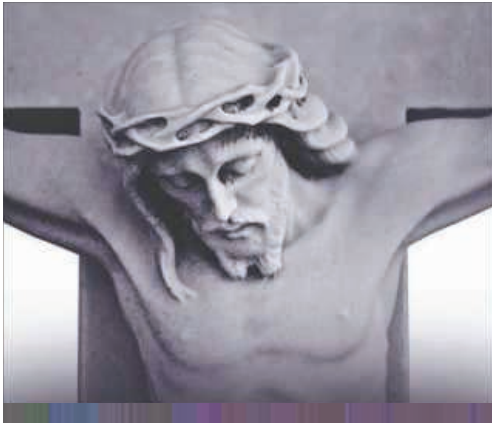


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The Fifth Sunday of Lent *March 17, 2013*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
17 5th Sunday of Lent SJ – Mass 7:30 am Mass 10:30 am Liturgy with Children SF – Mass 9:00am Rel. Ed. 10:00 am Rosary Sunday	18	19 Feast of St. Joseph SJ – Confession 7 am Mass 7:30 am	20 SJ – Confession 7:00 am Mass 7:30 am Rel. Ed. 5:30-7:45 pm SF - Soup Supper 6:00 pm Confession 6:30 pm Stat./Cross 7 pm Mass 7:30 pm	21 SJ – Confession 7 am Mass 7:30 am	22 SJ – 24 hour Euch. Ador. 8 am - Sat. 7:45 am Stat./Cross 5:00 pm Mass 5:30 pm Conf. 6-6:30 pm Abstinence	23 SJ – Benediction 7:45 am Confession 4:30 pm Mass 5:30 pm
24 Palm Sunday SJ – Mass 7:30 & 10:30 am Knights of Columbus Donut Sunday SF – Mass 9:00 am Rel. Ed. 10:00 am	25	26 SJ – Confession 7 am Mass 7:30 am SJ - Reconciliation 3:00-7:00 pm	27 SJ – Confession 7:00 am Mass 7:30 am No Rel. Ed. SF - Soup Supper 6:00 pm Confession 6:30 pm Stat./Cross 7 pm Mass 7:30 pm	28 Holy Thursday SJ - No am Mass or Confession Mass 7:00 pm Euch. Ador. 8:30 pm - Midnight	29 Good Friday SJ - No Euch. Ador. Service 3:00 pm SF - Service 7:00 pm Fast / Abstinence	30 Easter Vigil SJ - Mass 7:30 pm

We are a full four weeks into our Lenten journey. Now is a good time to assess how well our Lenten penance has helped us overcome sin and come closer to Jesus. Sometimes we can get so caught up during Lent with doing “penance” that we forget Lent is ultimately about encountering Jesus and coming to a deeper union with him. Our Lenten penance is never an end to itself, but is always a means to deeper relationship with Christ. Our Lenten penance is always directed to strengthening our resolve to remain with Jesus, never to turn away from him. As we discipline ourselves, we gradually learn new priorities and what’s most important in our lives and are then better able to keep Christ at the center of our lives.

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MASS INTENTIONS

For the week of March 17

Saturday Vigil, 5:30 pm

All priests

Sunday, 7:30 am

All souls in purgatory

SF-9:00 am

Stimson Family intentions

10:30 am

All parishioners of both parishes

Tues., 7:30 am

Open

Wed., 7:30 am

Open

SF-7:30 pm

Open

Thursday, 7:30 am

Open

Friday, 5:30 pm

Open

For the week of March 24

Saturday Vigil, 5:30 pm

All parishioners of both parishes

Sunday, 7:30 am

Open

SF-9:00 am

Open

10:30 am

†Ralph & †Adeline Larson

† indicates the Repose of Soul

HOLY THURSDAY

This year, St. Joseph and St. Francis Xavier parishes will be joining forces and celebrating just one 7:00 pm Mass at St. Joseph Church on Holy Thursday. Bob Bernard will be the musician, and we are looking for cantors from both parishes to help with the singing. Practice will be held prior to Mass. We are also in need of 4 people (ages 10 and up) to act as the apostles in the washing of the feet ceremony. Contact the office if you are interested.

St. Bridget's Third Annual ALL-U-CAN EAT Fish Fry

Featuring: pub battered cod & baked fish, french fries, coleslaw, dinner rolls, dessert, & meatless spaghetti for the kids

Time: 5:00 - 7:00 pm, March 22

Cost: Adults \$10, Seniors (65+) \$8

Kids (6-12) \$5, Kids 5 & under are free
Stay for stations of the cross at 6:45 pm and Mass at 7:30 pm!

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP OUR FAMILY PRACTICE OUR FAITH?

Some families practice their religion together as just another event on their schedule: go to church, observe Lent, help at the parish picnic, go to a meeting, volunteer time, make your confession, use your envelope. The focus needs to be on who we are: God's people, in relationship with him, loved, forgiven and redeemed, and called to live and proclaim the Gospel. Our awareness of God's presence and our sense of mission are supported by the daily rituals, celebrations, and traditions that help us stay focused. Sharing our faith strengthens us and clarifies the beliefs and values of Christian living.

Daily family practices include time for prayer - before meals, before bed, before important meetings and activities. Attend Sunday Mass together and discuss the homily afterward. Create family celebrations for holy days and holidays. Make religion a regular part of your discussions. Include others, especially the elderly and the less fortunate in your activities and charitable efforts. By applying the virtues of faith, hope, and love to each day, faith becomes part of who your family is. It influences how you act towards others, what you value, and how mindful of God you are. Faith is the leaven of life that helps all of us rise to our calling and dignity as God's people.

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SCHEDULE OF MINISTRIES

■ SATURDAY VIGIL, MARCH 23

◆ 5:30 pm Mass (St. Joseph)

Extraordinary Ministers:

Virginia Johnson, Sandy Greene

Kim LaBarre*

Readers:

Mary Jo Mandell & Larry Julik-Heine

Altar Servers: Emilia & Sophie Jury

■ PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24

◆ 7:30 am Mass (St. Joseph)

Extraordinary Ministers:

Clayton Rivard, Joe Weinberg, Deb Rose

Sharon Peterson*

Readers: Tom Lunzer & Rick Raffesberger

Altar Servers: Alicia & Christina Sandberg

◆ 9 am Mass (St. Francis)

Extraordinary Ministers:

Dorine Rohe, Rose Ann Hawley

Carol Nelson, Monica Osterbauer*

Readers: Deb Ryan & Mike Harnetty

◆ 10:30 am Mass (St. Joseph)

Extraordinary Ministers:

Sharon McCurdy, Char Gudmunson

Teresa Steele, Jan Rintoul*

Readers: Scott Weyenberg & Henry Klein

Altar Servers:

Brooklyn Kelash & John Deneen

*Indicates people to cleanse Sacred Vessels

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 24, 2013

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

SAVE THE DATE - The Archdiocese has chosen St. Joseph and St. Francis parishes to host Rural Life Sunday this year. Bishop Lee A. Piché will celebrate Mass on Sunday, June 23, 2013 at 1:30 pm at Don & Bonnie Quigley's Farm in Lindstrom, MN. Watch future bulletins for more details.

ALTAR SERVERS' TUBING

The Altar Servers' tubing outing to Wild Mountain was a great success. Thanks to Tony Zais and Lori Jury for organizing this fun-filled event.

2013 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Because there is no one interested in coordinating Vacation Bible School, it will not be offered in the summer of 2013.



MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a mass intention added to the calendar, please contact the office.

be ready to
give another
chance



Once again we have a well-known and familiar Gospel story proposed for our Lenten reflection. The account of the woman caught in the act of adultery is one that invites us to be neither sinner or judge. She was found out - discovered - publicly shamed. It happens to most of us at some point in our lives, usually when we are young. We do something wrong, and get caught. And then we have to endure the humiliation of our wrongful act being known by others. It is expected that we will learn from our mistakes, but that doesn't always happen.

On the other hand, we're sometimes like the scribes and the Pharisees who bring the accusation. We discover something we can hold against another. Occasionally it is a secret knowledge that can fester in our hearts. At other times, it is a public shame that we do not hesitate to propagate for our own advantage. For whatever reason - vengeance, jealousy, mean-spiritedness - we want offenders to "get what's coming to them."

Maybe in the end, the story of the woman caught in adultery is to invite us to be neither sinner nor judge. Maybe the point of the story is to act like Jesus. Could we put ourselves in his role? He extends mercy, but he also proposes expectations ("do not sin anymore").

These past three Sundays before Holy Week have been about God giving us time. The fig tree that was allowed to grow another year, the prodigal son who was allowed to come back home, and the woman who was not condemned, were all given another chance. We all want that second chance when we sin. This Sunday's Gospel would suggest if we're going to follow Christ, we have to give another chance to those who sin against us as well.

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Thank you!

Thanks to Larry & Jill Bol Christiansen for salting the church parking lot to help with slippery conditions.

The Rosary is prayed at St. Francis Church on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 8:40 am. Please come to Mass early and join us!

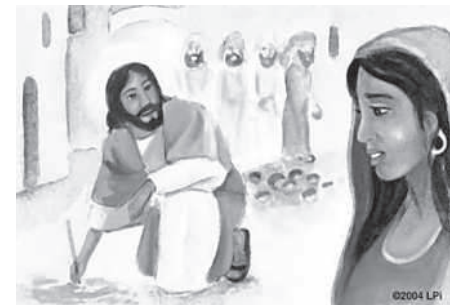
Natural Family Planning

The Couple to Couple League will be offering a series of classes, for engaged & married couples, on the *Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning* at the Church of St. Michael, 611 S. Third St., Stillwater, MN. This series uses CCL's new streamlined methodology and materials incorporating Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Classes begin on Friday, March 22nd at 7:00pm. To register, call 612.721.3791 or visit our web site: <http://twincities.ccli.org>.

HE CAME DOWN TO EARTH TO
SHED HIS BLOOD ON CALVARY
... ALL TO BRING US LIFE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mar. 17--9 am Mass - 11 am Rel. Ed.
Rosary Sunday
- Mar. 19--SJ-7:00 pm
Knights of Columbus Meeting
- Mar. 20--6:00 pm Soup Supper
6:30 pm Confession
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
7:30 pm Mass
- Mar. 24--9 am Mass - 11 am Rel. Ed.



St. Francis Financial Contributions

Weekly needed income:	\$ 1,519.23
EFT (March 5)	165.00
March 10	963.23
Children's Collection	14.59
Year to date (7/1/12):	2,857.04



**DONUT SUNDAY,
MARCH 24, 2013**

Join the Knights of Columbus for donuts, coffee, and fellowship.

THANK YOU - Thanks to Kathy Nienhaus and Karen Dalzel for volunteering their time to work at the Educational Staff Appreciation Luncheon on Friday, March 8 at the Baptist Church. Also, thanks to those who contributed by donating food, and a special thanks to Sharon McCurdy for helping to coordinate this volunteer effort.

FOOD DRIVE

The Feast of St. Joseph is Tues, March 19. In celebration, St. Joseph parish is having a food drive. Please bring in donations for the food shelf on the week-ends of March 17 or March 24. This is a wonderful opportunity to practice almsgiving this Lent. Also, all are invited to Mass on Tues., March 19 at 7:30 am.

**GOD IS GOOD, ALL THE TIME!
ALL THE TIME, GOD IS GOOD!**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mar. 16--4:30-5:00 pm Confession
5:30 pm Mass
- Mar. 17--7:30 am Mass
10:30 am Liturgy with Children
- Mar. 19--7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
- Mar. 20--5:30-7:45 pm Rel. Ed. & Choir
- Mar. 21--5:30 pm Parish Council
- Mar. 22--5:00 pm Stations of the Cross
5:30 pm Mass
6:00-6:30 pm Confession
- Mar. 23--4:30-5:00 pm Confession
5:30 pm Mass
- Mar. 24--7:30 & 10:30 am Mass
Knights of Columbus Donut Sunday



St. Joseph Financial Contributions

Weekly needed income:	\$ 3,250.00
EFT (March 5)	395.00
March 10	3,383.25
Children's Collection	15.85
Year to Date (7/1/12):	11,759.39

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