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February 26th, 2017
8th Sunday in Ordinary time



Mass Schedule & Intentions for Feb 28th - Mar 5th

Tue, Feb 28.....5:00 pm Mass at St. Martin: † Minnie Popham by Ernie and Pauline Hoepfner

Wed, Mar 1.....9:00 am Mass at KRCC: †Theresa Renner by Jim Renner

.....5:00 pm Mass at St. Martin **Ash Wednesday**

.....7:00 pm Mass St. Joseph

Thurs, Mar 2...12:00 pm Mass at St. Martin: Byron Mann

Fri, Mar 3.....8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph: Abandoned Souls in Purgatory by Carol Nodland

Sat, Mar 4.....5:00 pm Mass at St. Joseph: †Bob Schutt by Darlene Schultz

Sun, Mar 5.....8:00 am Mass at St. Joseph: †Joe Keller by Elaine Keller and Family

.....10:00 am Mass at St. Martin: Parishioners

The Word Among us books for the Lenten season includes the complete Mass and Daily Meditations. Please stop in the Fellowship Hall at either parish or parish office and get your copy today. What a wonderful way to participate this Lenten season, by taking a few minutes out of your day to spend some quiet time with our Lord!

The 2017 Diocesan Collection for the African Mission Appeal will be held March 4th and 5th. “Offering Help, Creating Hope, Changing Lives” is the theme for the 28th Annual African Mission Appeal, which begins next weekend in every parish in the Diocese of Bismarck. Your gift will help support the work of our Mission Team as they minister on our behalf to our brother and sisters in Kisii, Kenya, East Africa. The African Mission Appeal brochure and envelopes are available for you to take home and read. Please prayerfully consider a generous gift to the appeal. You may return your envelope to the parish next weekend. You are invited to read the exciting articles in our *Kenya Connection* newsletter which is found inside the Dakota Action newspaper. It contains interesting news and pictures of our mission team in action. You are also encouraged to follow our missionaries in action at: <https://www.facebook.com/BismarckCatholicMission> .

Hospice Volunteer Training: Monday, March 6th, Tuesday, March 7th, and Friday, March 10th each night from 5:00-9:00 pm at the Hospice Conference Room. All meals and materials will be provided. *Volunteers, young or old, male or female *Be a companion for patients and families *Share music, your memories, yourself *Help with clerical needs in the office, or help raise funds for Hospice-the possibilities are endless!! If you have question, please call the Hospice Office at 748-7380.

Diocesan Cursillo weekends in March at Trinity High School in Dickinson. The Men's Cursillo is March 2nd-5th and the Women's Cursillo is March 16th-19th. Cursillo is an encounter with oneself, with Christ and with our brothers and sisters that enables Catholics to deepen our relationship with God, Grow in an understanding and appreciation for the Catholic Faith. Cursillo is a movement to proclaim the best news of the best reality-- that **God, in Jesus Christ, loves us**. The weekend encourages a spiritual life that is filled with joy, laughter and enthusiasm through shared talks and led discussions emphasizing the meaning and impact of grace and the sacraments in our lives. The means by which prayer CAN and WILL enrich your lives. Applications are available at www.bismarckdiocese.com or at the entrances of the parishes. There are still spots available for both Men's and Women's Cursillo. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Hopfauf at 701-527-0143 or Kathy Dosch at 701-527-3221.

Rules for Fasting and Abstinence during Lent – Wednesday, March 1st, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the penitential season of Lent. Lent lasts 40 days. It mirrors Jesus' 40 days of fasting and prayer in the desert before He began His public ministry. During these 40 days (Sundays are not included in the 40 days), the Church asks us to strive to eliminate sin from our lives by works of prayer, charity, fasting, abstinence and almsgiving. The Church has declared that on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, all Catholics have an obligation to **fast** (limit the amount of food we eat) and **abstain** (refrain from eating meat) according to the following guidelines: 1) Every person 14 years of age or older must **abstain** from meat (and items made with meat) on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent. 2) Every person between the ages of 18 and 60 must **fast** on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means eating one full meal a day and allows two smaller meals that do not add up to or equal one full meal.