

We THANK the teachers and parents who helped prepare our confirmation students for this sacrament.

**The Saturday night Choir** will have rehearsals to prepare for Lent and Holy Week at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings of March 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please join us by sharing your time and talents in the form of music ministry !!

It is not too late to give a donation to the Bishop's Annual Appeal !

Attached to the bulletin is a flyer giving information about Catholic Relief Services (CRS). There is an envelope marked CRS for you to make a contribution.

**Finance Council meets** at 7:15 p.m. March 12<sup>th</sup>. Members are Jim Waltman, Karen DeFrance, Laurie sieben, Randy Mettler, Fr. Ron. Trustees Al Wessel & Marily Cichon

**Parish Council meets** at 8:00 p.m. March 12<sup>th</sup>. Members are Chris Pelzer, Rob Bryce, Jesse Hollermann, Karen Allen, Jerry Hollermann, Diane Love, Fr. Ron. Trustees Al Wessel and Marilyn Cichon