



St. Isidore the Farmer Area Faith Community

St. Francis, St. Bridget, St. Malachy, Sacred Heart, Visitation Oratory

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, February 7	8:30 am	BENSON (PT)	++	Donald & Betty Lou Kepner
	6:00 pm	DANVERS (PT)	+	Austin McGeary
Wednesday, February 8	8:30 am	DEGRAFF (PT)	+	Madeline Holmes
Thursday, February 9	8:30 am	MURDOCK (PT)	+	Bonnie Diederich
	10:30 am	GOLDEN LIVING (PT)		For our Priests
Friday, February 10	8:30 am	CLONTARF (PT)	+	Ellard Chamberlain, Jr.
<u>Weekend Masses</u>				
Saturday, February 11	4:00 pm	BENSON (PT)	+	Mollie Swanberg
	6:00 pm	CLONTARF (PT)		For the People
Sunday, February 12	8:00am	DEGRAFF (PT)	+	Harold Suter
	9:00 am	BENSON (PT)		Matt Murphy
	10:00 am	MURDOCK (PT)	+	Dorothy Commerford

Fr. Bill will be on vacation February 6-17.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3 pm in Benson on Sat., Feb. 11; 9:30 am in Murdock on Sunday, Feb. 12

*** Marriage Preparation:** Please contact Area Office at least six months ahead of time to plan and prepare for your wedding.

If one party has been previously married, the wedding cannot move forward unless an annulment has been granted by the Catholic Church.

*** Baptism Preparation:** Please call Fr. Bill Sprigler at 314-2566

*** RCIA:** Anyone interested in **joining the Catholic Church** please call Jack Wagner at 842-9693 or the Area Office for fall registration.

*** Registration/Moving:** To register in a parish or if moving, call Area Office at 842-4271 or Murdock office at 875-2451.

***Spiritual Care for shut-ins:** Feel free to call the area office about inquiries about a shut-in you would like to have a priest visit. Benson area call 842-4271 and Murdock area contact 875-2451.

Catholic Charities- offering personal, marriage, family and pregnancy counseling 1-866-670-5163.

The Vocation View

Healing, reconciling, and proclaiming good news: the tasks of Jesus, the tasks of the church. Does God call you to be a healer, reconciler, proclaimer of good news? (Mark 1:29-39)

DAILY SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 5
Wed. February 8

The Holy Rosary will be prayed ½ hour before Masses in Benson & Murdock
1 pm Rosary in Benson: intention is that God help us be a good example of God's love at work in the world by the kind words we say and the thoughtful things we do for others.

4:30-5:30 pm bell choir practice

5:30-6:30 pm choir practice at St. Francis

Home-based lessons for grades 1-6

7:15 pm Teachers meeting for grades 1-6

6:45-8 pm class for grades 7-11

Thursday, February 9
Saturday, February 11

9 am – 6 pm Eucharistic Adoration in Murdock

The Holy Rosary will be prayed ½ hour before Mass in Benson

Missionary from Food for the Poor will be at Area Masses

5-8 pm St. Bridget Pork Loin Dinner at the VFW

Sunday, February 12

The Holy Rosary will be prayed ½ hour before Masses in Benson & Murdock

Missionary from Food for the Poor will be at Area Masses

Coffee & rolls will be served after Mass in Murdock

Upcoming events and celebrations:

World Day for Consecrated Life – February 5, 2012

This Sunday we celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life. We recognize and give thanks for those who have consecrated their lives to God and the Church through the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Some join a religious congregation or a secular institute. Others remain single and make profession to God through the local bishop and are known as consecrated virgins. The consecrated life is one way that men and women live out their baptismal commitment as followers of Jesus.

Next weekend we will have a missionary from Food for the Poor at our area Masses. Food For The Poor was founded on the basis of the Gospel of St. Matthew: *“As often as you did it to one of the least of My brothers and sisters, you did it to Me.” Matt. 25:40.* We seek out the poorest of the poor in 16 different countries, aiding some of the most destitute. In each face we see the living Christ, who is hungry, thirsty, a stranger and naked. our ministry focuses on the greatest needs of the destitute. Just as our lord served those society ignored, we are there; feeding the hungry, building water wells for thirsty villages, building houses for the homeless, aiding the impoverished elderly, raising orphans in a loving atmosphere of Christian discipline, healing the sick or overcoming illiteracy by supporting school. Thank you for supporting our ministry.

We are looking for volunteers to help plan youth events such as movie night, bowling, etc. If interested, please contact Robbie at the Area Office 842-4271.

Dear Parishioners,



It is our privilege to offer you an opportunity to purchase beautiful imported hand-made Italian, Czech and Mexican rosaries, and a large variety of Catholic medals, crucifixes, necklaces and bracelets. There are beautiful, time-tested and traditional articles, as well as contemporary pieces that are very popular all across the country. An assortment of First Communion, Confirmation and RCIA



gift items are included. We are presenting you with a wide variety of these religious items at reasonable prices. Even as you are blessed by the beauty of these sacramentals, our group will be blessed by your generosity. Please come past our display after Mass and see what we have. Whether you need a new rosary for yourself or as a gift, or want a sterling silver or stainless steel crucifix, saint medal, ring, bracelet, necklace or other shiny reminder of your faith, our wider-than-ever variety should meet your needs. Your purchase of these high-quality items supports our parish youth activities and programs. We need to raise a large amount of money and need your help! These items will be for sale the weekends of Feb. 4/5 and 11/12 at the Benson Masses. **If there are any parents or youth in grades 9-11 who like to help sell these items, please call Robbie at 842-4271. Thank you.**

ROBBIE'S CORNER

Today I wanted to share with you St. John Cassian's thoughts about what to do before you pray.

"To be able to offer our prayer with that earnestness and purity with which it ought to be offered, first, all anxiety about carnal things must be entirely got rid of.

Next, we must leave no room for not just the care but even the recollection of any business affairs, and likewise must also lay aside all backbitings, vain and incessant chattering, and buffoonery. Anger above all and disturbing depression must be entirely destroyed, and the deadly taint of carnal lust and covetousness be torn up by the roots.

Then there must be laid the secure foundations of a deep humility, which may be able to support a tower that shall reach the sky; and next the spiritual structure of the virtues must be built up upon them, and the soul kept free from all conversation and from roving thoughts, so that thus it may little by little begin to rise to the contemplation of God and to spiritual insight.

Whatever our mind has been thinking of before the hour of prayer, that thought is sure to occur to us while we are praying--for the mind in prayer is formed by its previous condition. When we are applying ourselves to prayer, the images of the same actions and words and thoughts as in our previous condition will dance before our eyes. They will make us angry or gloomy, or recall our former lust and business, or make us shake with foolish laughter at some silly joke, or smile at some action, or fly back to our previous conversation.

So if we do not want anything to haunt us while we are praying, we should be careful before our prayer to exclude it from the shrine of our heart."

The Giving Trees are up in each of our area churches. There are ornaments/tags on these trees listing items needed by the Hope Pregnancy Center. We are asking you to support this center by taking one of these tags and after purchasing the needed item, place that item back under the tree. The trees will be in our area churches through mid-February. Thank you for your generosity.

Catholic United Scholarship Application period is now open until February 15, 2012. Catholic United Financial Post-High School Tuition Scholarships give our members tuition assistance for their educational goals. Scholarship awards are \$500 for those attending a Catholic college or university and \$300 for students attending a non-Catholic college, university, community college or technical school. Applicant must be a member of Catholic United for at least 2 years prior to application deadline and at the time the award is given. Please check their website for application and eligibility requirements. www.catholicunitedfinancial.org.

St. Malachy Parish is looking for new members for the Liturgy Committee. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Fr. Bill.

St. Bridget's Catholic Church Pork Loin Dinner will be served on Saturday, February 11th from 5-8 pm at the Benson VFW. Salad, baked potato, applesauce, bread, beverage & ice cream. Adults \$9, \$4 age 11 & under. In addition to the proceeds from this fundraiser, Catholic United Financial will make a Matching Grant of up to \$500 to benefit Catholic Education in our parish.

SACRED HEART CHURCH - COFFEE AND ROLLS - FEB. 12 - ALL WELCOME

Everyone is invited to coffee and rolls after Mass Feb. 12 at Sacred Heart Church - free will donation.

All St. Isidore faith community members are always invited. This is sponsored by Sacred Heart Catholic United Financial; all proceeds will earn a 50% matching grant, with proceeds going towards religious education.

We invite suggestions for sponsoring a speaker for a youth or adult education program - please contact Jerry Swenson, President.

Also for sale will be handmade articles by the Mission Group and Mission of Love Valentines (\$2 donation) for the children.

SACRED HEART CCW: To all members of Sacred Heart CCW - we are looking at making some minor changes to the groups lists to even them out a little bit better. If you, or if you know of someone that would like to be switched to the Honorary list, or if anyone should be added or taken off the lists, or any other concerns regarding the lists, please contact Jes (Nathan) Collins prior to the next CCW meeting which is February 13. Thank you.

SACRED HEART CCW: It is time to look ahead to the next CCW year that starts with April. Jes Collins (Nathan) will be the new President and she needs a Secretary and Treasurer from Group F. We will also need a Vice President from Group A, to be the President the next year. If you are in these groups, please consider helping out with one of these jobs. Please call Jes soon if you are willing. If you have questions, feel free to call any one of this years' officers - Paula Petersen - President, Jes - Vice-President, Marlis Kavanagh - Secretary, Kristeen Magaard - Treasurer. Thank you.

St. Francis Busy Hands have scrubbies for sale - \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Please call the Area Office.

A bereavement workshop has been scheduled for Saturday, February 11, 2012 from 9 am – noon in the Parish Hall at the Church of St. Mary, 11th St SW and Kandiyohi Ave, Willmar. Registration will begin at 8:30 am. It is entitled “*Care for the Caregiver: Coping with Chronic & Terminal Illnesses.*” Its purpose is to create an opportunity for caregivers to those with chronic and terminal illness, and others who are grieving or suffering a loss, to understand the importance of caring for their own emotional, physical, and spiritual selves. It is open to the public and all families, friends, caregivers, and professionals are invited and encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be provided. The workshop will be led by Brenda Wiese, Grief Center Coordinator at Rice Memorial Hospital, Willmar, and Fr. Steve Verhelst, pastor of the Catholic Area Faith Community of Jesus Our Living Water. Also participating will be volunteers who will provide free hand and neck massages, blood pressure checks, and blood sugar checks. This workshop will also offer CEUs in compliance with the Minnesota Board of Nursing requirements at no cost. The workshop is sponsored by the Bereavement Committee of the Catholic Area Faith Community of Jesus Our Living Water – Kandiyohi, Lake Lillian, Spicer, and Willmar. For further information or questions, please contact the Church of St. Mary at 320-235-0118.

Marriage Minute: What does the common good mean?

Quoting Pope Benedict XVI, the common good is “the good of ‘all of us,’” the good of every member of society. A society focused on the common good upholds the fundamental dignity of each person, and progresses “from less human conditions to those which are more human.” In short, the common good is “the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfillment more fully and more easily.” (*USCCB.org, Marriage: Unique for a Reason*)

Fr. Paul Schumacher 50th Anniversary Celebration

When: Saturday, February 18, 2012 following the 5:00 p.m. Mass

Where: Carlin Hall, Holy Redeemer Church, Marshall MN



Asset of the Month: Valuing Youth in our Community

- ✓ Look around...what proof do you see that Benson area people care about our youth?
- ✓ Cheerfully greet young people by name and ask about their interests.
- ✓ Welcome youth to use our public spaces, stores and restaurants.

Rosie Collins is the Sunshine Lady for Sacred Heart Parish. If there is someone in the parish that you would like to receive a Get Well or Sympathy card from the Sacred Heart Parish in Murdock, please call Rosie Collins @ 264-1707 and leave a message.

Give each other the best Valentine gift possible! Attend either the **Marriage Encounter** on February 11-12 or 25-26 at the Mt Olivet Conference Center in Farmington. Visit www.marriages.org for a listing of retreats or call 651.454.3238.

Marriage is a journey!! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your marriage and add some pizzazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Weekend may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are: Feb 10-12, 2012 in Windom, MN and Mar 16-18, 2012 in Frontenac, MN. For information and/or registration, contact: Jeff and Rondi Kodet at 507-644-3523 or jrek@redred.com or visit our website at www.wwmeSection8.org.

SYMPATHY

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Madge Osterbauer who passed away on January 30th. Madge's funeral was held on Saturday, February 4th at Sacred Heart Church in Murdock.

We offer our sympathy to Doris Schafer on the death of her husband, Clifford. Clifford's funeral is tentatively set for Tuesday, February 7th at St. Bridget's in DeGraff.

May Madge and Clifford find the fullness of life in heaven, and may the Spirit of Consolation touch all of their loved ones.

**Reflections for the weekly readings are part of this bulletin. This publication is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #2129.*

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

St. Francis - Benson

Adult	\$2,638.00
Student	\$18.00
Loose Plate	\$95.00
Fuel	\$50.00
Religious Ret.	\$10.00
Danvers Oratory	\$45.00
Catholic Schools	\$339.00

Total **\$3,195.00**

Sacred Heart - Murdock

Adult	\$930.00
Student	\$22.25
Loose Plate	\$55.00
Fuel	\$50.00
Initial Offering	\$10.00
Catholic Schools	\$261.00

Total **\$1,328.25**

St. Malachy-Clontarf

Adult	\$622.00
Student	\$2.00
Loose Plate	\$61.00
Seminary Aid	\$20.00
Catholic Schools	\$227.00

Total **\$932.00**

St. Bridget - DeGraff

Adult	\$370.00
Student	
Loose Plate	\$94.25
Fuel	\$60.00
Catholic Schools	\$79.00

Total **\$603.25**