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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, January 31	8:30 am	MURDOCK (BS)	+	Lucille Ridelinger
	9:30 am	BENSON (PT)	++	HB Carr & Anna Mary Carr & Family
Wednesday, February 1	6:00 pm	DANVERS (PT)	+	Austin McGeary
	8:30 am	DEGRAFF (PT)		Special Intention
	9:30 am	CLONTARF (BS)	+	Madeline Holmes
Thursday, February 2	8:30 am	BENSON (PT)	++	Bill & Leona Luzum Family
	9:30 am	MURDOCK (BS)	+	Bill Yost
	10:30 am	GOLDEN LIVING (PT)		For our Priests
Friday, February 3	8:30 am	CLONTARF (BS)		For our Priests
	9:30 am	DEGRAFF (PT)	+	Leon Fernholz
<u>Weekend Masses</u>				
Saturday, February 4	4:00 pm	BENSON (BS)	+	Nora Motzko
	6:00 pm	CLONTARF (PT)		For the People
Sunday, February 5	8:00 am	DEGRAFF (PT)	++	John & Isabelle Byrne
	9:00 am	BENSON (BS)		Robert Fragodt Family
	10:00 am	MURDOCK (PT)	+	Rodney Thein

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MASS SCHEDULE

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3 pm in Benson on Saturday, Feb. 4; 9:30 am in Murdock on Sunday, Feb. 5

*** 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

People were spellbound by the teachings of Jesus. The church needs bold teachers and preachers. Consider a vocation to priesthood or religious life. (Mark 1:21-28)

DAILY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 29

Wed. February 1

The Holy Rosary will be prayed ½ hour before Masses in Benson & Murdock
1 pm Rosary in Benson: intention is that our country protect human life at all stages
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
6:45-8 pm class for grades 7-9
Grade 10 & 11 mentor meetings
6:45 pm Mentor Information meetings for mentors of grade 9 students. 9th grade parents who did not come to the meeting on January 18 need to come to this meeting.
7:00 pm Grade 12 catechism in Murdock
7:00 pm Area Liturgy meeting in the St. Francis Church Gathering Space
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Friday, February 3

Saturday, February 4

Sunday, February 5

Upcoming events and celebrations:

World Day for Consecrated Life – February 5, 2012

Since 1997 the universal Church celebrates *World Day for Consecrated Life* close the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, February 2. Next Sunday we will observe this day with a special emphasis on the call to consecrated life in today's world.

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.

Religious Education Notes

- Movie night is scheduled for Sunday, January 29th at 3 pm at the Benson Theater for a showing of *Courageous*. Grades 7-12 are encouraged to attend. No cost to come; however, we would like people to bring a food shelf donation or \$2 for the food shelf.
- Mentor Information Meetings for the 9th grade have been moved to February 1st. The parents who did not show up yesterday (January 18) **NEED** to be there!!!

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.**

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated the week of Jan. 29 through Feb. 4. In conjunction with that significant event, Bishop John M. LeVoir has once again announced a second collection will be taken up at all Masses in the diocese the weekend of Jan. 29 and Jan. 30 to benefit Catholic schools in the Diocese of New Ulm. In those area faith communities that have Catholic schools, seventy-five percent of the proceeds will go directly to those Catholic schools. The other twenty-five percent will be deposited equally in two endowment funds already set up to benefit those Catholic schools. Where there are no schools, all of the funds will go into the endowment funds. The two funds are the Bishop John M. LeVoir Catholic School Endowment Fund (proceeds benefit all Catholic schools in the diocese based on enrollment) and the Bishop John C. Nienstedt Catholic School Scholarship Fund (proceeds benefit students who cannot afford tuition).

An Area Liturgy Committee meeting is being planned for Friday, February 3rd at 7:00 pm. Reminders and agendas will be mailed out shortly.

Sacred Heart Choir will be singing on Sunday, February 5th. Practice will be at 8:45 am for 10 am Mass.

ROBBIE'S CORNER

Today I wanted to share with you a snippet of a homily on Admonition and Repentance by St. Ephrem the Syrian. This piece is entitled ***Don't Worship Idols in Your Heart***.

"Narrow is the way of life, and broad the way of torment; prayer is able to bring a man to the house of the Kingdom. This is the perfect work: prayer that is pure from iniquity.

Human righteousness counts for nothing. Our labor is altogether vanity. From you, O Lord, from your grace it is that in our nature we should become good. From you is righteousness, that we from men should become righteous. From you is the mercy and favor, that we from the dust should become your image. Give power to our will, so that we shall not be sunk in sin! Pour into our heart memory, that at every hour we may know your honor! Plant truth in our minds, that we may not perish among doubts! Occupy our understanding with your law, that it may not wander in vain thoughts! Order the motions of our members, that they may bring no hurt upon us!

Draw near to God, so that Satan will flee from you. Cast out passions from your heart, and then you have put the Enemy to flight. Hate sins and wickedness, and Satan at once will have fled.

Whatever sins you serve, you are worshiping secret idols. Whatsoever transgressions you love, you are serving demons in your soul. Whenever you argue with your brother, Satan abides in peace. Whenever you envy your fellow, you give rest to devils. Whenever you tell the shortcomings of others who are not present, your tongue has made a harp for the music of the devil. Whenever hatred is in thy soul, great is the peace of the Deceiver. If you love unseemly discourse, you prepare a feast for demons. For this is the worship of idols, the working of lust."

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.

Scholarships are now available from the Mary Beatrice Hennessy Scholarship Fund. In order to apply you must be a member of St. Francis Parish and now attending or planning to attend a Catholic College or Catholic High School during the 2011-2012 school year. Applications may be picked up in church or at the Area Office. All applications must be received by January 31, 2012.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

The annual Sacred Heart Youth Group/Catholic United Fish Fry is coming quickly. That means the Lenten season is coming quickly, too. Plan to attend the annual fish fry on Friday Feb. 24 and Friday March 30. Proceeds from the fish fry help pay the cost of our youth attending the National Catholic Youth Conference in 2013. Look for more details in future bulletins.

Marriage Minute: Does the Church believe that people who experience same-sex attraction have equal dignity? Of course! Every single human person has great inviolable dignity and worth, including those who experience same-sex attraction. All persons should be treated with respect, sensitivity, and love. The Church calls everyone to a life of holiness and chastity, and to live in accord with God's will for their lives. For more information on the Church's ministry to persons with same-sex attraction, see USCCB, *Ministry to Persons with a Homosexual Inclination* (2006) or a local *EnCourage* chapter, which offers support for family and friends of persons with same-sex attraction. (USCCB.org, *Marriage: Unique for a Reason*)

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.



We Welcome into the Faith Community: Pieper Ruth Gades who was baptized on Sunday, January 22nd at St. Francis Church in Benson.

SYMPATHY

We offer our sympathy to Brenda Jensen and her family on the death of Brenda's mother, Ann Velde. Ann passed away on January 21st. Her funeral was held on Tuesday, January 24th at East Zion Lutheran Church.

We offer our sympathy to all the family and friends of Elwyn (Bud) Krattenmaker who passed away on January 20th. Bud is the brother of Jean Dooley of Sacred Heart Parish and the brother-in-law of Vera Krattenmaker of St. Bridget Parish. Bud's funeral was held on January 24th at St. Raphael's in Crystal. May the Spirit of Consolation touch all of the loved ones of Ann and Bud.

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OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

St. Francis - Benson		Sacred Heart - Murdock	
Adult	\$2,407.00	Adult	\$1,660.00
Student	\$15.00	Student	\$6.00
Loose Plate	\$75.00	Loose Plate	\$57.25
Fuel	\$15.00	Fuel	\$120.00
		Initial Offering	\$15.00
Total	\$2,512.00	Total	\$1,858.25
St. Malachy-Clontarf		St. Bridget - DeGraff	
Adult	\$1,422.00	Adult	\$605.00
Student	\$41.00	Student	\$7.00
Loose Plate	\$4.00	Loose Plate	\$94.25
Fuel	\$30.00	Fuel	\$50.00
		Initial Offering	\$5.00
Total	\$1,497.00	Total	\$761.25