

Assumption Catholic Church

206 Dakota Street, PO Box 67, Callaway, MN March 24, 2019

Here is a thought from last week's homily: *When it is time to pray, the disciples are asleep!*

All of us have tapes playing in your minds regarding our identity. Some of the messages are true and affirming, some of them are true and challenging, and some of them are lies.

Imagine a girl who grows up with parents that scream and fight and direct their anger at her, "You are the problem. You are ugly. We wish you were not here." She may grow up believing these things about herself. The heart of Jesus is torn open, bleeding and bruised by these offenses against human dignity. His precious daughter has been lied to, and she believes the lie.

I am a farmer. I am a grandma! I am the husband of Mary. I am a child of God. I am... Whatever we believe about ourselves, it must be true, and it must affirm the dignity of people created by a heavenly Father that loves us. God not only loves us; God adores us! God has created us for heaven, and between here and heaven, God can't wait to see the amazing things we do, things born out of faith, hope and charity.

Knowing who made us and that heaven is our destiny, we are challenged to uphold the dignity of our brothers and sisters in Christ, and even of our enemies.

When a man is ordained a deacon, he is given a Book of the Gospels with these words, "Receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you now are. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach." The deacon responds by receiving the book but says nothing. In this case, his silence is consent.

If you struggle with self-esteem, if you beat yourself up daily with old lies, break the silence. You are a child of God. You are loved. Do not consent to these destructive messages. Begin to rebuild your identity by upholding the dignity of these around you, near and far.

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

We have no Mass intention requests for 3 Masses in April. Now would be a good time to request a Mass for one of your Special Intentions.

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.

There are still open dates on the Fellowship Calendar. Please check the Fellowship Calendar and help filling it out by signing up for a Sunday.

The family of Arleen Faltersack wishes to thank Assumption parishioners for all the good things that were done for us at the time of her passing: cards & memorials given, food prepared and served, the many ways you supported us with hugs and condolences and kind deeds. It is so heart-warming to know so many cared. God Bless you all--Jerry & Shirley Spry

St. Racheal's Circle will be hosting a Taco Buffet on Sunday, March 31st after Mass. Everyone is welcome.

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 Schouviller, Rick Flottesmesch, Cleo Baker, Brent Pearson, Jerry Flottesmesch, 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, Jim Heisler and Michael Herzog.

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'"

Luke 113:7

We can all be like the barren fruit tree at times. Do you cling to what you have, or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts and return with increase.

Sunday, Mar 17, 2019--\$884

UPCOMING

Wed., Mar 27: Morning Lent small group @ 9:00 am

Thur., Mar 28: Evening Lent small group @ 6:00 pm

Fri., Mar 29: Stations of the Cross @ 7:00 pm

Sun., Mar 30: Taco Buffet after Mass

Mass Intentions

Thurs., Mar 28: +Jerome Winter

Sun., Mar 24: +Gordon & Virginia Haverkamp

Ministry Schedule for Mar 31, 2019

Ministers of Holy Communion

MaryAnn Jorgenson, Colleen Schmit & David Steffl

Lector

Lori Stalberger

Ushers

Allan Foltz & Bill Steffl

Presentation of Gifts

Ken Blattenbauer Family

Altar Servers

Eliana Steffl & Jonah Steffl