

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

“THE TIME
is FULFILLED,
and the
KINGDOM of GOD
IS at HAND.
Repent,
and BELIEVE
in the GOSPEL.

MARK CHAPTER ONE VERSE FIFTEEN

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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MASS 1ST SATURDAY OF
EACH MONTH 7:00PM

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EACH MONTH 6:30PM

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LENT

PRAYER • FASTING • ALMSGIVING

Restoring
OUR FATHER'S
House

PROGRESS
report

The statues
of Mother
Mary &
Joseph are
mounted
and framed.



NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

First Sunday of Lent – Year B February 18, 2024

Lent is a time to change, or transform ourselves from our old self to a new and more wholesome self. We could do well if we followed the words of Dorothy Law Nolte's "Children Learn What They Live."

If a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn.
If a child lives with hostility, he learns to fight.
If a child lives with ridicule, he learns to be shy.
If a child lives with shame, he learns to feel guilty.
If a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient.
If a child lives with encouragement, he learns confidence.
If a child lives with praise, he learns to appreciate.
If a child lives with fairness, he learns justice.
If a child lives with security, he learns to have faith.
If child lives with approval, he learns to like himself.
If a child lives with acceptance and friendship, he learns to find love in the world.

But then, the devil has his beatitudes to sway the faithful away from Lenten resolutions.

Blessed are those who are tired, too busy, and too distracted to spend an hour once a week with their fellow believers in Church – they are my best workers.
Blessed are those Christians who wait to be asked and expect to be thanked – I can use them.
Blessed are the touchy, with a bit of luck they may stop going to church – they are mine forever.
Blessed are those who are very religious but get on everyone's nerves – they are mine forever.
Blessed are the troublemakers they shall be called my children.
Blessed are those who have no time to pray – they are easy prey for me.
Blessed are the gossipers – for they are my secret agents.
Blessed are those critical of church leadership – for they shall inherit a place with me in my fate.
Blessed are you when you read this and think it is about other people – I've got you.

Jr. Vincent L. Parsons

Stations of the Cross

Friday, February 23 – 6PM
at St. Joseph Church, Elba

Friday, March 8 – 7PM
at St. Anthony Church, Farwell

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	2/19	No Daily Mass
Tuesday	2/20	8:30 am Communion Service (SPP)
Wednesday	2/21	8:30 am Communion Service (SPP)
Thursday	2/22	8:30 am Communion Service (SPP)
Friday	2/23	9:00 am Communion Service (Brookfield)
Saturday	2/24	4:30 pm Reconciliation (SPP) 5:00 pm Mass (SPP) † Matthew Parsons By Calvert Family
Sunday	2/25	8:00 am Mass (SPP) People of the Parishes 10:00 am Mass (SPP) † Jackie Synowski By Rodney & Linda Wells



LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Wednesday, March 6 at 7:00pm
Sts. Peter & Paul Church

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 24TH & 25TH

May God Bless you & strengthen your faith through this ministry. Amen

SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS

SACRISTAN: Michael Happ / Julie Baquet
GREETERS: Janelle Morgan / Shelly Johns / Bev & Don Sack
LECTOR: Glen Killion
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Virginia Schenck / Jerry Solko
SERVERS: Jaxen Fowler / Kendyl Fowler

SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS

SACRISTAN: Ken Vincik
GREETERS: Chad & Krista Bauder Family
LECTOR: Amy Scheer
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Chris Townsend / Chad Bauder
SERVERS: Layla Bowder / Laityn Poss

SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS

SACRISTAN: Russ Kosmicki / Neil Baquet
GREETERS: 4th Grade Religious Ed. Students
LECTOR: Reese Reilly
EM: Tami Reilly / Carrie Vech / Laura Pedersen / Niki Bader
SERVERS: 4th Grade Religious Ed. Students / Blake Reilly



TRI-PARISH
YOUTH

Religious Education

Preschool - 4th Grades: **Sundays 9-10am**

5th - 11th Grades: **Wednesdays 7-8pm**

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Life Center Classrooms

DREs ~ *Becky Knox 308-571-0430 & Judi Baker 308-750-8418*

Please turn in Cookie Dough sale sheets & money on Wednesday, February 28th & Sunday, March 3rd

Thank you to our Classes that have been helping with the Ministries at Mass! You are doing a great job!



RELIGIOUS ED. FUNDRAISER Students are selling Eileen's cookie dough to raise funds to support our Religious Ed. program. If a student doesn't find you, please find one to order from!

Faith-Filled Summer Youth Retreats:

**Higher Ground Extreme Faith Middle School,
Higher Ground - High School, &
Steubenville of the Rockies**

Retreats are filling up fast, register soon to get a spot!

Visit <https://www.gdiocese.org/youth-events> for camp dates & information.

CCW News - Attention 6th -11th Grade

Students considering a Summer Retreat

Five - \$100 donations will be made to students attending a Summer Retreat, names will be drawn at random.

2024 PRO-LIFE YOUTH ART CONTEST deadline February 21

Information / requirements are available at the Church Office & Religious Ed. classrooms. Top 3 from each grade can be submitted. Diocesan cash prizes for 1st to 3rd place for each grade level.

2024 PRO-LIFE YOUTH ESSAY CONTEST due March 20

Information / requirements are available at Religious Ed. Class.

ATTENTION SENIOR GIRLS:

CCW has a \$500 Scholarship available. You can find the application at gdiocese.org or check with your school counselor or contact Betty VanDyke 750-3384

Catholic Daughters Meeting

Tuesday, February 20, **Noon** SPP NW Classroom

CCW BAKE SALE - Friday, March 1st

At St. Paul Civic Center during Fish Fry, ladies please plan to help provide baked goods.



Join us in saying the Rosary during Lent, Starting February 15th Monday thru Thursday - 9:00am Friday - 8:15am at SPP Parish Hall

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council 1918 next Meeting: **Tuesday, March 13, 7:00 PM** at SPP Parish Center NW classroom

OUR MISSION: *Together, we're empowering Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work, & in their community.*

Dealing with Dependency & Addiction

Does someone you care about have a problem & is not dealing with it?

Dependency can be to more than just illegal/controlled substances

Come learn to deal with dependency & addiction issues. Counselors will present on understanding dependency & how you can help those dealing with it. What addiction is & what resources are available.

February 19 at 6:00pm United Methodist Church
1320 Baxter Street, St. Paul - Meal @ 5:30 pm

THEOLOGY ON TAP Lenten Series

Wednesday - February 21 at 7pm

Fr. Vijumon Choorackal ~ Fr. V's Vocation Journey
Loup River Distilling 503 Howard Ave. St. Paul, NE
(in the back room)

LENTE BROWN BAG TALKS

at St. Mary's Cathedral Square 12-1pm

Guests are invited to bring sack lunches; drinks will be provided.

2/21 Fr. Sid Bruggeman - *Mass--Why Aren't You Getting Anything Out of It?*

St. Josaphat's Fish Fry's - Loup City - Parish Hall

Fridays: February 23, March 8, & March 22 at 5-7pm

Serving hand breaded fried fish, cheesy potatoes, sauerkraut & dumplings, mac n cheese, coleslaw, dinner roll, & homemade desserts. **COME JOIN US!**

Soup Supper - St. Francis Church, Ashton

February 25th 11:00am-1:00pm

There is a Birthday coming up...
Father Vince - FEBRUARY 26
Well wishes may be sent to:
1405 Custer Street St. Paul, NE 68873

Lenten Fish Fry

Serving Fridays 5-7 pm

March 1st and 15th



\$12 - ADULTS (13+)

\$5 - KIDS 6-12

FREE - 5 AND UNDER
(CASH OR CHECK)

MEAL SERVED AT THE
ST. PAUL CIVIC CENTER

FRIED & BAKED FISH

POTATOES

GREEN BEANS

SALAD

DINNER ROLL

DESSERT



Follow the Lenten Calendar in your Rice Bowl.

Included are ideas & info. that you can do each day during LENTEN JOURNEY!

Registrations are Open!

2024 CATHOLICS ENCOUNTER CHRIST weekends are March 8-10 (Women's) and March 22-24 (Men's).

CEC is a structured 3-day weekend beginning on Friday evening and concluding on Sunday evening at Camp Comeca in Cozad. During this weekend you will experience how God's grace works in you and how you can share this grace with others. Visit gdiocese.org or scan this QR code to register!



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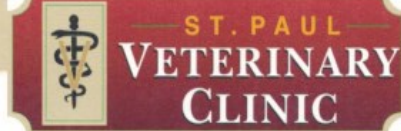
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Restoring Our Father's House - \$555.00

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General Fund - \$581.00

St. Joseph

General Fund - \$160.00

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"Pray without ceasing" 1 Thessalonian 5:17