Saturday: 5:15 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am
Weekdays: 8:30 am Tues., Wed. & Fri., 7:00 am Thurs, (Church)& 9:15 am Thurs. (Lake Shore Inn)
Televised Mass on Channel 8: 9:20 am Sunday and 4:00 pm Monday/Mediacom Channel 8/107.2

Reconciliation
Saturday - 4:00 pm and 1/2 hour before Masses on Sunday

Baptism Preparation Sessions
Class for all expectant parents is required.

Marriage
Arrange at least 6 months in advance.

Parish Office Hours
9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday thru Thursday
9:00 am to 1:00 pm Friday

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Prayer Chain Pat McShane 835-1298
Respect Life Ministry Arlys Fell/Kathy Miller
St. Vincent de Paul Society 507-201-7075

"Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." - Lk 6:38

"Den y se les dará: recibirán una medida buena, bien sacudida, apretada y reboseante en los pliegues de su túnica. Porque con la misma medida con que midan, serán medidos”. - Lc 6, 38
Last week I wrote and wanted to introduce you to the paradigm shifts that were presented by Deacon Keith in his book *Ablaze: 5 Essential Paradigm Shifts for Parish Renewal*. This week we will be focusing more on the **first shift: intentional vs. institutional**.

We probably have noticed that it is hard to renew a parish when we talk about being a disciple and going out to bring people back to Jesus. We are presented with bigger problems than just the typical questions of how does a person do that? What does it mean to be a disciple? Numerous parishes and even parish priests have tried hard to talk about this in their homilies, their talks or even bring in speakers to help revitalize the parish. These are all good things to bring awareness that we don’t know much about this as a Catholic and perhaps this is the first time that we are hearing it.

Deacon Keith says that we don’t have this culture in many of our parishes. Within this first paradigm shift, he writes, “Certainly we experience the love of God as a people, and that love is mediated to us through the Church. But, on a personal level, many Catholics experience God as distant and disconnected from everyday realities of their life, a kind of pious or moral abstraction.” This means that a majority of Catholics only experience God or relate to him through institutional activities like going to Mass, praying the rosary at the church or any church events. The level of intimacy with God stops there.

We as human beings are social creatures so we long for God. Unfortunately, we put the blame on God for not responding to us or even listening. We start to take on the consumer mentality because of how business oriented we have become as a society. We long for a more intentional approach. This can be seen through parishioners having a deep personal relationship with Christ at the center of community life. They often get together to talk about the blessings that God has given but the hardships as well. They are often not talking about the gossip of the town but a more spiritual conversation to it. For example, did you hear about so and so having a surgery or difficult time? Are they ok? Yes for now. How about we pray for them right now? We can go visit them and pray with them. There is a purpose for the report and there is a follow through with it.

Sincerely,
Fr. The Hoang

### Updates around the Parish

Lent will be upon us soon so Masses for Ash Wednesday are as follows 8:30am with the children from the school and 6:30pm.

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### Offering of First Fruits

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### Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd

**Masses for Ash Wednesday will be at 8:30 am & 6:30 pm.**

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. It marks the beginning of the Lenten Season. A time of prayer, fasting, repenting and giving alms.
It has been said that the person who can read and doesn’t is no better off than a person who can’t read. When children first learn to read independently, we applaud this important accomplishment. Let’s recognize, however, that this is only the first step in becoming a “reader” and a literate citizen in today’s world.

Students who practice their reading skills both in school and out will reap rewards beyond measure. A lifetime of pleasure in good books awaits them. Through books they can experience exciting adventures, travel to distant lands, and find friends in fictional characters whose emotions and problems they may share.

From a practical standpoint, reading helps children do better in both school and college. “Readers” ask better questions, develop far larger vocabularies, express themselves more effectively, and have a much wider background of general knowledge than do students who read very little.

What can you as a parent do to encourage your child in reading?

Make visits to the library an important family activity.

Read aloud to your child and talk about stories you both enjoy.

Provide a climate for reading at home by turning off the television.

Show that you yourself enjoy reading.

When children discover the pleasure and satisfaction that comes from reading, they will have added a new dimension to their lives and traveled far beyond that first step of learning to read.

Yours in Christ,
LeAnn Dahle

Sharing the Gospel with Children

Sharing the Gospel

Treat others the way you want to be treated. God doesn’t want us to treat other people the same way they treat you. Choose to be kind, even when other people are mean. Choose to forgive, even when someone has hurt you.

Prayer

Dear God, help me to love other people the way you love me.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself helping someone who has hurt your feelings in the past.

Mission for the Week

When someone hurts your feelings this week, instead of getting even, pray for that person.

- LPiResourceCenter.com

Rosary Makers

Asking for donations to help us to continue to spread Mary’s call of saying the rosary, so she can intercede for us to her son Jesus. So far we have done 950 rosaries for military and 1000 rosaries for the missions, our local community, and for the Adoration Chapel.

Also, anyone interested in joining us to make rosaries, come the second Tuesday of each month from 10:00am to 12:00pm in the dining room of the Parish Center. We would love to have you.

Any questions call Judy Pipke 833-2511 or 507-351-5765

But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.” — Lk 6:35-36


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**Lenten Operation Rice Bowl**

The Catholic Relief Services Collection (Operation Rice Bowl) will begin on March 2th and be turned in beginning on Holy Thursday. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, we ask families with children especially to place a small bowl on your table during Lent and encourage your children to place coins in that “Rice Bowl” to give to those people in need around the world. We ask that you turn those coins into a check or currency and place it in the CRS envelope in your packet or in a white envelope labeled CRS Rice Bowl. Each week until that date we will highlight a country and family who will benefit from your generosity. During Lent we pray, fast, and give alms as we prepare our hearts for Christ.

**St. Polycarp of Smyrna | February 23**

As a disciple of St. John, the Evangelist, St. Polycarp was able to hear about Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection directly from those who witnessed it. Because Polycarp was ordained as Bishop of Smyrna by St. John, he is one of three chief Apostolic Fathers, along with Clement of Rome and Ignatius of Antioch. During his life Polycarp defended the Church against heresies. His important writing, the Letter to the Philippians, quoted the Gospels and Acts of the Apostles, stressing Paul’s authority in the Church and setting out clear arguments against the gnostic heresy that denied Christ’s divinity.

The early period of the Church was a dangerous time to be a Christian and like many, St. Polycarp was martyred. He was captured by Romans and sentenced to burn at the stake. However, the fire did not touch him, instead rising up like sails around him. Seeing that the flames would not injure Polycarp, the Romans stabbed him instead. The Martyrdom of Polycarp is perhaps the earliest fully preserved account of a Christian martyr.

**Eucharistic Adoration Notes**

“If today you hear his voice...” Say yes to Him at the adoration sign-up at the Masses February 26 and 27. Choose your regular weekly day/hour to be with Him. What a great opportunity to be with Him starting on Ash Wednesday and throughout the 40 days of your Lenten journey. Our best relationships grow through ongoing, regular contact and conversation. So too our relationship with Our Lord. We strive to develop a deep personal relationship, one with real friendship, trust, faith, thanksgiving, love, forgiveness, and peace. Welcome a quiet weekly day/hour time habit with Jesus into the ever-changing rhythm of your life by being with Him in Eucharistic Adoration. “Come to me, all you who are weary and overburdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” ~Matthew 11:28-30.

**Weekly Schedule**

**For the Week of …… February 20, 2022**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19**
- 5:15 pm Mass † Linda Martinez

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20**
- 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
  - 8:00 am Mass † Connie McGuiggans
  - 10:00 am Mass † People of Sacred Heart

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21**
- Presidents’ Day; St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of Church

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22**
- Eucharistic Adoration

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23**
- 8:30 am Mass † Bill & Shirley Riegert

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24**
- 7:00 am Mass † Dale Schons
- 9:15 am Mass † Betty Leif
  (at Lake Shore Inn Nursing Home)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25**
- 8:30 am Mass † Mary Cunningham

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26**
- 5:15 pm Mass † Jerry Tomas

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27**
- 8:00 am Mass † Marie Cunningham
- 10:00 am Mass † People of Sacred Heart

**Gospel Meditation - Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

February 20, 2022

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sometimes, Jesus’ teachings don’t seem to make practical sense. When we hear things like love your enemies and do good to them, turn the other cheek when struck, give to anyone who asks, do to others as you would have them do to you, be merciful, stop judging, forgive, and give to others, we get a bit unsettled. After all, it’s okay for God to do all of these things, but does He really want us to do them, too? Many good-hearted Christians really draw the line with some of these ideals and say, “No way!” They even remark that if someone did something hurtful to someone they loved, they would have no reservations seeking severe retribution. There is still this persistent thinking, even among those who consider themselves Christian, that a violent action deserves a violent response. Somehow, we continue to justify this.

Yet, it is most clearly against the very grain of the Gospel. Part of our difficulty has more to do with understanding God’s love. We wrongly think that sinful or hurtful actions and evil people somehow are seen as lesser in God’s eyes. They are not. God loves the sinner as much as He does the saint. And, both of these inclinations exist in every human being, even those who somehow are seen as lesser in God’s eyes. Yet, it is most clearly against the very grain of the Gospel. Part of our difficulty has more to do with understanding God’s love. We wrongly think that sinful or hurtful actions and evil people somehow are seen as lesser in God’s eyes. They are not. God loves the sinner as much as He does the saint. And, both of these inclinations exist in every human being, even those who somehow are seen as lesser in God’s eyes. Both the capacity for good and the disposition toward evil exist in every one of us. Viktor Frankl has this to say when reflecting on the Holocaust: “Our generation is a realistic generation because we have learned what a human being really is. When all is said and done, man is that same creature who invented the gas-chambers of Auschwitz; but he is also that being who walked upright into those chambers with the prayer ‘Shema Yisrael’ on his lips.”

If we believe in God, we have to act like God. Whether we like that idea is another issue. If we don’t then perhaps, we need to reconsider our faith and whether we really believe in Jesus Christ. We are made in the image of God, not the image of ourselves. The Christian must, at all costs, leave resentment and the need for retaliation behind, lose defensiveness and bring into the mind and heart the realization of who we represent in this world.

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Faith Formation/Youth Ministry News and Notes

Youth Faith Formation Topics: February 20th – 26th

Sun, Feb 20th @ 7:00-8:30 PM

Pre-Confirmation: "Totally Given: Sacraments at the Service of Communion". This session examines Holy Matrimony and Holy Orders, providing teenagers with an understanding of how these two sacraments build up the Church. The teens will pray for those that have received the Sacraments of Matrimony and Holy Orders.

Confirmation: (with Sponsor). Discipleship and prayer; How to Pray; Sacramental. Candidates will receive instructions for their letters to the Bishop.

Wed, Feb 23rd @ 6:00-6:45 PM

Grades K-1: Helping Others. You can serve others by helping and loving them. "Ways to Serve" (Matthew 25:35-36)
Grades 2: Giving Thanks and Praise. All good gifts come from God, and we thank God for these gifts at Mass-- especially during the Eucharistic Prayer.
Grades 3-4: Choosing Life. All human life is sacred because it comes from God. The Fifth Commandment forbids anything that takes a human life. "Love of Enemies" (Matthew 5:43-45).

@ 6:30-8:00 PM

Grades 5-8: "Holy Days of Obligation". This catechetical night will help the youth understand the Church’s teachings regarding the Holy Days of Obligation and our need to participate in those holy days as we strive for sanctity and piety. Wednesday, March 2nd @ 6:30pm is Ash Wednesday Mass.

All K-8 Faith Formation youth should attend and sit with their families. There is no class before or after the Mass.

Camp Summit 2022 registration is open! Reserve your spot before April 1st.

Camp Summit is an overnight Catholic adventure camp for middle school youth entering grades 6-8. Nestled in the bluffs of Lanesboro, Minnesota, Camp Summit provides a fun, formative, and faith-filled experience for parish groups throughout the Diocese of Winona-Rochester.

Our parish group is attending Camp Summit August 1-4. Cost is $300 per person. Please make payments to Sacred Heart Church. Visit the parish Faith Formation page for more details and to register.

Thank you to everyone that attended the Faith Formation VFW Breakfast Fundraiser. Your support will significantly impact the spiritual health and growth of our youth. The fundraiser profited $800 for our summer VBS program: Totus Tuus. Your generosity is immensely appreciated!

We are very grateful for our volunteers that shared their time - they did a fantastic job cooking, serving, and cleaning. Thank you!

Sincerely in Christ,
Lisa and Edna