

February 22, 2015

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Pastor's Notes:

Commentary: On the first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading in each Lectionary cycle is about Jesus' temptation in the desert. The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent.

In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross. © 2015 Loyola Press All Rights Reserved. Reprinted with Permission.

Finance Council: Meeting Thursday 26 at noon in the Rectory. Agenda: Proposal from Johnson Associates. Other.

Today, our parish will take up the **131st annual National Black & Indian Mission Collection**. Our support of this collection helps build the church in African American, Native American, Alaska Native communities from coast to coast.

Faith Formation will meet **Wednesday, February 25** starting the night out with dinner at **6 pm**, followed by education at **6:30 pm**. For **Adult Faith Formation**, we will continue our journey through the Decision Point program. This is something you can join in on at any time so if you haven't joined us yet, come check it out. We would love to see more people involved. Everyone is invited for dinner and education. If you'd like to attend but have children who are too young for the Faith Formation program, child care is provided.

Good Used Clothing Wanted- As part of our almsgiving again this year, we are having a clothing drive. Please drop good usable clean clothing in the corner of the Church Hall near the coat racks. Lance and Rodney have volunteered again this year to deliver them to the Damiano Center in Duluth.

If you wish to donate money toward **FLOWERS FOR EASTER**, there are envelopes prepared for this purpose on the bulletin table. The suggested donation is \$8.00 and can be dropped into the collection basket. Please remember to include a name with your donation so your memorial can be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. We thank you for your generosity.

Soup Supper & Stations of the Cross – Fridays during Lent, **soup at 5 pm** followed by **Stations at 6 pm**. The soup supper is a perfect way to warm up before going to Stations of the Cross. These delicious soups will be prepared by our volunteer cooks. If you are interested in preparing a soup or providing bread for a soup supper, please contact Cindy in the Parish Office. Donations to Operation Rice Bowl will be accepted during the soup supper. This is another great opportunity to enrich your Lenten season.

Lenten Prayer Group will meet every Thursday during Lent following Mass. Please join us on our Lenten adventure; we will have prayer, coffee, toast and fellowship.

Knights of Columbus and the KC Auxiliary will meet on **Thursday, February 26 at 7 pm**.

Give Us This Day daily prayer books are on the back table; please help yourself. They are a complimentary gift given to the parish for the month of March.

St. Mary's Prayer Shawl Ministry group will meet on **Wednesday, February 25**, at **1 pm** in the Community Room at Silverpointe Apartments. If you have any questions contact Lana at 353-7714.

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Church Hall 226-3691 **Parish E-Mail** stmary@mchsi.com **Parish Website** www.stmarysilverbay.org

Eucharistic Adoration Wednesdays from 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **K of C Auxiliary Prayer Chain** Call — 226-3639 or 226-3351

Fr. Michael Lyons (218) 834-4313 **Fr. Michael's E-Mail** mjlyons@mchsi.com

Saturday	<i>SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY</i>	02/21/15
7:15 p.m.	Mass - Intention for healing for Dustin & Audrey Thornborrow Reader.....Rose Elam Cantor.....Rick Frericks w/Guitar Acpt. Plate.....Jeff Asmussen Chalices....Mary Wright Chalices....Susan Frericks Servers.....Sheena & Mita Frericks Gifts.....Volunteers	
Sunday	<i>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</i>	02/22/15
7:50 a.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
8:30 a.m.	Mass - Intention for All Parishioners Reader.....Marge Jorgenson Cantor.....Rick Frericks w/Guitar Acpt. Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris Chalices....Lanay Frericks Chalices....Tom Frericks Servers.....Lucas & Jake Stadler Gifts.....Volunteers	
Monday	<i>ST. POLYCARP</i>	02/23/15
Tuesday	<i>WEEKDAY IN LENT</i>	02/24/15
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer	
7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	
Wednesday	<i>WEEKDAY IN LENT</i>	02/25/15
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer	
Thursday	<i>WEEKDAY IN LENT</i>	02/26/15
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass – Intention for healing for Dylan, Christine, Madison & Emily Thornborrow	
8:50 a.m.	Adoration	
Friday	<i>WEEKDAY IN LENT</i>	02/27/15
5:00 p.m.	Soup Supper	
6:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday	<i>SATURDAY IN LENT</i>	02/28/15
7:15 p.m.	Mass - Intention for Deanna Larson Reader.....Jeff Asmussen Cantor.....Lanay Frericks Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright Chalices....Rose Elam Chalices....Shelley Fredrickson Servers.....Corrina & Giovanni Marolt Gifts.....Volunteers	
Sunday	<i>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</i>	03/01/15
7:50 a.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
8:30 a.m.	Mass - Intention for All Parishioners Reader.....Jerry Bahar Cantor.....Joanne Curry Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright Chalices....Sue Bahar Chalices....Marge Jorgenson Servers.....Todd Curry & Zack Fredrickson Gifts.....Volunteers	

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- † **Parishioners:** Sue Bahar, Terry Scallen, Betty Dugas, Alma Ferris, Suzanne Seguin, Angie Pruse, Marlene Petersen, Deanna Larson, Vicki Johnson.
- † **Clergy:** Deacon Fred Wright, Fr. Francis Paquette.
- † **Relatives & Friends:** Bob Martinsen, Dick Kunz, Johnny Jerabek, Lincoln Traut, Amy Buckner, Allison Bahar, Mae Dehnhoff, Pat LeBlanc Sr., Stephanie (Clifford) Martin, Emma Cavataio, Elsie McGuire, Jim Morcomb.
- † **Military:** Karen McGrane, Alex Seanger, Michael Seipke, Sam West, Chris Gensing, Sean Stebbins.

Please call the church office if you'd like to submit a prayer request; these requests will run for 3 weeks. If continued prayers are needed after that time, please call the church office to let us know that you would like to renew the request. Names will be routinely removed if updates aren't received, so please, call if continued prayers are needed.

The Third Annual Catholic Women's Conference will be on **March 7, 2015** from **7:30 am to 4 pm** at Marshall School in Duluth. This year's theme is *The Joy of our Faith* and the first 400 registrants will receive a copy of Pope Francis' book, "Joy of the Gospel." The day will include 8 am Mass celebrated by Bishop Sirba, talks by two nationally renowned keynote speakers, Kelly Wahlquist and Hallie Lord, vendor tables and opportunities for Confession and Eucharist Adoration. The cost which includes lunch and materials is \$30 for those who register by February 20. This price increases to \$40 beginning February 21 and will not guarantee you lunch or program materials. You can find a link to register on our parish website or contact Grace Romanek at 218-724-9111.

Two online options to enrich your Lenten Journey:

- **Dynamic Catholic's "The Best Lent Ever"** at <http://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever>
- **Father Barron's Lent Reflection** at <http://www.lentreflections.com>

There are links to both on our parish website. Both options allow you to sign up to receive a daily email with inspiration for the day. In addition, for your convenience, Father Barron's complete reflection will be updated on our parish website daily.

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Last Week's Contributions	
General Collection.....	\$1436.07