



St. Isidore the Farmer Area Faith Community

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, November 4	8:30 am	BENSON	+	Barry Jungwirth
	6:00 pm	DANVERS	++	Margaret & Edmund Fennell and Family
Wednesday, November 5	8:30 am	DEGRAFF	+	Leroy Janssen
Thursday, November 6	8:30 am	MURDOCK	+	Agnes Gengler
	10:30 am	GOLDEN LIVING		For our Priests
Friday, November 7	8:30 am	CLONTARF	+	Genevieve Chevalier
	<u>Weekend Masses</u>			
Saturday, November 8	4:00 pm	CLONTARF		For the People
	6:00 pm	BENSON	++	Hubert & Anna Mary Carr & family
Sunday, November 9	8:00 am	MURDOCK	+	Bonnie Diederich
	10:00 am	BENSON	+	Dan Sell

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday Nov. 8 - 3:00 pm Clontarf; Sundays 9:30 am Benson
*** **Please note change in Weekend Reconciliation Schedule**

*** 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. Jeremy Kucera at 507-828-5247

*** 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.

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

PASTORAL CARE

If any parishioner or family member is in need of a pastoral care visit and Holy Communion, please call the parish office. Today's privacy laws do not permit hospitals to contact churches when a patient is in need of a pastoral visit. We are made aware of it only when the individual or their friends and family contact us. We are also not always aware of parishioners that are homebound and would desire a pastoral visit.

The Vocation View

In You, Lord, I have found my peace. Is the Lord calling me to be a peacemaker? (Psalm 131)

DAILY SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 2	The Holy Rosary will be prayed ½ hour before Masses in Benson & Murdock
Tuesday, November 4	Galatians Bible Study following 8:30 am Mass 7:00 PM St. Francis Family Groups meeting in St. Francis Gathering Space
Wednesday, November 5	10:30 am Fr. Jeremy visiting residents at Parkview 2:00 pm Rosary in Benson – for protection of religious freedoms in America and that more people pray the Rosary for that intention. 6:45 pm Parent-Child Night 6:45 pm Grades 7-9 class Grades 10 & 11 mentor meetings 8-10 pm Teen Talk in Upper Room
Friday, November 7	First Friday visits all day
Saturday, November 8	The Holy Rosary will be prayed ½ hour before Mass in Benson
Sunday, November 9	The Holy Rosary will be prayed ½ hour before Masses in Benson & Murdock

Requiem Mass for All Souls Day – Sunday, November 2 at 6:15 pm at St. Mary's in Sleepy Eye

All are invited to attend a beautiful sung Mass featuring choir, chamber orchestra, organ, and soloists. Faure's Requiem, one of the most beloved settings of the Funeral Mass, will be sung within Mass, celebrated in English. This evening Mass fulfills your Sunday obligation and is a wonderful opportunity to pray in a special way. Clergy and laity are all encouraged to attend!

The Book of Remembrance will be available in each of the churches during the month of November. You can write the names of deceased relatives or friends in the book and the parish community will remember them in their prayers.

The 2014 Diocesan Ministries Appeal packets will be sent to all parishioners the week of November 3. Commitment Sunday will be November 22/23. You will be hearing more about the DMA as we move closer to that weekend. The theme of the Appeal is from John 7:38 "Rivers of Living Water will flow from within Him."

St. Francis Family Groups meeting Tuesday, November 4 at 7 pm in St. Francis Gathering Space.

ELECTION: TUESDAY NOVEMBER 4 is Election Day. If you are in need of a ride to the Benson Armory to cast your vote, the Benson Transit provides free rides on that day. Phone for a ride at 843-4069. The city buses operate from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If the City Transit does not work out for you, The AFC Social Concerns committee will arrange a ride for you; call Paul Hayden at 843-3340 to arrange this. Many in the AFC have received absentee ballots. Please be sure to complete and send them in. There is still time to request an absentee ballot. Applying for and submitting an absentee ballot can be done until November 3 by going to the Swift County Auditor's office at the Courthouse in Benson.

Advocacy on behalf of our immigrant brothers and sisters: The Catholic Church opposes the use of family detention, which detains women and children who are fleeing persecution and violence and demeans the God-given human dignity of these vulnerable people. Please go to www.justiceforimmigrants.org and send electronic postcards to the President, your U.S. Senators, and U.S. Representatives, asking that they oppose any expansion to the family detention system. The USCCB – Justice for Immigration Office is promoting national call-in days to the White House Nov. 5 through Nov. 13, commencing on the day after the national general elections, and ending on the Feast of St. Frances of Cabrini, the patroness of immigrants (Nov. 13). The toll-free number to use to call the White House is 1-855-589-5698 and our message is simple: *Protect as many immigrants and their families as possible from deportation.* Please ask your advocacy networks and supporters of immigrants to call the White House every day during the call-in period and convey our message.

Religious Liberty – A Serious Concern

Bishop LeVoir has suggested two websites where information on what we can do to promote true religious liberty. These websites are United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (usccb.org) and Minnesota Catholic Conference (mncc.org). The Bishop has stated “there is a serious concern about the loss of religious liberty today.” “Above all, prayer is critical.”

Please join us Wednesday, November 5 at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall at Our Redeemer’s Lutheran Church. **CeCe Turlouw, Director of Heartland Girls Ranch, will give a presentation on their plans to care for sexually exploited teens** and how we, as a community, can look for an opportunity to help. Kimberly Guse representing Safe Avenues will also be present and will be available to answer questions. A free will offering will be collected and will be donated to Safe Avenues. Refreshments will be served by the ORW.

Thanksgiving Bingo to be held Thursday, November 6 at 7 pm at the Benson VFW. 20 games for \$10. Turkey, Fruit Baskets and Gift Certificates. Sponsored by the VFW Auxiliary.

Free Community Clothing Closet – Saturday, November 8 from 8-10 am at the Salem Covenant Church, 7811 NW 135th St. in Pennock. The clothing is free for everyone. Please take what you can use for your family. We are looking for gently-used clothing in good condition. Please bring your clothing to Salem Covenant Church on one of the drop-off dates below. You do not need to make a donation in order to come and select items. Drop-off Dates

- ❖ Saturday, November 1 9-11 am. Please use SW door
- ❖ Thursday, November 6 7-9 am
- ❖ Friday, November 7 9 am – 6 pm

Items Needed: Men’s, Women’s, Children’s and Baby Clothing (including formal wear for prom or a special occasion and clothing accessories), shoes, boots, winter coats, jackets, linens, etc. Volunteers are needed for all areas of set-up and sorting. Please contact Rochelle Kallstrom at 320-599-5005.

There will be a meeting for Sacred Heart CCW on Monday November 10th at 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Murdock.

Friends of the Benson Library would like to invite you to their Silent Auction to be held November 12-15 during regular library hours. Auction will close at 1:30 pm on Saturday, November 15. We welcome Basket and Item donations. (Value of \$25 or more). Please drop off at the Library by 4:00 pm on November 10.

Knights of Columbus Steak Fry will be held on Saturday, November 15 from 5-8 pm at the Benson VFW. Menu: Steak, Baked Potato & Salad Bar - \$12. Everyone Welcome!

There will be Coffee and Rolls served on November 16 following the 8 am Mass in Murdock with Group C serving. Everyone is welcome!

Please join us for a gala fund raiser for the San Lucas mission Friday, Nov. 21 at the Crow River Winery east of Hutchinson on Highway 7. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and supper is served at 7 p.m. Silent and live auctions will be held. The proceeds from this gala will be used to continue the educational, medical, and other ministries of the mission. The cost is \$50 per person. To reserve your ticket or for more information, please call 651-454-0981 or visit www.sanlucasmission.org. Thank you.

The Sisters of Mary Morning Star fundraiser luncheon will be held Sunday, November 23 at St. Eloi’s Church in Ghent following the 10:30 am Mass. We are renovating the former School of St. Eloi in Ghent, to turn it into our permanent convent. Projects include: building walls for more bedrooms, changing the flooring, radiators, replacing windows, turning a school classroom into a bigger chapel and more! We eventually need to raise about \$80,000 for all our projects. But our short term goal for the more urgent renovations is \$25,000. Please contact Sr. Mary Thomas or Sr. Sarah Rose for more information at 507-428-3919 or at srsjd826@gmail.com. 318 W. McQuestion St, Ghent, MN 56239.



We welcome into the Faith Community: Jayesa Abigail Doty who was baptized on Saturday, October 25 at St. Francis; Carly Ann Buenaventura who was baptized on October 26 at St. Francis.

The World Meeting of Families will be taking place in Philadelphia, PA, from September 22-27, 2015, with the theme “The Gospel of the Family, Resource of Humanity.” This event takes place every three years and is meant to strengthen the sacred bonds of family across the globe. This week of catechesis and celebration of the family will culminate in the visit of the Holy Father, Pope Francis. The Diocese of New Ulm is planning to join the other dioceses of the state for a pilgrimage to the World Meeting of Families. We are in the planning stages of the pilgrimage and would like to hear from anyone who may have an interest in attending or finding out more information. You may go to the diocesan Web site, www.dnu.org, for a link to the Family Life page to view the latest information about the World Meeting of Families. Your expression of interest is not a commitment, but we need an idea of the number attending to plan accordingly. Please contact Sr. Candace at 507-233-5328 or cfier@dnu.org for information on anticipated cost, registration, and travel options, or to ask any other questions about this pilgrimage.

SYMPATHY

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of James “Jim” Ascherman who passed away on October 25. Jim’s funeral was held on Wednesday, October 29 at St. Malachy in Clontarf. May the Holy Spirit give consolation and healing to all of his 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	\$2,128.00
Student	\$7.00
Loose Plate	\$172.80
All Saints	\$10.00
World Miss. Sunday	\$25.00
Votive lights	\$32.00
Danvers Oratory	\$20.00
Building Fund	\$50.00

Total \$2,444.80

Sacred Heart - Murdock

Adult	\$1,540.00
Student	\$3.00
Loose Plate	\$64.25
All Saints	\$15.00

Total \$1,622.25

St. Malachy - Clontarf

Adult	\$1,985.00
Student	\$4.00
Loose Plate	\$18.00
World Miss. Sunday	\$10.00

Total \$2,017.00

St. Bridget Collection figures will be in next week's bulletin

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2014

FEAST OF THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)

We pray for those who have died

They leave us, but they never really leave us. We remember “those who have gone before us” whenever we touch places, objects, or occasions that reverberate with their life. In the 11th century, Abbot Odilo of Cluny established November 2 as the day his monks would pray for the dead, in part because his century saw so many dying in famines. The whole church quickly adopted All Souls' Day. Prayer for the dead affirms our faith in the Resurrection, and in God's desire to heal us even on the far side of history.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11 or Romans 6:3-9; John 6:37-40 (668)*. “*But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them.*”

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

FEAST OF MARTIN DE PORRES, RELIGIOUS SERVANT AND SAINT

Martin de Porres was an interracial child in a time and place—colonial-era Peru—when mixed-race background meant second-class status. Barred from becoming a full member of a religious order, the only route open to Martin was to ask the Dominicans to accept him as a *donado*, basically a servant. Fortunately the Spirit is not bound by human limitation or prejudice. Martin's holy life and solidarity with the marginal and the outcast make him a hero and role model to all who seek social and racial justice. Martin is a saint for our own divided society; honor him by honoring people of all backgrounds.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Philippians 2:1-4; Luke 14:12-14 (485)*. “*Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind.*”

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 FEAST OF CHARLES BORROMEIO, BISHOP

Simple signs

Medieval monks often shaved the top of their heads and left a ring of hair around the edge their scalps—a practice called *tonsure*—as a sign of their humility. To keep the bald part of their heads warm, they wore skullcaps, called *zucchettos*—which are still worn by clergy today. Saint Charles Borromeo, the cardinal archbishop of Milan from 1564 to 1584, was tonsured at the age of 12. He grew up to become a major figure of the counter-Reformation and pushed for austerity in appearance and practice. How can you cut back on excesses in your own life?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 14:15-24 (486)*. “*... he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.*”

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Don't be a “morning-after” disciple

This morning after Election Day, the victors are celebrating with followers, some of them newfound, who just want to be with a winner. Jesus, on the other hand, was suspicious of popularity and of those who latched onto him for shallow reasons. He alerted folks that if they wanted to walk with him they needed to share



his mission and, ultimately, his cross. There's no room for those who “glory in the name” only but do not show mercy and compassion. No room for a wishy-washy disciple. It's gut check time.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Philippians 2:12-18; Luke 14:25-33 (487)*. “*Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.*”

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Your mission awaits

Through the sacrament of Baptism, we're called and empowered by God to continue the mission of Jesus. Each of us has received unique gifts of the Spirit for this mission. After all, such an expansive mission requires diverse gifts—different skills, personalities, perspectives, abilities! But there can also be challenges. It can be tempting to compare the gifts of one person or group with those of another. Do they measure up? Do we measure up? Are some people holier? The good news of Baptism is that we're all called to holiness.

We all measure up! We're all needed to bring about love, peace, and justice. How will you embrace your baptismal call today?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Philippians 3:3-8a; Luke 15:1-10 (488)*. “*The Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, 'This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.'*”

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Darkest before the dawn of a new age

In the gathering darkness of the year, the church directs us toward the “end” times, not in the sense of the destruction of the world, but the “end” in the sense of the purpose of our existence and our call to follow Christ. Jesuit Pierre Teilhard de Chardin spoke of a cosmic Christ drawing all things toward what he called the Omega Point—the “end” point, the universe evolving and inexorably toward Christ becoming all in all. Why not think cosmically? What is the purpose of it all, what Saint Paul simply calls “the things that really matter”? What really matters for you? How do you show it?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 16:1-8 (489)*. “*Stand firm in the Lord, beloved.*”

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Take stock of money

The word *mammon* is derived from Latin, Greek, and Aramaic words that mean “wealth” or “riches”—although its Hebrew origin may have also meant “that in which one trusts.” But trusting in mammon is a slippery slope indeed—personified as it is in the New Testament as a false god. Works from Edmund Spenser's *The Faerie Queen*, in which Mammon oversees a cave of worldly wealth, to Thomas Carlyle's *Past and Present*, in which he coins the phrase “Gospel of Mammonism” to describe 19th-century materialism, warn against greed. Be careful about trusting wealth.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Philippians 4:10-19; Luke 16:9-15 (490)*. “*My God will fully supply whatever you need in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.*”



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

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