

# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

March 6, 2016



## Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:

*"Love consists not in the extent of our happiness, but in the firmness of our determination to try to please God in everything."*

-St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

Today is a special day for us on our Lenten journey, because today is what is called, "Laetare Sunday." It is the Fourth Sunday of Lent, and so it is about the halfway point of our Lenten Season. It has traditionally been called "Laetare Sunday" because the word, "Laetare" is Latin for "Rejoice." What reason have we to rejoice? Because we are halfway to our goal: the celebration of the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the high holy days of our Catholic faith. That is why, for example, the priest wears rose colored vestments, there can be flowers today in the sanctuary of the Church, and there should be a more joyful mood, even if it is still somewhat subdued (since it is still Lent). So, perhaps a good way to honor Laetare Sunday would be to allow yourself to have a small but meaningful treat today. If you gave up chocolate for Lent, have a small piece today in anticipation of the Easter celebration. If you gave up television or music, allow yourself to enjoy it for a short time today. It's "Rejoice" Sunday, so a small celebration of God's love for us in Jesus is appropriate.

But like any half-way point, today is also a good time for us to examine our Lent so far: how are we doing on our spiritual practices? Do we take meatless Fridays seriously? Have we tried to find some way to give more to the poor and less fortunate? Have we made extra time for prayer? Have we taken up my challenge of two Our Fathers per week prayed at the Church in front of our Lord in the Tabernacle? Today is the perfect opportunity for us to reflect on how we have taken advantage (or not) of this Lenten Season to draw closer to Christ, and to deepen our faith. And remember, it's never too late. So even if we have fallen short of our goals and hopes for Lent, start anew today - determination in the face of difficulty is a powerful sign of our love for Christ! God bless you! *Fr. Steve*

## Holy Spirit Church is open for prayer at the following times during Lent:

Mondays: 7:00 am - 5:00 pm      Tuesdays: 7:00 am - 6:00 pm      Wednesdays: 7:00 am - 7:30 pm  
Thursdays: 7:00 am - 5:00 pm      Fridays: 7:00 am - 7:30 pm      Saturdays: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Sundays: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

**A Wonderful Opportunity!!** There is a new faith formation opportunity called, "Formed" which is access to an online database of Catholic content, videos, meditations, movies, eBooks, and audio talks. A parish which has subscribed to Formed receives the access code, which any parishioner can use at any time. If we share membership with St. Mary's Parish, we can have all-parishioner access for \$700 per year. If you are interested in donating towards this wonderful opportunity, please contact Treasaigh in the office and let us know!



**HOLY SPIRIT'S PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY GROUP** is an informal group who crochets and knits tangible signs of their prayers for others. *New people are always welcome to join us.* We will meet on **Tuesday, March 8 at 9:00 AM** in the church hall.

**Engaged Weekends:** The Office of Marriage and Family Life for the Diocese of Duluth is announcing the upcoming Engaged Weekends for the remainder of this year:

**April 2 & 3** in Hibbing (Full), **June 18 & 19** in Duluth (Recently Added)

**Oct. 22 & 23** in Brainerd, **Oct. 29 & 30** in Hibbing

Spaces for the Engaged Weekends are limited. Please check for availability before signing up. Information can be found at [www.dioceseduluth.org](http://www.dioceseduluth.org). A has been added to the schedule: A six week marriage preparation series "New Engaged Couple Series" has been added to accommodate couples who are unable to make a weekend retreat. These evening meetings start **Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** at 5:30pm at the Cathedral of Our Lady. Couples can register online at [www.dioceseduluth.org](http://www.dioceseduluth.org) under the Marriage and Family Life Department for this retreats.

**Fr. Steve's Final Faith Formation Class** on the Sacraments will be Thursday, March 10th at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome, hope to see you there.

**Easter Flowers:** So that we can purchase flowers to decorate the Church for the Easter Liturgies, we ask that you make an offering to the project. Donations to cover the cost of the flowers would be greatly appreciated. Please place your donation in a clearly marked envelope and drop it in the weekend collection. Thank you in advance for your gift!



During the month of March, our congregation is joining people of good will from across the state to help alleviate hunger. Minnesota FoodShare's March Campaign is the largest food drive in the state, and congregations like ours are the heart of the campaign. This year our congregation will be collecting both food and cash contributions throughout the month of March for our local food shelf.

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**Holy Spirit Catholic Church** —

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**Office** 834-4659

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<b>Saturday</b>	FIRST SATURDAY	<b>03/05/16</b>
3:30 p.m.	<b>Reconciliation</b>	
4:30 p.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Gloria Uremovich Chalices: Carol Anderson & Beth Egan Servers: Karley Fleischer & Ava Fosness	
<b>Sunday</b>	4TH SUNDAY OF LENT	<b>03/06/16</b>
9:30 a.m.	<b>Religious Education</b> — <b>Grades Pre, K thru 4</b>	
11:00 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for † John Schaefer</i> Reader: Mike Hoffman Chalices: Linda Hoffman & Nancy Olsen Servers: Casey & Kaitlyn Underdale	
<b>Monday</b>	SAINT PERPETUA & SAINT FELICITY	<b>03/07/16</b>
	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for † Msgr. O’Shea</i>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	SAINT JOHN OF GOD	<b>03/08/16</b>
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for † Daryl Kalla</i>	
5:00 p.m.	<b>Reconciliation</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	SAINT FRANCES OF ROME	<b>03/09/16</b>
5:45 p.m.	<b>Choir Practice</b>	
6:45 p.m.	<b>Religious Education</b> — <b>Grades 5-11</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	WEEKDAY DURING LENT	<b>03/10/16</b>
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for † Glen Burke</i>	
8:45 a.m.	<b>Adoration</b>	
7:00 p.m.	<b>Faith Formation Class</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	WEEKDAY DURING LENT	<b>03/11/16</b>
7:30 a.m.	<b>Reconciliation</b>	
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for † Steve Beyering</i>	
9:00 a.m.	<b>Friday Morning Discussion Group</b>	
7:00 p.m.	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	WEEKDAY DURING LENT	<b>03/12/16</b>
3:30 p.m.	<b>Reconciliation</b>	
4:30 p.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Paulette Moreland Chalices: Liz Scheidt & To be assigned Servers: Spencer Ross & to be assigned	
<b>Sunday</b>	5TH SUNDAY OF LENT	<b>03/13/16</b>
9:30 a.m.	<b>Religious Education</b> — <b>Grades Pre, K thru 4</b>	
11:00 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for † Stanley Jurkanis</i> Reader: Religious Education Student Chalices: Joanne Button & Gina Lemke Servers: Ethan Bopp & Anthony Lemke	



- † **PARISHIONERS:** Please pray for Arthur Barthman, Joe Haynes, Yvonne Highland, Ron Kor and Ron Ostendorf, Joanne Payment.
- † **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Please pray for Patty Amitrano, Julie Banks, Bill Carlson, Kathleen Despiegler, Lori Dybvig, Richard Hadrich, Patty Harrison-Isakson, Spencer Saltzman and Diane Watson.
- † **MILITARY PERSONNEL:** Please pray for Garrett Aho, Nate Berger, Keith Dahl, Jacob Kearin, James Mickle, Ryan Ray, Christopher Uremovich, and Maddison Zavoral.
- † **Sacred Heart Candle:** The Family of Linda Maki.

Please call the church office if you'd like to submit a prayer request; these requests will run for 3 weeks. If continued prayers are needed after that time, prayer requests can always be renewed by calling the church office 834-4659.

**Died in Christ:** Our sympathies and prayers go to the family of Mary Ann Viktora and also to the family of Sidney Schmidt who died this past week. May their souls live in God's eternal peace and may their families know the consolation of the Lord!

### Youth Happenings

Check out our Youth Bulletin Board  
 "Like" us on Facebook: Holy Spirit Youth Group  
 Mark your calendars...once again we will be selling cinnamon rolls. Sunday March 27th, before and after Mass. Pre orders will be taken. VBS- June 27th-July 1st, 6-7:30pm. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Connie or Cheryl. All proceeds will go to help support VBS. Family Mass will be on Sunday March 13th, hosted by pre-k and 1st grades. Please join us down stairs for fellowship.

### Holy Week Schedule

**Holy Thursday:** March 24  
 Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm  
 Adoration till 11:00 p.m.  
**Good Friday:** March 25  
 Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3:00 pm  
**Holy Saturday:** March 26 Easter Vigil 8:00 pm.  
**Easter Sunday:** March 27 Easter Mass 11:00 am.

### Reconciliation

Besides the regular reconciliation schedule, extra times are listed below:  
 Friday, March 18: 5:30-6:45 p.m.  
 Sunday March 20: 3:00 p.m.  
 Penance Service with individual confessions.  
 Tuesday, March 22: 5-6:30 p.m.  
 Thursday, March 24: 9-10:00 a.m.

### Last Week's Contributions

Weekend Collection .....\$1,969.69  
 UCA.....\$20.00  
 Bldg. Fund .....\$794.00

United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Minnesota.  
 In re Diocese of Duluth; Case No. 15-50792

# Diocese of Duluth

## BANKRUPTCY

If you were sexually abused by any person connected with the Diocese, a parish in the Diocese, a school in the Diocese, or have any claim against the Diocese, you must file a claim by **May 25, 2016**.

**CLAIMS MUST BE FILED BY MAY 25, 2016**

- For more information, visit [dioceseduluth.org](http://dioceseduluth.org)
- For U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Minnesota information, visit [mnb.uscourts.gov](http://mnb.uscourts.gov)
- For the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, call 612.335.1407
- For advice about your rights, contact an attorney