Looking Ahead . . .

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**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

“His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.’ But his father ordered his servants, ‘let us celebrate with a feast because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.’” – Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24s

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**March 6, 2016**

**4th Sunday of Lent**

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- **Newsletter:** Diane Haman
- **Prayer Line:** Kari Casanova
- **St. Vincent de Paul:** 218-656-0074—stanthonyslwc@gmail.com
- **Liturgy:** Jenny Oaks, Judy Koep

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- **Secretary:** Judy Koep
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- **Director of Education:** Lisa Urseth
- **Director of Maintenance:** Marv Koep

**Our Lady of Lourdes Coordinator**
- **Phone:** 587-3874 (Available 9 a.m.—11 a.m. Monday through Friday)
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- **Phone:** 963-3115

**Parish Nurses**
- **Denise Paine, Connie Brown, JoAnne Boushek, Joy Nordby, Carrie Marvin, Cathy Zebroski, and Yvonne Switajewski**
- **Phone:** 568-4760
Parish News and Information

Special Welcome to Our New Youth Minister!
Our parish has a new youth minister! As of March 1, Morgan McCleary has begun in this important ministry for our youth. Morgan comes to us from St. Benedict’s parish in Duluth and has plenty of experience with ministry to youth within our diocese. Morgan will be introducing herself to us at each of our masses, please join me in giving her a warm welcome to our neck of the diocese!

Brainerd Deanery CCW Lenten Retreat
St. Emily’s Catholic Church
March 15, 2016
Registration begins at 8:30. Retreat begins at 9:30 and ends at 2:00. Registrations fee is $10 and should be paid in advance. Please contact Linda McNamara or Nancy Jacobson (963-2262) before March 10 if you plan to attend.

Natural Family Planning
Northland Family Programs offers free introductory sessions on the FertilityCare System, a natural and effective family planning method. Learn how to avoid or achieve pregnancy safely and naturally with a proven method that’s 98% effective and 100% natural. Pre-registration is necessary for all sessions. Please call 218-786-2378 or 1-800-842-0279 to pre-register.

Condolences
Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Condolences to the family and friends of Alice Bauer, who recently passed away.

Amarillo House Party Reminder
The monthly Amarillo House birthday party in Pine River will be Friday, March 11, from 1-2 p.m. The birthday parties are held the second Friday of each month. Please consider joining us in green to celebrate St. Patrick’s day with the residents. Contact Barb Puleo 587-4685 or Marilyn Bueckers 587-4536 if you need further information.

Vocations Chalice Schedule

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Mass & Confession Schedules

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Weekly Financial Giving Report

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Address Information

Mailing address:
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30872 Old Hwy 371
PO Box 759
Pequot Lakes, MN 56472
963-2766 or 568-4760 or 587-4203
Fax: 218-568-6707
www.lakecountryparishes.wconnect.com

Physical addresses:
St. Alice Church
30904 Old Hwy 371
Nisswa, MN 56472
Kitchen phone: 568-6904
St. Christopher’s church
25574 Church Street
Nisswa, MN 56468
Kitchen phone: 963-1417

Our Lady of Lourdes church
203 2nd Street North
Pine River, MN 56474
Kitchen phone: 587-3874
Seek First the King of God
Over a year ago, Fr. Mike invited everyone to observe the holiness of Sundays by praying Vespers (evening prayer) at 6:00 p.m. every Sunday, followed by discussion of the day’s Gospel. All of us who attend regularly have grown to love and savor this hour. Father provides the Vesper prayers, so you don’t need the Liturgy of the Hours book. The Gospel discussion is truly inspired by the Holy Spirit! You can FEEL His Presence! We have all learned so much and feel abundantly blessed. I sincerely encourage everyone to attend. You will be amazed! ~ Melanie Johnson

With Gratitude from the St. Vincent de Paul Society
Our parish’s St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank all those who have so generously given of their time, talent, and treasure to provide for the needs of their neighbors.

In Matthew 25:40, Jesus tells us that “Whatever you do to the least of mine, you do for me.” Your gift to the poor brings the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

Since January 1, 2016, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 12 families and individuals in crisis situations with heat, rent, and utility assistance; warm quilts; food; travel expenses and lodging to the Mayo Clinic; shelter for the homeless; furniture and household items; and help for a disabled man who was without water for a month. We received this email from the company who put in his new well pump:

“I have been blessed with having a great company with a group of excellent employees that work very hard for a fair price at North Star. We understand that there are people in need and as a group are willing to help out whenever possible in doing our part for the community in which we live and work.

With that in mind, we will not be invoicing St. Vincent de Paul for the installation of his new well pump.

It is people and organizations like you that people can count on in time of need.

Thank you!”

Diocese of Duluth Bankruptcy
United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Minnesota
In re Diocese of Duluth; Case No. 15-50792

If you were sexually abused by any person connected with the Diocese, a parish in the Diocese, a school in the Diocese, or have any claim against the Diocese, you must file a claim by May 25, 2016.

Claims must be filed by May 25, 2016.

For more information, visit dioceseduluth.org.

For US Bankruptcy Court for the District of Minnesota information, visit mnb.uscourts.gov.

For the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, call 612-335-1407.

For advice about your rights, contact an attorney.

Italian Dinner
The big event is nearly here! Our Italian dinner will be Saturday, March 12 at St. Christopher’s. Social hour will begin at 5:30 and dinner will be served at 6:00. Following dinner will be a dessert auction conducted by John Stranne.

Individual tickets are $15. A table of 8 is $105. Please call Kari at the parish office (568-4760) to reserve your tickets. We hope to see you there!

Catholic Relief Services
“Amen, say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me” (Mt 25:40). Today, we are reminded that Jesus identified himself with our poorest brothers and sisters. The Catholic Relief Service collection serves Jesus in the victims of human trafficking, those who suffer from unjust laws, and those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. Through supporting today’s collection you help Jesus in disguise. Please be generous.

Engaged Weekends
The Office of Marriage and Family Life for the Diocese of Duluth is announcing the upcoming Engaged Weekends for the remainder of this year:

April 2 & 3 in Hibbing (Full)
June 18 & 19 in Duluth (Recently Added)
Oct. 22 & 23 in Brainerd
Oct. 29 & 30 in Hibbing

Spaces for the Engaged Weekends are limited. Please check for availability before signing up. Information can be found at www.dioceseduluth.org.

New Engaged Couple Series
A six week marriage preparation series for the engaged has been added to accommodate couples who are unable to make a weekend retreat. These evening meetings start Thursday, April 7th at 5:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of Our Lady. Couples can register online at www.dioceseduluth.org under the Marriage and Family Life Department for this retreat.

CCW Meetings
Wondering when your circle meets? Monthly meetings times are below:
St. Alice Circle meets the third Friday at 10 a.m.
St. Christopher circle meets the second Tuesday at 9 a.m.
Our Lady of Lourdes circle meets the first Sunday at 9 a.m.

The combined meeting for the merged parish is in the Fireside room at St. Alice the first Thursday of the month following the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Youth News

Children’s Stations
Children’s stations are Our Lady of Lourdes at 5:00. We hope you can join us. Soup supper follows at 5:30.
**Daily Mass Schedule and Mass Intentions:**

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**Pray for Priests and Vocations to the Priesthood**

Every Wednesday morning at 7:00 a.m. we will pray for priests and vocations to the priesthood. We encourage you to come join us for prayer. You can pray for the entire hour, or stop by for a few minutes on your way to work. Any length of time is encouraged! We will be having this special adoration time in the Chapel each week on Wednesdays and we hope that you will consider joining us.

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**Weekly Readings**

Readings for the Week of March 6, 2016

- Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-7/Lk 15:1-3, 11-12
- Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
- Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47
- Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-21, 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9-12/Jn 7:40-53
- Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

**Journey in Recovery**

This is a ministry of support, information and referral regarding alcoholism, chemical dependency and related family issues. It is located in Christopher House. For more information call Kathy Burton at 963-3115.

**Prayer Ministry**

If you need supportive prayer for any important need in your life or someone close to you, call the Parish Office at 568-4760 or email Kari at: stalicechurch@gmail.com

**Eucharistic Adoration held at St. Alice Chapel**

Everyone is invited to come, day or night, for a visit to Our Lord, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Please use the South Entrance in the evening.

**Knights of Columbus**

New members are encouraged to attend our meetings on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at St. Christopher’s church in Nisswa. Contact Jeff Hemler at 218-543-4044 for more information.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

St. Anthony’s Living Water Conference: “Serving the Poor and Needy in Our Area.” Meetings are at 10:00 a.m. at St. Alice church in Pequot Lakes on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month. To request services, call 218-656-0074 or email to stanthonyslwc@gmail.com. Donations may be made by mail: SVdP, PO Box 543, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472.

**Elizabeth Ministry**

If you are pregnant, wanting to get pregnant, lost a baby through miscarriage, or if you are wanting to adopt, we will set up prayer partners. This is open to anyone that wants prayer. Call Connie at 963-3804.

**Men’s Bible Study**

All men are invited to meet at St. Alice church on Thursday mornings at 6 a.m. for coffee, prayer, and discussion on the upcoming weekend’s Scripture readings.

**Council of Catholic Women**

The St. Alice CCW meets in the Fireside Room at St. Alice church the first Thursday of the month following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. This parish-wide meeting is for women from all three locations.

**Nisswa AA Meetings**

- **Sunday** 7:00 pm Christopher House (MEN’S Mtg)
- **Monday** 6:00 pm Christopher House
- **Tuesday** 7:00 pm Christopher House
- **Wednesday** 5:30 pm Nisswa Fire Hall (WOMEN’S Mtg)
- **Thursday** 7:00 pm Lutheran Church of the Cross (WOMEN’S Mtg)
- **Friday** 11:00 am Christopher House
- **Friday** 8:00 pm Christopher House

**Al-Anon Meetings**

- **Monday** 12:00 pm Christopher House
- **Monday** 7:30 pm Trailside Center
- **Tuesday** 7:00 pm Timberwood Church
- **Thursday** 7:00 pm Lutheran Church of the Cross

**Pequot Lakes AA Meeting**

- **Monday** 7:30 pm Trailside Center
- **Thursday** 7:30 pm Trailside Center (12 Step Program Study)

**Pequot Lakes Families Anonymous (FA) Meeting**

- **Monday** 6:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Library

**Pine River AA Meetings**

- **Wednesday** 8:00 pm DAC Building (County Rd 2)
- **Wednesday** 8:00 pm Celebrate Recovery Building
- **Saturday** 8:00 pm DAC Building (County Rd 2)
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Note: Christopher House is located on the south side of St. Christopher’s church. You can park in the church parking lot and there is a sign on the building.
A grassroots food and fund drive, Minnesota FoodShare’s March Campaign is the only statewide effort where every dollar donated goes directly to food shelves to purchase food for the hungry.

Food security is “access by all people at all times to enough food or an active, healthy life.” Food insecurity means that consistent access to adequate food is limited by a lack of money and other resources at times during the year.

One in ten Minnesotans, or more than 500,000 residents, are food insecure on a regular basis. That is more people than attended Minnesota Vikings home games during the 2015 regular season.

Imagine the entire populations of Ohio and California going to bed hungry each night. Does that number sound too high? 49 million Americans, including more than 16 million children, which is equivalent to the populations in those two states, live in households that do not have consistent access to nutritious food.

In 2014, 11% of all Minnesotans and almost 15% of kids in Minnesota lived below the poverty line.

In the summer of 2015, 45.5 million Americans utilized the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as the Food Stamp Program) to help feed their households. Of those, nearly one in two households has children and 75% of households have children, an elderly family member, or a family member with a disability.

Over 50% of SNAP households have some form of earned income. In Minnesota, 67% of households with children who are receiving SNAP reported having earnings from work. Often wages are too low and expenses such as child care, transportation and rent are too high, so working families must use SNAP to keep their families fed.

8.3% of seniors in Minnesota reported being threatened by hunger. Senior hunger is expected to rise as more Baby Boomers reach age 60.

For 34 years, Minnesota FoodShare has partnered with faith communities, schools, businesses and community groups to restock food shelves in each March. In 2015, the March campaign raised $8 million and 4.7 million pounds of food, ensuring that thousands of Minnesotans were fed.

There were more than 3 million visits to Minnesota food shelves in 2013. Almost half of these visits were made by children and seniors.

The Harvard School Breakfast Research Summary found that lack of adequate nutrition can impair a child’s ability to concentrate at school. When kids eat a healthy breakfast there is an average increase of 17.5% of standardized math scores.

Children who experience hunger get sick more often, recover from illness slower, and are hospitalized more frequently than children who do not. Children who experience hunger are more likely to experience headaches, stomachaches, cold, ear infections, and fatigue.