

Assumption Catholic Church

206 Dakota Street, PO Box 67, Callaway, MN March 10, 2019

Henceforward, Father David's homilies will be recorded and available at frazeesacredheart.org>Homilies.

Here is a thought from last week's homily: *The light of Christ reveals our sins not for us to be punished but for us to be healed. So, we look at the messes in our lives and say, "I know how that happened. I am sorry."*

The traditional disciplines of Lent are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Our culture and the circumstances of our lives and families influence our dispositions toward these disciplines. For example, prayer requires us to turn our minds and hearts toward God. We struggle to find openness to the infinite God when technology has brought us easy access to a seemingly infinite stream of information, news and entertainment. Or to put it another way, I cannot pray and fiddle with my phone at the same time. I try, but the reality is that I end up fiddling with prayer. God may look at me and say, "Nice try. Let me know when you are really interested in Me."

I have a fridge and a pantry full of food. I have everything I need and want and a dollar store in my back yard. The only discipline I inflict on my body is this, "Should I eat the whole bag of licorice now or save half for later?" When we live day in and day out in excess, it is difficult to offer a sacrifice that has meaning or makes a difference. Compare this to the kids at the orphanage in Uganda. They live without access to food between their humble meals. They eat only what they need. They don't have the option of "giving up something," because they have nothing.

To give alms is to offer something to the poor. I have bottles and bags full of coins. Each Lent I like to give them to Operation Rice Bowl. it is not a sacrifice at all but more of a spring cleaning.

Lent: to give your whole attention to God in prayer; to abstain from meat and fast from food as a training to remember that we live not by bread alone but by every Word that comes from the mouth of God; to provide for the poor, not from our excess but by cutting into our budgets.

Here is an option for your almsgiving. One of the corporal works of mercy is to the bury the dead. I am aware of a family that needs a niche for their loved one but cannot afford it. I would like to offer a niche in Sacred Heart Cemetery's new columbarium. The family will need approximately \$1,000 to purchase the niche and for the engraving. If you want to participate in this almsgiving, you can put an envelope in the collection basket labeled, "Bury the Dead." Checks can be made out to "Sacred Heart Church" or "Assumption Church."

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 is a Finance Council meeting after Mass today.

We have no Mass intention requests for 4 of the remaining Masses in March. Now would be a good time to request a Mass for one of your Special Intentions.

During Lent, we will have Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7:00 pm.

We will have a St. Patrick's Day Brunch/egg bake after Mass on Sunday, March 17. There will be a free-will offering.

As in the past, our parish will be joining millions of Catholics across the country by participating in CRS's Operation Rice Bowl during Lent. Your family is asked to pick up a Rice Bowl packet in the entry of the Church. We are invited to pray with our families and faith communities, fast in solidarity with those who are hungry, and give sacrificial contributions to those in need. The Rice Bowls will be collected at Mass on Holy Thursday.

We received a check for our We Care receipts totaling \$28.69. Thank you to all who participated.

For the small group sessions during Lent this season we will be learning about the Holy Spirit, or The Wild Goose by Fr. Dave Pivonka with DVD to watch, along with a study guide. Morning group will start meeting Thurs 14th at 9:00am; Evening group wed.13th at 6:00 pm.

Safe Haven Sunday: *Equipping the Family, Safeguarding Children*

Sacred Heart is setting aside this weekend as Safe Haven Sunday in order to give focused time and resources to address the harmfulness of pornography and other online threats to marriages, family life and culture. Today's awareness day is celebrated through prayer and a reflection within the Context of the Mass. After Mass, each individual and family will be given Covenant Eyes' book, *Equipped: Smart Catholic Parenting in a Sexualized Culture*. This book includes a unique seven-day text-to-opt-in program: *The Equipped 7-Day Challenge*. This Challenge provides practical tips any caring adult can take to create safer digital environments for themselves and our young people. Thank you for Celebrating with us!

Question of the Week: Where do I encounter temptation? When do I give in? How do I withstand it?

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, Sherry Steffl, Ernie Clark, Martha Donley, Connie Olgaard, Rita Pearson, Shauna Donner, Deb Clark, Albert Schouville, Rick Flottesch, Cleo Baker, Brent Pearson, Jerry Flottesch, Peter Pearson, Jeanine Kivi, Alice DuChene, Peg Braaten, Kenneth Winter, Gene Zurn, Connie Collman Bergren, Sharon Winter, Darrell Beck, Gerald Galbrecht (brothers-in-law of Don Tietz), Allen Gulseth, Irene Hazelton, Brian Hazelton, Hali Thomas, Dr.Darryl Beehler, Lillian Welle and Jim Heisler.

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me"
Deuteronomy 26:10

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits," the best that you have to offer, or do you give from what is leftover? Second, do you recognize that everything you have has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

Sunday, February 24, 2019--\$205
Sunday, March 3, 2019--\$1,277

UPCOMING

Sun., Mar 10: Finance Council meeting after Mass
Wed., Mar 13: Morning Lent small group @ 9:00 am
Thur., Mar14: Evening Lent small group @ 6:00 pm
Fri., Mar 15: Stations of the Cross @ 7:00 pm

Mass Intentions

Thurs., Mar 14: Ann & Matt Fredrickson & family
Sun., Mar 17: +Sherry Steffl

Ministry Schedule for Feb 24, 2019

Ministers of Holy Communion
Roger Foltz, Max Klarer & Lori Stalberger

Lector
Gina Steffl

Ushers
Jerry Spry & Damian Zurn

Presentation of Gifts
Troy Baker Family

Altar Servers
Natalie Steffl & Noah Steffl