

First Sunday of Lent - March 5, 2017

Mission Statement: We are a united faith filled community, dedicated to Christ, obedient to the Holy Spirit. We strive to live the Word of God through sacramental life. We are committed to the enrichment of our children with faith, hope and love.



Lent As Gift...

There is a certain "graciousness" involved with a gift. There is "gratitude" in receiving a gift. There is a certain personal engagement with a gift, and a gift giver. We have begun Lent just days ago. Have you considered it as a gift?

As "gift" Lent is an atmosphere that embraces us when we enter a church. We are drawn in through the sparse decoration, the centrality of the crucifix, the violet vestments and the more subdued liturgical ritual and music.

As "gift" Lent is an attitude that embraces our decisions about what (and what not) to eat, what (and what not) to spend our time about, what to reform and what to renew in our daily habits.

As "gift" Lent is a shared experience compelling us to take a more conscious (even more committed) hold of our relationship with Christ the Lord through the practical ways that we take new, renewed or reformed hold of prayer (personal and liturgical), fasting and almsgiving (using our goods and blessings as blessing into the lives of others who are deprived or lack them).

As "gift" Lent is also the length of time we have to properly dispose our minds and hearts for the celebration of the Triduum (the seamless observance of the Paschal mystery from Holy Thursday to the Easter Vigil).

As "gift" Lent is about the way our parish faith community appreciates and embraces its role to give witness and provide formation to its members so that Easter is understood not as an end but the new and renewed life of the Lord within and among us. Another way to think about this is our personal, and also individual, call to holiness through our life journey and through our vocation.

The character of "gift" is not about seizing but receiving. It is not about re-shaping something but having a new degree of gratitude about the presence of others, about availability for what may be beyond our personal control and about the finger of God upon us and our circumstances in ways we did not imagine.

Happy Lent,

Fr. Timothy J. Hall



Please place your monetary donations for our **local** Food Shelves in an envelope marked Minnesota Food Share. Extra envelopes are available at the back of the churches. Envelopes may be placed in the Sunday collection baskets during the month of March.

Knights of Columbus 63rd Annual Mulligan Stew

Sunday, March 19 ~ Serving 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Marian Hall - St. James
All you can eat! (Dessert & Bev. included)
Cost: \$8/adult; \$4/child (12 & under); Pre-School are free
Raffle - 7:00 p.m. (Need not be present to win.)



Catholics at the Capitol

Protect Life & Human Dignity

Thursday, March 9, 2017
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Our state faces real challenges. Assisted suicide threatens the vulnerable. Underprivileged kids are stuck in failing schools. And too many families are trapped in poverty. Christ asks us to boldly step into the public square to protect life and human dignity. Will you answer the call?

Join Minnesota's bishops, dynamic Church leaders, and 1,000+ Catholics from across the state for **Catholics at the Capitol**, a day of inspiration and advocacy at our State Capitol.

Legislators pay attention to their constituents. We **will** impact the process. **This is our moment. Let's go!**

Learn more and register at CatholicsAtTheCapitol.org or call 651-227-8777.

St. Mary's School ~ Winter Raffle Winner

March 5 ~ \$100 - Manette Becker

Meetings & Events Calendar ~ March 5 - 18, 2017

Sunday 5	Monday 6	Tuesday 7	Wednesday 8	Thursday 9	Friday 10	Saturday 11
First Sunday of Lent 	St. Mary Rosary - 7:00 p.m. in the church. Wellspring Coffee and Conversation Topic: Independent Living Butterfield Comm. Bldg. - 8:30 a.m. Prairie View, St. James - 9:30 am Amberfield, Madelia - 10:30 am	St. James Rosary -7:30 a.m. St. James Mission Sewing Room 6 - after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. St. James Gospel of Luke Lenten Study 7:00 p.m. Marian Hall, Rm 1 Wed. March 8 St. James/St. Mary Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00 p.m. in Rm 5 Note change of date.	St. Mary Rosary - 8:00 a.m. in the church. St. James CDA Meeting (details below) St. James Faith Formation Grades 1-8 - 2:00pm Grades 9-10 -6:30pm St. Mary Faith Formation Classes. 6-7 p.m. St. Mary Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m.	St. Mary Rosary - 8:00 a.m. Adoration 9:00 am - 8:00 pm Benediction 8:00 p.m. Ethics Group 6:30 p.m. in St. Mary's School St. James Stations of the Cross 7:30 p.m. En Español	Abstain from meat. St. James Rosary -7:30 am in the church. St. James Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m. St. Mary Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m. En Español St. Mary School hosting Madelia Youth Dance 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. All students in Grades 3-6 \$5 - Admission	
Sunday 12	Monday 13	Tuesday 14	Wednesday 15	Thursday 16	Friday 17	Saturday 18
Second Sunday of Lent 	St. Mary Rosary - 7:00 p.m. in the church. Sunday March 12 Nicollet St. Paul Church Breakfast 9:00 - 11:30 am Menu: sausage, scrambled eggs, ham, toast, Irish potatoes and beverages Cost: \$8/adult \$3/child (6-12) 5 & under: free Matching Grant Fundraiser for Religious Ed.	St. James Rosary -7:30 am in the church. St. James Mission Sewing Room 6 - after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. St. James Gospel of Luke Lenten Study 7:00 p.m. Marian Hall Rm 1 St. Mary School Kindergarten Round-up 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	St. Mary Rosary - 8:00 a.m. in the church. St. James Faith Formation Grades 1-8 - 2:00pm Grades 9-10 -6:30pm First Communion Centers 5 - 7 p.m. Marian Hall Parent and child must attend. St. Mary Faith Formation Classes. 6-7 p.m. St. Mary Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m.	St. Mary Rosary - 8:00 a.m. Adoration 9:00 am - 8:00 pm Benediction 8:00 p.m. St. Mary St. Peter Basilica DVD Series 1:30 pm Schmidt's Ethics Group 6:30 p.m. in St. Mary's School St. James Stations of the Cross 7:30 p.m. En Español St. Mary School Accepting items for the Rummage Sale 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Abstain from meat. St. James Rosary -7:30 am St. James Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m. St. Mary Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m. En Español St. Mary School Accepting items for the Rummage Sale 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	St. Mary School Rummage Sale 8:00 am - 12:30 pm in the school. Friday March 17 Galatians Bible Study - 8:30 a.m. Karen Lester's home.

Thank you to all who worked, donated and attended the Mardi Gras Festivities and Bingo. We had lots of fun and a successful day!

CDA Meeting ~ Wednesday, March 8
Pleasant View Center ~ 1:30 p.m. serve cake & ice cream Meeting at 3:45 p.m. in Pleasant View Dining Room

Faith Formation News

St. James

Mar. 8 ~ Faith Formation Classes
Grades 1-8 ~ 2:00 - 3:15 p.m.
Confirmation Classes Grades 9-10 ~ 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Mar. 15 ~ Faith Formation Classes
Grades 1-8 ~ 2:00 - 3:15 p.m.
Confirmation Classes Grades 9-10 ~ 6:30-8:00 p.m.

First Communion Centers ~ 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Marian Hall (Students and Parent(s) **must** attend.)

St. Mary

Mar. 8 ~ Faith Formation Classes - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Mar. 15 ~ Faith Formation Classes - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Stewardship of God's Creation

... "He will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth." Hosea 6:3

Mother Nature seems to have let us off easy. The ice is leaving the lakes and the rivers and creeks are flowing. Robins have appeared and geese are enjoying the bounty of our spilled grains. The gardening catalogs are arriving. These signs tell us we should be ready to enjoy spring on our wonderful earth.

¡Hablando en español!

Entre líneas:

"QUÉ ES LA CUARESMA"

La cuaresma es el tiempo litúrgico de conversión, que marca la Iglesia para prepararnos a la gran fiesta de la Pascua.

Es un tiempo para arrepentirnos de nuestros pecados y de cambiar de estilo de vida, una oportunidad para ser mejores y poder vivir más cerca de Cristo.

La Cuaresma dura 40 días, comienza el miércoles de ceniza y termina antes de la Misa de la Cena del Señor del Jueves Santo.

A lo largo de este tiempo, sobre todo en la liturgia del domingo, hacemos un esfuerzo por recuperar el ritmo y estilo de verdaderos creyentes que debemos vivir como hijos de Dios.

El color de este tiempo es el morado que significa luto y penitencia. Es un tiempo de reflexión, de penitencia, de conversión espiritual; tiempo de preparación al misterio pascual.

En la cuaresma, Cristo nos invita a cambiar de vida. La iglesia nos invita a vivir la cuaresma como un camino

hacia Jesucristo, escuchando la palabra de Dios, orando, compartiendo con el prójimo y haciendo obras buenas.

Nos invita a vivir una serie de actitudes cristianas que nos acercan más a Jesucristo, ya que por acción de nuestros pecados, nos alejamos más de Dios.

La Cuaresma es el tiempo del perdón y de la reconciliación fraterna. Cada día, durante toda la vida, hemos de arrojar de nuestros corazones: El odio, el rencor, la envidia, los celos que se oponen a nuestro amor a Dios y a los hermanos.

En cuaresma, aprendemos a reconocer y apreciar la cruz de Jesús. Con esto aprendemos también a tomar nuestra cruz con alegría para alcanzar la gloria de la resurrección.

Que la Reina de los hispanos, nos lleve de la mano y no permita que nos desalentemos ante los embates de la vida.

Los quiero, reciban mi bendición y no se les olvide orar por mí.

Mi café espiritual:

Hoy 5 de marzo, es el "I DOMINGO DE CUARESMA", en la liturgia de la Iglesia: Recordemos juntos el ¡mensaje de hoy!

"Crea en mí, oh Dios un corazón puro, renueva en mi interior un firme espíritu" Salmo 51:12

Celebraciones "litúrgicas" para tener presente durante la semana:

* La Iglesia nos presenta el 8 de marzo la memoria de San Juan de Dios.

Se llamaba Juan Ciudad, de origen Portugués. Fue criado y educado cristianamente; en su adolescencia fue zagal y pastor de ganado. Fundador de los Hermanos Hospitalarios, que lleva su nombre, San Juan de Dios.

El carisma o servicio pastoral, es el cuidado de los enfermos.

Noticias:

1. Lunes 6 de marzo, reunión con los coordinadores de los grupos Apostólicos y Ministerios de alabanza 6:00 pm
2. Martes 7 de marzo, formación para los Ministros Extraordinarios de la Comunión. 6:00 p.m.
3. Miércoles 8 de marzo, formación para los Proclamadores de la Palabra 6:00 p.m.
4. Jueves 9 de marzo, Eucaristía y Viacrucis, en Saint James, 7:00 p.m.
5. Viernes 10 de marzo, Viacrucis en Madelia. 6:00 p.m.
6. Sábado 11 de marzo, ensayo con el ministerio de alabanza "Manantial de vida" 9:00 a.m.
7. Sábado 11 de marzo, Convivium con el pastoreo de Johana Juárez. 12:00 m.

Disfrutando de la buena sazón de mi tierra:

GRACIAS a todas las personas que nos comparten sus platillos. Dios les multiplique.

Fr. Miguel Eduardo Proaños Hernández

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✠ Mass Schedule & Intentions: March 6 - 12, 2017

Mon 6	No Mass		
Tues 7	8:00 a.m.	St. James Parish	✠ Peter Reuter
Wed 8	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary Parish	✠ Monica Vee
Thur 9	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary Parish	✠ Rose Dauffenbach
Thur 9	7:00 p.m.	St. James Parish - <i>Spanish Mass</i>	✠ Katherine Frisch
Fri 10	8:00 a.m.	St. James Parish	✠ Vance Watkins
Fri 10	9:15 a.m.	Pleasant View Center - <i>Word and Communion</i>	
Sun 12	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary Parish	✠ Delores Hruby
Sun 12	10:00 a.m.	St. Mary Parish - <i>Spanish Mass</i>	<i>pro populo</i>
Sun 12	10:00 a.m.	St. James Parish	✠ Leo & Lenora Sandmeyer
Sun 12	12:00 p.m.	St. James Parish - <i>Spanish Mass</i>	✠ Rosario Hernandez

Liturgical Roles: March 12, 2017

Sun. 12 - St. Mary 8:00 a.m.

Servers: Logan Slater, Corban Tatro, Dalton Tatro
Reader: Bev Gappa
Communion Ministers: Janet Dysthe, Jen Slater
Ushers: Steve Kelsey, Bruce Pace, Sandy Seibert, Mark Slater
Homebound: Larry & Bev Koval
Truman Homebound: Chuck Voss

Sun. 12 - St. James 10:00 a.m.

Servers: Noah Anderson, Kierra Curry, Rachel Lang
Reader: Lucille Ammann
Communion Ministers: Karen Dahl, Dwight Lahti
Ushers: Donna Barrett, Keith Runge, William Runge, Gary Sturm
Rosary: Jane Kuhlman

2017 ~ Catholic Ministries Appeal Update

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Donors</u>
St. James	\$18,610.	\$ 565.	3
St. Mary	\$15,980.	\$1,120.	4

**“And of all that you give me
I will surely give one tenth to you.”**

~Genesis 28:22

<i>As of February 26, 2017</i>	St. James	St. Katherine	St. Mary
Church Support needed per week:	5,170		3,782
Church Support giving last week:	2,593		2,169
Church Support needed fiscal year-to-date:	180,950		132,370
Church Support giving fiscal year-to-date:	157,050	2,185	117,031



READINGS ***For the Week***

Monday, March 6

Lenten Weekday
Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18
Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday, March 7

Lenten Weekday
Ss. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
Isaiah 55:10-11
Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday, Mar. 8

Lenten Weekday
St. John of God, Religious
Jonah 3:1-10
Luke 11:29-32

Thursday, Mar. 9

Lenten Weekday
St. Frances of Rome, Religious
Esther C:12, 14-16,
23-25
Matthew 7:7-12

Friday, March 10

Lenten Weekday
Ezekiel 18:21-28
Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday, March 11

Lenten Weekday
Deuteronomy 26:16-19
Matthew 5:43-48

Sunday, March 12

Second Sunday of Lent
Genesis 12:1-4a
2 Timothy 1:8b-10
Matthew 17:1-9

