

# Assumption Catholic Church

206 Dakota Street, PO Box 67, Callaway, MN February 18, 2018

Here is a thought from last week's homily: *When the leper approached him, Jesus was moved with pity. Translated, the word pity literally means, "to have the bowls yearn."* The whole body of Jesus was filled with compassion for the leper, as it is for us.

My friend James sent me an obituary on Tuesday regarding the death of a 69-year-old man from England. Apparently one of my friend's hobbies is reading obituaries from around the world! He commented, "I came across this obituary and worried that this might be me in a few years...I lost it when I read the final line, 'he suffered a heart attack between the dressed crab and the boeuf en croute.'" This is one way to get our heads into the season of Lent—we could write our own obituary.

James looked at his life through the lens of an another and saw some things he doesn't like. The Lent question is, "What are you going to do about that?" One option is to continue willfully down the same path and hope for a judgment that is long on mercy and short on justice. Another option is to identify the areas in our life which would cause us embarrassment or shame and amend them. We can repent and believe in the gospel!

One of the antiphons for the distribution of ashes is, "Let us change our garments to sackcloth and ashes, let us fast and weep for before the Lord, that our God, rich in mercy, might forgive us our sins."

Jesus is filled with compassion for us. This divine yearning is wasted when we continue stumbling down the wrong path and make no attempt to change direction or our hearts.

This Lent I will be asking Jesus to replace my stony heart with a natural heart. I will ask him to reveal to me my sins and give me true sorrow and amendment of life.

**Mass Schedule for Sacred Heart Church in Frazee**  
 Saturdays – 9:00 am and 5:30 pm  
 Sundays – 8:30 am  
 Weekdays: Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 9:00 am  
 Wednesdays – Frazee Care Center 9:00 am

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**Mass Times**  
 Thursday @ 7:00 pm  
 Sunday 10:30 am

**CONFESSIONS:**  
 Thursday @ 6:15 pm  
 Sunday after Mass

**ADORATION:**  
 Thursdays: 5:00-7:00 pm

There will be Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 7:00 pm.

There will be an Open House for Ted Winter's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:30 pm at the Callaway Community Center. He turned 95 on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

We are pleased to announce the beginning of the Diocesan Annual Appeal. The Diocesan goal for the Appeal has been raised for the first time in three years by \$10,000 and is now \$900,000. This goal is shared and pro-rated among our 66 parishes based on the prior year's offertory. Our parish goal for 2018 as \$6,995, which is an increase of \$1,806. You will each receive an Annual Appeal letter from Bishop Hoepfner at home in your mailbox. Enclosed will be a brochure that outlines how DAA funds are spent during the year. Envelopes and prayer cards are available here in our own parish. Please pray about a gift to the Annual Appeal. It feels great to support the work of the Church! Check out our website at [www.crookston.org/daa](http://www.crookston.org/daa) to see what a wonderful impact your gift will make. Prayer request cards are enclosed in all the mailings from Bishop Hoepfner. Whether or not you are able to make a gift, Bishop asks that you mail in your prayer requests so that he and his staff can pray for your intentions at daily Mass.

**Question of the Week: What can I do to live up to my covenant with God during this season of Lent?**

**PRAYER REQUESTS: A PRAYER TO PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE BELOW:**

Lord, we pray for your loving support for the people listed below and their families as they deal with their illnesses. Guide the doctors who are seeking answers and making decisions about care/ treatments. We pray that their illness is at a stage favorable for effective treatment. Enable their bodies to respond well to care/treatment and their soul to experience comfort and peace in you. Make this an experience that draws them and their loved ones closer to you as well as to one another. We commit them to your mercy. Amen

Rosella Olson (Ginny Warren's mother), Alice Bellefeuille, Mark Stalberger, Milo & Lucille Winter, Sherry Steffl, Ernie Clark, Lowell Baker, Martha Donley, Connie Olgaard, Rita Pearson, Walt Welle, Shawna Donner, Deb Clark, Albert Schouviller, Rick Flottesmesch, Cleo Baker, Brent Pearson, Jerry Flottesmesch, Peter Pearson, Jeanine Kivi, Alice DuChene, Randy Green, Peg Braaten, Leonard Thielen, Kenneth Winter, Gene Zurn.

*"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God..."*  
 Mark 1:14

*Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.*

**Collection February 11, 2018**  
 \$501

**UPCOMING:**  
 Fri., Feb 23: Stations of the Cross @ 7:00 pm

**Mass Intentions**  
 Thur., Feb 22: +Alice Goelz  
 Sun., Feb 25: +Grace Fairbanks

**Ministry Schedule for Feb. 25 2018**

**Ministers of Holy Communion**  
 Mark Stalberger, Roger Foltz & Max Klarer

**Lector**  
 Allan Foltz

**Ushers**  
 Damian Zurn & Jerry Spry

**Presentation of Gifts**  
 Pat & Lori Stalberger & Family

**Altar Servers**  
 Katie Steffl & Julia Steffl