

### March 9, 2014

Adults	\$2,693.00
Loose	\$ 215.74
Children	\$ 7.00
Black/Indian Mission	\$ 258.00
Eastern Europe	\$ 144.82
Total	\$3,318.56

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY March 16, 2014

**Sacristan:** Adeline Beltz

**Coordinator of Ministries:** Bertina Hanson

**Lector:** Beth Huschle/Jim Martin

**Commentator:** Frank Bergh

**MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Body of Christ:** Clarissa Dowhower

**Blood of Christ:** Aaron Kaiser/Matt Huschle

Art & Lee Tobkin

**Greeters/Gifts:** Helen & Sue Anderson

Stephanie Anderson/Joan Benson

**Servers:** Ben Thoma/Macaabee Hammer

**Ushers:** Pat Hammer/Paul Dowhower

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY March 23, 2014

**Sacristan:** Don & Margaret Gregory

**Coordinator of Ministries:** Yvette Baron

**Lector:** Bonnie Trucke/Leroy Riewer

**Commentator:** Cea Arneson

**MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Body of Christ:** Jodi Quade

**Blood of Christ:** Beth Merschman/Keith Larson

Barb & Bob Mullan

**Greeters/Gifts:** Jandi LaFerriere & Family

Jane Olson/JoAnn Paulson

**Servers:** Camille & Jarrett Merschman

**Ushers:** Jim Trucke/Tony Schmitz

**THE WORD OF THE LORD:** The readings for next Sunday, March 23rd, the 3rd Sunday of Lent are: Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; and John 4:5-42.

### SAME SEX ATTRACTION?

You may think that the Catholic Church rejects persons with the same sex-attraction. Not true! For confidential Catholic help to live a Catholic lifestyle, call Courage: 701-356-7960, or email: [fargomoorheadcourage@gmail.com](mailto:fargomoorheadcourage@gmail.com) or you may feel free to talk to Fr. Manny, your Pastor.

### Love & Life—Year of Marriage—2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent—March 16<sup>th</sup>

“Above all, the “just” man of Nazareth possesses the clear characteristics of a husband. Luke refers to Mary as “a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph” (Luke 1;27). Even before the “mystery hidden for ages” (Eph. 3:9) began to be fulfilled, the Gospels set before us the image of husband and wife.”—Blessed John Paul II, *On the Person and Mission of St. Joseph*—15 August 1989

### SIGN UP SHEET FOR SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

Each Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. Mass there will be hospitality for those who wish to stay and visit with their fellow parishioners. **The purpose is to build community.** In order to have this run smoothly there will be a calendar in the Parish Hall kitchen for you to sign up for the Sunday you would like to help provide the hospitality and get the coffee/juice ready. The committee is asking that there be at least 2 couples/families per Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact Matt & Beth Huschle 218-779-2873 or Clarissa Dowhower at 218-556-5520. Thank you.

**ARISE** The small groups are meeting this week for the second lesson on “*The Transforming Power of Forgiveness*”. Anyone still wanting to join a group is welcome to do so. **St. Joseph’s** groups will meet Sunday, **March 2**, 9:00 AM, Tuesday, **March 4**, 6:30 PM and Thursday, **March 6**, 10:00 AM. Everyone is welcome.

**DAA** Currently we have \$6,960.00 pledged and our goal is \$8,979.00. If you are able to make a contribution, it would be greatly appreciated. There are pledge envelopes at the doors of the Church and you can either turn them in to the Parish Office or send them directly to the Diocese. When we get an update from the Diocese, we will let you know. Thank you for helping to support our Diocesan ministries.

**LIVING FAITH** The next issue of Living Faith, a Catholic devotional, is here and feel free to help yourself to a copy. They are at the entrances of the Church. The reflections begin in April. Copies of Living Faith for children is also available for you to take.

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### PARISH STAFF:

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Chuck Galli – 694-6261

**Secretary:** Denise Howard - 694-4029

(In office: **Tues.**, March 18 & **Fri.**, March 21)

**ORB** We are using the Operation Rice Bowls (via Catholic Relief Services) to receive money for CRS development projects overseas (agricultural, water, education, etc.) and our local Food Shelves. There are extra Rice Bowls in the lobby of the Church.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT -

MARCH 16, 2014

**Mass, Confession and Adoration:**

**St. Joseph**

**Wednesday, March 19, 5:30 p.m.**

For the Parish

**Thursday, March 20, 11:30 a.m.**

Robinson Family

**Friday, March 21, 7:00 p.m.**

Bob Thompson+

**Sunday, March 23, 10:30 a.m.**

Sr. Mary Finbar+

**St. Mary’s**

**Friday, March 21, 11:30 a.m.**

Robert & Theresa Lyons+

**Sunday, March 23, 8:45 a.m. –**

For the Parish

### PAROCHIAL FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

Dear friends,

Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, is the Feast of St. Joseph, husband of Mary. Since St. Joseph is our patron saint, it is the Parochial Feast for us. Therefore, let us celebrate it in a festive way and honor him, our patron saint, and show our respect to him. On that day, we shall have the Holy Mass at 5:30 pm, followed by soup supper. May St. Joseph, who is also the patron saint of the Holy Family, protect our families from all harm and guide us in the way of peace and prosperity. All are welcome!

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** are prayed every Friday of Lent at 7 p.m. at St. Mary’s and after the 7 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph’s, approximately 7:30 p.m.

**Our Sympathy and Prayers** go out to Zetta Thompson whose mother died and the funeral was last week. Also, to Terri Voderbruggen and family who lost her husband Jim and whose funeral was on Saturday, March 15, 2014.

The **water softener** has been installed in the Church and in the Rectory. And, we once again thank Jim and Bonnie Truck and Bernie and Alice Eischens. May God Bless them!

**LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKLETS** can be found at the Church entrances. They are entitled "Not By Bread Alone" with reflections by Robert Morneau. Being pocket size they are easy to carry in your pocket or purse. They are free for the taking!

**MARCH IS MINNESOTA FOOD SHARE MONTH**

Your gifts of food or cash are matched proportionately and will benefit our local food shelf. There is a basket in the Social Hall where you can bring nonperishable items for the Food Shelf. During Lent our Soup Supper free will offerings will also go to the Food Shelf. We thank you for your support.

**LENT PARISH MISSION** begins next Sunday, March 23rd-26th begins at St. Joseph's. There will be a potluck after the 10:30 a.m. Mass and then a Mini Retreat on Vocations. Monday and Tuesday evenings begin at 6:30 p.m. with Mass and followed by Fr. Bob's presentation and hospitality. The bulletin insert today gives a detailed schedule. Wednesday evening there will be 5:30 p.m. Soup Supper and 6:30 p.m. Penance Service. The next week March 30-April 2nd Fr. Bob will be at St. Mary's. Please mark your calendars and plan to come to part or all of the Mission.

Dear Friends,  
**"The Life Line Screening"** is conducting a screening process at our St. Joseph Church in Bagley on **Saturday, April 26, 2014 from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM.** There is a brochure attached along with today's bulletin with the other information. Please go through it. If you decide to go with it, please call them to the toll-free number given at the bottom of the brochure. You may also feel free to fax the form to the fax number that you will see in it. If anyone wants to mail it, you may do so to the mailing address given below. But **they always encourage you to call them. Pre-registration is required.** When you contact them, please indicate that you belong to St. Joseph Church. That way the church will benefit \$ 10 from each person. Address: Karen McGaffney, 3050 Hilton Street NW, Massillon, OH 44646

**MARCH YEAR OF MARRIAGE OFFERINGS**

1. Tues., March 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. on Real Presence Radio there will be a live interview with Bishop Hoepfner and Amanda Zurface discussing the "Year of Marriage."
2. Wed., March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. "Paschal Suffering and the Sacrament of Marriage" with Bishop Andrew Cozzens. He will be speaking at St. Philip's in Bemidji. He will talk on the importance of learning to love like Jesus in marriage, learning self-giving. He will also explain why prayer is essential to marriage.
3. Women's Cursillo will be March 20-23<sup>rd</sup> at Sand Hill Bible Camp south of Fosston. For more information call Mary Derosier at 218-253-4623 or Carol Olsonawski 218-689-9081.
4. Marriage Preparation weekend will be March 22-23 at the Diego House by the Chancery. Jen Messing is leading the weekend. For more information or to register contact Anna Kliner 218-281-4533, ext 432. Next class will be June on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.
5. Bishop Hoepfner will speak on "Families: The Domestic Church" at
  - a) Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Roseau on March 23, at 2 p.m.
  - b) St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Thief River Falls Wednesday, March 26, 7 p.m.
6. Married Couples Retreat will be held at the Diego House on April 11-13. The topic is "Marital Mystery--Paschal Mystery. For more information or to register call 218-281-4533.

**FAITH FORMATION:**

**Grades 1-6** Release time has begun on Wednesday October 2, 2013. Clarissa will pick up our young people at the Elementary office at 1pm **each** Wednesday and return them to the school to board buses by 2:20pm. Please send a note of permission to the school office so your child(ren) may participate. **Grades 7-11** Plan to meet **each** Wednesday, Supper from 5:30 to 6pm. Class at 6pm. Mass at 7pm. (ALL welcomed to celebrate Mass on Wednesdays!) **SUNDAY MORNING** grades K-6 plan to meet the first three Sundays of each month 9am for Music, 9:30am for Class, 10:30am Mass. We are seeking additional adults who would be interested in leading Sunday morning class or assisted with projects in the classroom. Please see Clarissa if you are interested.

**THE HOMILY  
FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF  
LENT- "A"**

**[Gen. 12: 1-4; 2 Tim. 1: 8-10; Mat. 17: 1-9]**

My dear friends,

We know that God is in-charge of everything. He has the capacity to protect us and He has the self-control to let us go as we want, but He never forsakes us. He has said, "*Neither will I forsake you nor will I abandon you*" (Jos. 1:5). We see, in today's first reading, our God giving an opportunity to Abram to trust in Him with the promises of blessings and prosperity. God's promise was not only for Abram, but even for us too. In our trust in God, like the rose among thorns, we will face challenges, sufferings and frustrations in life. When we are faced with these challenges, we should not be afraid or doubt and say, "The Lord has forgotten me." Our sufferings and hardships are a sharing in the sufferings of the Lord and a passage to the glory with which the Lord will crown us in the end. In Rom. 8: 17 Paul says, "*If indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.*" Leaving his country and going to an unknown nation was not an easy thing for Abram, but He trusted in God and kept his mind fixed on the promises of God. He never let his mind wander away from God. This gave him the courage to challenge the way of the world and undertake any amount of sufferings in his life. In today's second reading, Paul says, "*Take your share of suffering for the gospel in the power of God*" (2 Tim. 1: 8). We know that Paul wrote this from his own experience because he suffered a lot of cruelty and hardship in his life. In spite of all his sufferings, if he said this, it is clear that he had found meaning in his sufferings. He believed that his sufferings would cleanse him from his sins and lead him to the glory that the Lord had promised to Abraham. Moreover, he knew that it is through His

suffering and death on the cross that the Lord led the world to the glory of the resurrection. That is why I believe that Peter said in his First Letter that suffering is a grace from God and so without cursing Him, our Creator, we should keep doing the good work we do (4:19). It will help us to receive the crown of glory in the end. In the same Letter Peter again said very encouragingly, "*However if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear His name*" (1 Pet. 4:6). In today's second reading, Paul is asking us that if Jesus has abolished death through His sufferings, will He not lead us to the glory of His resurrection?

In Jn. 16: 33 Jesus said, "*In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.*" Before going to Jerusalem to embrace the path of crucifixion, Jesus had predicted three times about His sufferings and death. He had also told His Disciples about His glorious resurrection. In order to strengthen the spirit of the Apostles, He took Peter, James and John up to the mountain and transfigured or manifested His glory and the joy in which they would be participating because of their witness to the gospel. By this Jesus had clearly indicated that making use of our own sufferings in the world, we must prepare ourselves to cleanse our souls and attain the glory and the joy of everlasting life. Then, when our appointed time comes, we can stand erect to embrace the crown of salvation prepared for us at the end of our earthly journey. When someone dear to us dies, we always like to hear something good about that person. It is natural and always good to hear about good things. But do we hear anything about that person's remarkable story of the journey of faith in the Lord? "*Take courage! It is I, do not be afraid,*" (Mt. 14: 27) says the Lord. Let us kiss the cross boldly and it will lead us to joy. We pray! May the Holy Spirit guide us all! Amen.