


Next Sunday *Fifth Sunday of Lent*
 Is 43:16-21 Phil 3:8-14 Jn 8:1-11



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Friday mornings
8:30am to 9:00am**

“A Good Man With A Bad Disposition”

Today we hear a beautiful story of a wayward son who returns home. He was all set to say to his father, “I’m not worthy to be your son. Make me a hired servant.” His speech was smothered by the embraces of his father.

Jesus could have stopped the story there but he went on to talk about the other son who remained faithful. He was decent, industrious and thrifty. Jesus pointed out that it is possible to be religious and still be wrong, to be correct but cold, to be righteous but repulsive. It is possible to be a good person with a bad disposition. What about your disposition? Does your relationship with Christ include that? Are you a sweeter, kinder person? Are you easy to live with?

Consider the curse of a bad disposition. The elder faithful son with a bad disposition was unhappy; he was angry. Life was a drag because he had a wrong attitude. He lost his usefulness. He wouldn’t participate in the joy of the father over the return of his brother. He refused to come to the party. He did nothing to prepare for the party. He just thought of himself.

A young man said to his pastor, I know that my mother attends church regularly and contributes quite a bit but she is the most difficult person to live with. I believe my father would have become a Christian a long time ago if it wasn’t for her nagging and complaining every day. Her bad disposition is a curse.

What is the curse of a bad disposition? First it is a lack of humility, a self-centeredness. The elder son only thought of himself. He certainly didn’t learn the lesson of denying himself and taking part in the cross of Christ. He had a distorted sense of values. He was jealous of his brother getting a party. His pride got the better of him.

We have considered the curse and the cause. What about the cure? We have to first of all recognize that God is always there for us. We may not always receive praise or nice words thanking us but God still loves us very much. Don’t sulk or pout but spend a little more time thanking God for what He has done for you and for what He is still doing for you. If we think about it, we’ll see that God has blessed us in many ways every day of our life.

God bless & love you,
 Father Terry




Remember your parish Church in your will.

Weekend: March 7, 2010

Adult:	3,517.50
Plate:	304.50
Youth:	3.00
Total:	\$3,825.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:
 This Week: UCA, Catholic Relief Services
 Next Week: Easter Flowers, Pledge/Debt Reduction



MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses Mar 15 - Mar 19

Mon.	8a	No Morning Mass
Tues.	8a	†Janet Yadosky
Wed.	8a St Patrick of Ireland	†Charlotte Walker
Thurs.	8a St Cyril of Jerusalem	Souls in Purgatory
Fri.	8a ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	†Helen Larson
	Keystone 11a	†Ruth Swapinski

Ministry Schedules Mar 19, 20 & 21

Fri	7p	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
		LECT Joanne Connor	
		SERV Josh Walczynski, Andrew McDonell	
Sat	5p	THE LORD’S DAY	BENEFACTORS
		LECT Joanne Connor	
		EUCH Roger Delfosse	
		USH Frank Busker, Tony Budisalovich, Myron Connor, Dave DeToffol	
Sun	8a	THE LORD’S DAY	†MATTHEW WALCZYNSKI
		LECT Jean Esler, Nicole Leonard	
		EUCH Angela Pass, Kyle Bates	
		SERV Joseph Michalski, Paul Michalski	
		USH Fred Pass, Greg, Kathy Donovan	
Sun	10a	THE LORD’S DAY	†GRATTO FAMILY
		LECT 8th Grade	
		EUCH Joe Wittkop, Irene Williams	
		SERV Greg Gustafson, Andrew, Annmari Washechek	
		USH Bob Kray, David Makowsky, Don Martens	
		GREET Kathy Limoseth	



Operation Rice Bowl

Fourth Week of Lent – The Prodigal Son

The story of the Prodigal Son helps us refocus on the meaning of Lent. This is a time to change our ways, to turn back to God our Father, and to appreciate and share the gifts we have received. As we begin the second half of our journey with Catholic Relief Services’ Operation Rice Bowl, we remember that we are called to be stewards of what God has given us, and we connect our prayers and fasting with our giving.

Please note: the Operation Rice Bowl banks and envelopes are in the narthex. The material explains the needs of the persons we will be helping. The banks and envelopes will be collected along with food, for those who need help right here in our own neighborhood, on Holy Thursday (4/1) at the 7pm Mass.

Today, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. You are invited to **give hope to Jesus in disguise**. Give hope to the community that has lost its livelihood to a crop disease. Give hope to the refugee child, separated from her mother. Give hope to the immigrant, trying to keep faith alive in a foreign land. The Catholic Relief Services Collection helps to fund programs that give hope to refugees, immigrants, and the impoverished, including victims of war, natural disaster, and drought. Through humanitarian, economic, pastoral, and advocacy efforts, The Catholic Relief Services Collection gives hope. Please be generous in today’s Collection.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

We extend a warm welcome to those of you who are visiting, or are looking to join our parish. Please feel welcome to sign up as new parishioners, or update your registration. You may call the office for information about signing up. Thank you

THIS WEEK AHEAD

March 14 to March 21

Monday	Prayer Group 7:00pm
Tuesday	Finance Council meeting 7:00pm
Wednesday	Soup Supper 5:15pm
Wednesday	Presentation 6:00pm
Wednesday	K-2 Rel Ed Classes 6:00-7:00pm
Wednesday	Reconciliation 7:00pm
Wednesday	Youth Group 8:15-9:00pm
Thursday	Adult Choir Practice 7:00pm
Thursday	Parish Council Meeting 7:00pm
Saturday	Triduum Server Practice-see times below
Saturday	Confessions 4:00pm

DIOCESE OF DULUTH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

The Bishop will celebrate mass with the people of the Duluth Deanery at 7pm on Friday, March 19 at the Cathedral of our Lady of the Rosary with a reception to follow.

The **EASTER TRIDUUM** is the most important celebration of our faith. Therefore we need time to renew and refresh our commitment to the liturgy. Therefore the following sessions are scheduled:

Servers: We will meet in the church as follows: Sat., March 20

- Holy Thursday** at 9:30-10:15am
- Good Friday** at 10:15-10:45am
- Holy Saturday** at 10:45-11:30am

Ushers for Holy Week: We will meet Monday, March 22 at 7pm in the Social Hall.

Lectors assigned to do the Passion on Palm Sunday & Good Friday: will meet on Tuesday, March 23 at 7pm in the Church.

We are having an Breakfast Pizza

Sunday, March 28th

from 9am-12noon

\$6.00 ~ Adults

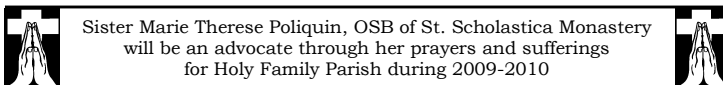
\$4.00 ~ Kids



PARISH PICTURE DIRECTORY

It has been 5 years since we did our last directory. We are planning to have another, with photography dates in April & May. Sign up this weekend. If you would like to help call the office and one of the committee will talk with you.

On Good Friday, April 2, there will be a two hour solemn-prayer vigil for the end of abortion in front of the abortion center in Duluth, 32 E 1st St. Each quarter-hour a different pastor will come to lead in a devotional on the meaning of Christ's atonement and to pray regarding the 600-700 abortions committed in Duluth each year. Please come for as long as your schedule permits to pray or to carry a six foot cross. The cross is to remind us that Jesus died to offer life. John 10:10: *"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."* Call Jim Tuttle at 393-4954 for more information. Sponsored by Pro-life Ministries of Duluth.



Religious Education News

From Desi



Wed., March 17, regular Religious Education class for K-2

All Religious Education students in grades 3-12 are to attend the 7:00pm Reconciliation Service on **Wed., March 17**. Sign in for attendance before joining your family. This is not a night off, all 3-12 grade students are to attend.

The 8th Grade will be participating in the Mass on **Sun., March 21 at 10am**. They will need to be here **Sun., March 21 at 9:25am** to practice for their Mass.

Youth Group NEWS

Youth Group
Wednesday, March 17 from 8:15-9pm



St. James Catholic School
624-1511 (PreK-8)

St. Michael's Lakeside School
525-1931 (PreK-5)

Holy Rosary School
724-8565 (K-8)
St. John's School
724-9392 (PreK-6)
St. Rose School, Proctor
624-0818 (PreK-6)

ALL ARE WELCOME.

SINGLE ADULT GAME NIGHT FOR AGES 25-45

Join other Catholic singles for a board game night at St. Benedict's Church on Tuesday 3/23/10 @ 7pm. Bring your favorite game to play and your best conversation. Coffee and cookies will be provided. Cost will be \$2 per person to help cover costs. Bring a friend if you would like - the more the merrier.

Events around town & beyond

Holy Angels, Moose Lake ANNUAL IRISH PARTY
Sunday, March 14 at 6pm
Enjoy dessert, Irish melodies & instrumentals, \$10, children under 5 Free



St Mary Star of the Sea EASTER HAM BINGO
Sunday, March 21 at 2pm
Sloppy Joe / Hot Dog lunch starting at 12:30

St Anthony FISH DINNER
Friday's in Lent, March 19, 26 & April 2 from 4:30-7pm
Adults \$9.00, 12 & under \$5.00, preschoolers Free

St Raphael's FISH SUPPER
Friday, March 19 & 26 from 5-7pm
Adults \$8, Children \$4



Holy Rosary FISH SUPPER
Friday, March 19 from 4:30-7pm
Adults \$7.50, Children \$5

St John's FISH SUPPER
Friday, March 26 from 4:30-7pm
Adults \$7.50, Children \$5.50

Knights of Columbus FISH FRY at St Benedict Church
Friday, March 26 from 4:30-7pm
Adults \$7.50, Child (under 13) \$5.50 Take-outs available

Norton Park United Methodist Church HAM DINNER
Sunday, March 28 from 12 noon-2:30pm
Adults \$9, ages 3-10 \$4, 2 & under Free