Holy Family Church

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Our Lady of Fatima Church

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March 4, 2018 ~ Third Sunday of Lent

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Daily Mass **9:00 a.m. Tuesday thru Friday**
Friday **5:30 p.m.** at Holy Family: Praying the Stations of the Cross
First Friday: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 8:00 a.m.
Saturday Mass **5:30 p.m. at Holy Family, McGregor**
Sunday Mass **8:45 a.m. at Holy Family, McGregor**
11:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Fatima, McGrath

Mass Intentions:

Mar 5	(Mon)		Fr. KK's Day Off	
Mar 6	(Tues)	9:00 am	+Repose of Souls in Purgatory	Anon.
Mar 7	(Wed)	9:00 pm	+Helen, Emmanuel Zeman	Roger Zeman
Mar 8	(Thurs)	9:00 am	+Repose of Souls in Purgatory	Anon.
Mar 9	(Fri)	9:00 am	+Repose of Souls in Purgatory	Anon.
Mar 10	(Sat)	5:30 pm	+Repose of Souls in Purgatory	Anon.
Mar 11	(Sun)	8:45 am	+Holy Souls in Purgatory	Anon.
Mar 11	(Sun)	11:30 am	Parishioners	

The Rosary is prayed ½ hr. before every scheduled Mass (both Parishes)

Things to know:

Anointing the Sick: Contact Parish Office. For off-hour emergencies call Fr. KK at (218) 260-2487.
Baptism: Arrangements must be made in advance, allowing time for instruction prior to baptism.
Reconciliation: 30 minutes before every scheduled Mass or by appointment
Weddings: Contact Fr. KK at least 6 months prior to the wedding for availability and requirements.
RCIA: (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults): Interested in becoming Catholic? Please contact the Parish Office.
Parish Registration: Have you ever filled out a Parish Registration form to become a registered member of Holy Family or Our Lady? The forms can be found in the church narthex if you need one. Single young people out of school are also requested to register as adult members.

Tabernacle votive light (Holy Family)	~	No special intention received
Tabernacle votive light (Our Lady)	~	No special intention received
Quiet Moments Statue (Holy Family)	~	No special intention received
Sacred Heart Statue (Holy Family)	~	No special intention received

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Fill in the blank: "Zeal for _____ consumes me." I watch sports teams and zeal for winning consumes them, and consumes me as I shout to encourage the players. Listening to others I hear that zeal for money, prestige, and power consume them. Parents of a dying child tell me that zeal for a cure or comfort consumes them. My 12-step friends make clear that zeal for staying sober consumes them. Every day I encounter people who show me that zeal for God consumes them.

Zeal for the temple to be a house of prayer consumed Jesus. So did zeal for helping us to know God's zeal, God's passion, for us. That zeal took him to the cross. Three days later he was raised up. The 10 Commandments reveal God's zeal for us. They show us how to deepen our relationship with God and express our zeal for God by how we treat our neighbor. They and their deeper meanings are countercultural: do not kill in body or spirit, be faithful in heart and body, speak truth no matter the cost, be satisfied with what you have. The deep meanings do not reflect the wisdom of a world that can kill with words, looks, and attitudes; or that seeks more, not less; or that uses people and creation often for self-gain. God's wisdom seems foolish to many. But if zeal for God consumes us, that "foolish" wisdom becomes our strength.

Lent invites us to re-evaluate our priorities. What needs to change so that my zeal for God is clear? What needs to die within me so God can raise me up? Seek God's wisdom. Pray with the Psalmist: "Lord you have the words of everlasting life."

...continued from *Living the Word*

Notices & Announcements:

- **With the flu season upon us, please do not shake hands when offering the "sign of peace" and we will NOT be receiving "from the cup" during Holy Mass. The Extra Ordinary Ministers are encouraged to wash their hands with HAND SANITIZER before they come to receive and distribute the Holy Communion.**
- **Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** will continue to be the first Friday of each month at 8:00 a.m. The Deanery has deemed this for the intention of vocations. New booklet is available in the Narthex for in-service use.
- **RICE BOWLS are here!** Catholic Relief Services has provided us with our Lenten Season Rice Bowls for giving of alms in a global outreach of hope. The Rice Bowls are available in the back of the Social Hall. Take one home and start helping others today.
- **It's time for Easter flowers to be ordered.** Anyone wishing to contribute towards flowers should submit the name(s) of those you wish to remember and $12.00 (or more) using the special envelopes at the back of the Upper Social Hall and the entrances to the church. Tributes will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Please return your donations and tributes by Mar. 25th – Palm Sunday.
- A Second Collection for Catholic Relief Services will be taken next Sunday, 3.11.18.

- Did God gift you with a nice singing voice or talent on the organ/piano? Your Parish could certainly use that gift in Mass to glorify God. **Song leaders and musicians needed**, please. Call Chris in the Parish office (768-2702) to volunteer.

We will be **PRAYING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS** each Friday during Lent (except Good Friday), at Holy Family Church at 5:30 PM. A soup supper will follow this prayer time in the lower level Social Hall. Come join in!

For Lent: Log on, sign up and watch a daily Lenten devotional that will inspire you. Best Lent Ever- Daily devotions at http://bestlentever.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

LOCAL EVENTS:

- **Mar 9 – 10th: Confession and Adoration** will be available at St. Benedict Church (1419 St. Benedict Street) in Duluth in response to Pope Francis' call for a 24-hour time with the Lord; from noon Mar 9th through noon Mar 10th.
- **Mar. 12th: Brainerd Deanery CCW Lenten Retreat** from 8:30- 2:30PM at Immaculate Heart Church, Crosslake, MN. The event includes a morning treat, presentation by Fr. Blake, Mass, lunch, Reconciliation and Exposition. Early registration (by March 5th) is $12.00. (Pay at the doors will be $15.00.) Make checks out to BDCCW and send to Linda Braynard at 500 8th Ave., Ironton, MN 56444. Call Margaret Pavlik (218-426-4997) for more information **and carpool details.**
- **Mar 12th:** An Evening at St. John's Parish with George Weigel, a world-renowned theologian and author of "Witness to Hope, The Biography of Pope John Paul II," The event will be held at St. John's Church in Duluth. First Mass will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by his presentation and a book-signing by Mr. Weigel. There is no cost and no registration required. See Poster in the hallway outside the upper social Hall at Holy Family and in the entryway at Our Lady of Fatima.
- **Mar 26th:** A **Chrism Mass** will be held at Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary in Duluth on Monday at 5:30 PM. Please let Father KK know if you would like to go by Mar. 18th so that a carpool can be arranged.

REGIONAL EVENTS

- **Mar. 6 – 8th:** WOMEN'S SILENT MIDWEEK RETREAT. Theme: "Take Courage!" Presented by: King's House Preaching Team. Suggested Offering: $160.00 per person/$100.00 per person for students (includes $30.00 deposit to reserve a room). Event will be held at the Christ the King Retreat Center (621 First Ave South – Buffalo, MN 55313) Call or email for registration information at lpolman@kingshouse.com or 763-682-1394, ext. 11.
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Serving Hearts and Hands (and feet):

- **Fr. K.K. is looking for 12 volunteers** for a Holy Thursday foot-washing ceremony at the Holy Family service. Please let Fr. K.K. know if you are willing to volunteer your feet.
- **Helpers are needed** on Saturday, March 31st to **move all of the Sanctuary items** and other materials from the Upper Social Hall back into the church proper. We will meet at 10:00 AM in the Social Hall and get everything moved so that we can enjoy our Easter Vigil service in the church proper that evening. Please call Chris (in the office at 218-768-2702) to let her know you can help for a little while that Saturday. (Leave a message if no answer.)
- **THANKS TO OUR WEDNESDAY EVENING COOKS: Liz Dean (3/7); Julie Barta (3/14); Anita Jackson (3/28) Catholic United Financial (4/18) COOKS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR: Mar. 21; Apr. 4 & 11. If you can help, please contact Margaret Pavlik at 426-4997 days or evenings. Thank you.**
- **CAN YOU PREPARE AND SERVE a Wednesday evening religious education meal for 10 people? OR CAN YOU DROP OFF a hotdish, frozen pizzas, fruit or dessert? Someone will do the serving for you if you can't stay. Whoever prepares a complete meal is reimbursed $30 to help cover the cost of the groceries. To volunteer for upcoming meals, call Margaret Pavlik at 426-4997.**

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

1. Lenten Regulations:

a) Ash Wednesday and all Fridays in Lent are days of Abstinence from eating meat. All persons 14 and over are required to abstain from eating meat on these days- this includes those over 60- there is no upper age limit. Note that this law also pertains to most high school students. If meatless meals are not served at school, parents should see to it their children bring a bag lunch.

b) Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are also days of Fasting. All persons from the age of 18 up until their 60th birthday are required to fast on those days. This means eating one normal meal and two smaller meals equal to one normal meal. No food may be taken between meals.

2. Directions for receiving Holy Communion:

Catholics believe that when we receive Holy Communion, we are receiving the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of this, we must make sure that we are always properly prepared before coming forward. Following the ancient practice of the church, those who are to receive the Holy Communion must fulfill three requirements: They must be baptized, they must believe what the Catholic Church teaches and they must be free of serious sins. During the distribution of the Holy Communion, those practicing Catholics who meet the above requirements may come forward. Catholics not prepared to receive Holy Communion may either be seated or they may come forward for the blessing. Visitors from other Christian faiths who have not been baptized or who belong to non-Christian religions may either be seated during the distribution of the Holy Communion or they may come forward for a blessing. To receive a blessing, please come forward with arms crossed over your chest.

3. Homebound Ministry:

If you know of parishioners who are ill, hospitalized or homebound, please contact the parish office. If they would like to receive Holy Communion on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, I will make arrangements with the Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to help them with Holy Communion. Our homebound parishioners are also encouraged by the church to receive the Sacraments of Confession and Anointing of the Sick whenever they feel the need of receiving them and I, your PRIEST, will plan to help you with those Sacraments (if you are in the parish boundaries). In any EMERGENCY situation, you may approach me at my personal telephone number meant for this purpose. My number is 218-260-2487. Also, please remember that neither the deacon nor any of the Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion can administer those two Sacraments but only your priest.

Liturgical Ministers for Holy Family		
	Mar 10:	**Mar 11:**
Organist:	Tristin R	-
Cantor:	Margaret	Rita
Lector:	Julie B	Gaylene
EOM:	Julie B/ Bill P	Gaylene/ Ellen C
Ushers:	Tom	Gary
Greeters:		Gary

Stewardship Report: February 24 & 25, 2018		
	Holy Family	Our Lady of Fatima
Env. Collection:	$ 310.00	
Cash Collection:	$ 80.00	
UCA Collection:	$ 6.00	
Easter Flowers Collection	$ 30.00	
Votive	$ 10.00	
Total Collection:	$436.00	$ 100.00