

Diocesan News

Mar. 7 - Development & Peace, 2016 Lenten Visitor: Dr. Tor Iorapuu, Director of Youth, Adolescence, Reflection and Action Centre (YARAC), Nigeria, will speak about his work with Christian and Muslim youth, to promote tolerance and democracy. Presentation will take place at St. Pius X Church Hall at 7:00 p.m. All are Welcome.

Mar. 8 - Marian Hour of Prayer will be held at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Fr. Stan Paulin and members of Fr. M.A. Harris Council 6766 Knights of Columbus extend an invitation to you to join us in Prayer. The Holy Family Prayer Program is the 17th Marian Prayer Program sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, beginning with the first program – honoring Mary under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe - in 1979.

Mar. 13 - Communal Celebration of Reconciliation will be celebrated at the Cathedral at 2:00 p.m. A number of priests will be present for private Confessions.

Mar. 16 - Mass for the respect of life at 9:00 a.m. at St. Pius X Church. Msgr. Henneberry and Fr. Stephen concelebrants. An invitation to pray for human life from conception until natural death. Refreshments following.

Foot Clinic - Just a reminder that the foot clinic is still in operation at St. Mark's Church Quispamsis even though the VON has closed. Sheree Trecartin R.N. continues to offer this clinic every Wednesday at St. Mark's. Call Sheree at 651-8939 for an appointment. Open to all ages.

Lights, Camera, Faith

To be held Sundays at 3:00 p.m. in Room 1. Pot Luck supper and lively discussion afterwards. The theme this year is the 4th Commandment, Honour Your Father and Mother

Movies

March 6 - Ordinary People

Please sign up on the sheets provided in the foyer.



Prayer for Our Troops - Of all the gifts we could give a Soldier, Sailor, Airman, and others deployed in harm's way, prayer is the very best one. ***We pray for: Darren Persau***

Pre-Authorized Debit System - If anyone would like to start this system of donation, forms are available in the foyer. Please fill out and drop in collection basket in an envelope along with a VOID cheque. If you are new to the Parish we would like to hear from you, or if you are leaving the area, please let us know.

Register Update:

Please fill out this form and put it in collection basket or give to greeter. Thank you for helping to keep our records up to date.

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MISSION STATEMENT

From three communities and beyond called into one to be Word of God. In a spirit of friendship, sharing of life and energy, faith and appreciation, we commit ourselves to accepting all who come and to be present to them, and from our gatherings open ourselves to our neighborhoods and to the wider church.

Pastor: Father Don Breen

**Mass Times: Sat. 5 p.m.
Sun. 9 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.**

Parish Council Chair – Rick Northrup

Baptism, Marriage, Catechetical Ministry - contact office.

Reconciliation - Sat. after Mass or by appointment

March 5th – 6th, 2016 – 4th Sunday of Lent

Joshua 5.9a 10-12 2 Corinthians 5 17-21 Luke 15 1-3 11-32

March 12th – 13th, 2016 – 5th Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43 16-21 Philippians 3 8-14 John 8 1-11

4th Sunday of Lent

*"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan."
(Joshua 5:12)*

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

<u>Announced Masses</u>		
Tues. Mar. 8	7:00 p.m.	Eleanor Cripps
Wed. Mar. 9	9:00 a.m.	John Bouzan (Anniv.)
Thur. Mar. 10	7:00 p.m.	Charlie Dugan
Fri. Mar. 11	9:00 a.m.	Ann Secord
Sat. Mar. 12	5:00 p.m.	Ronald & Dora Landry
Sun. Mar. 13	9:00 a.m.	For Parishioners
	11:15 a.m.	Walter McLean

Chrism Mass
Blessing of the Holy Oils -Tuesday, March 22nd
at 6:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate
Conception. There will be no Mass at St. Mark’s on this
date

<u>Scheduled Events - Mar. 6th - Mar. 13th</u>			
Date	Event	Time	Location
Sun.Mar.6	Lights,Camera,Faith	3:00pm	Room #1
	Pathfinders	6:30pm	Family Rm
Mon.Mar.7	Girl Guides	6:30pm	Hall
	Adult Music Prac.	7:00pm	Church
	Rosary	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
	Little Rock	7:30pm	Room#1
Tues.Mar.8	Morning Prayer	10:00am	Church
	Unplugged Hour	7:30pm	Chapel
	RCIA	7:30p.m.	Room#1
Wed.Mar.9	Little Rock	9:30a.m.	Room #1
	Brownies/Sparks	6:30 p.m.	Hall
	CWL Executive	7:00 p.m.	Room #5
	Parish Council	7:00 p.m.	Room#1
Thurs.Mar.10	A Well Built Faith	7:30 p.m.	Hall
Fri. Mar.11	Way of the Cross	9:30 a.m.	Church
Sat.Mar. 12	CWL 20 th Anniv.	3:00p.m.	Hall
Sun.Mar.13	Penance Celebration	2:00p.m.	Church
	Pathfinders	6:30pm	Family Rm

Marriage Preparation Weekend will take place at Saint Mark’s March 18th & 19th. Cost \$40.00 per couple. Call Dianne at the office to register or for further information.

Required Weekly	\$ 5,550.00
Sunday Collection, February 28 th	\$ 4,604.30

Religious Formation - 849-5111
 Coordinator – Wendy Ellis 849-8162
 Email: wendy.ellis@bellaliant.net

- Mar.6 - No Sessions (March Break)
- Mar. 13 - No Sessions (March Break)
- Mar. 20 - All grades meet upstairs for Way of the Cross
And Respect for Life at 10:15 a.m.
- Mar. 20 - Palm Sunday - Regular Mass times

Way of the Cross/ Respect For Life

The children and youth of St. Mark’s parish will show their love and care for others through the presentation of gifts on Palm Sunday, during our celebration at 10:15 a.m. All parishioners are welcome to join with our families and young people to show our support of those less fortunate. The gifts that will be presented are:


K & Gr 1 For the Sick—gift of prayer cards to Senior Homes & Hospitals
 Gr 2 For the Challenged—gifts of puzzles, games & books to Senior Homes & Hospitals
 Gr 3 For the Homeless—gifts of toiletries to Romero House
 Gr 4 For Children—gifts of socks to Care & Concern Ministry
 Gr 5 For the Unborn—baby shower items to First Steps Housing
 Gr 6 For the Elderly—gifts of personal items to Rocmaura
 Gr 7 For the Poor in Our Community—food to KV Food Bank
 Gr 8 & 9 For the Poor in the World—money to St. Luke’s, Peru

Unnplugged Hour after 7:00 p.m. Mass, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. each Tuesday this Lent. A quiet time and space for personal reflection. Come, unplug, re-energize and enter more deeply into Lent this year!

Donation of Flowers for Easter

The Art and Environment Committee are asking for donations of flowers or a monetary donation for the Easter Celebrations. A card may accompany the plant or envelope with the donor’s name, or in memory of a loved one. They may be brought to the church on the week of **March 20th**.

Sign up schedules for the various ministries for Easter are on the table in the foyer.



Sacrament of Reconciliation
March 13th 2:00p.m.

Lent is the primary time for celebrating the Sacrament of Penance, because Lent is the season for baptismal preparation and baptismal renewal. Early Christian teachers called this sacrament "second Baptism," because it is intended to enable us to start again to live the baptismal life in its fullness. Those who experience the loving mercy of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation should find themselves standing alongside the newly baptized at Easter filled with great joy at the new life God has given all of us.

On March 13th a **special collection for Development and Peace** will be taken up. Christians are urged to share their goods with others and thus express in a concrete way their desire to come closer to God and all God’s children as a result of their Lenten efforts.

Easter Baskets For Those In Need –A list of needs is posted on the board in the foyer. Please return food items the weekend of March 20.
Thank you

The Peru Committee wishes to thank all those who supported our Lenten project, Postcards for Peru. Although our project has officially ended, you may support our sister parish at any time by placing your donation in a “Peru Committee” envelope, and dropping it in the collection. If you have missed the opportunity to complete a postcard, the remaining cards are now available on the Peru cabinet in the church foyer. Postcards are provided at NO CHARGE to you, and we encourage as many as possible to send a greeting to our brothers and sisters at St. Luke’s Parish. Postcards will continue to be displayed in the church for a few more weeks, before we mail them to Peru.

CWL 20th Anniversary

St Mark’s Catholic Women’s League will celebrate their 20th Anniversary on Saturday, March 12th **3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** in the Church Hall. The celebration will continue by attending the 5:00 p.m. Mass. St. Mark’s currently has 51 members and we would welcome any ladies of the parish to join us. If you’re curious and want to know what the CWL is all about; this is the perfect opportunity.