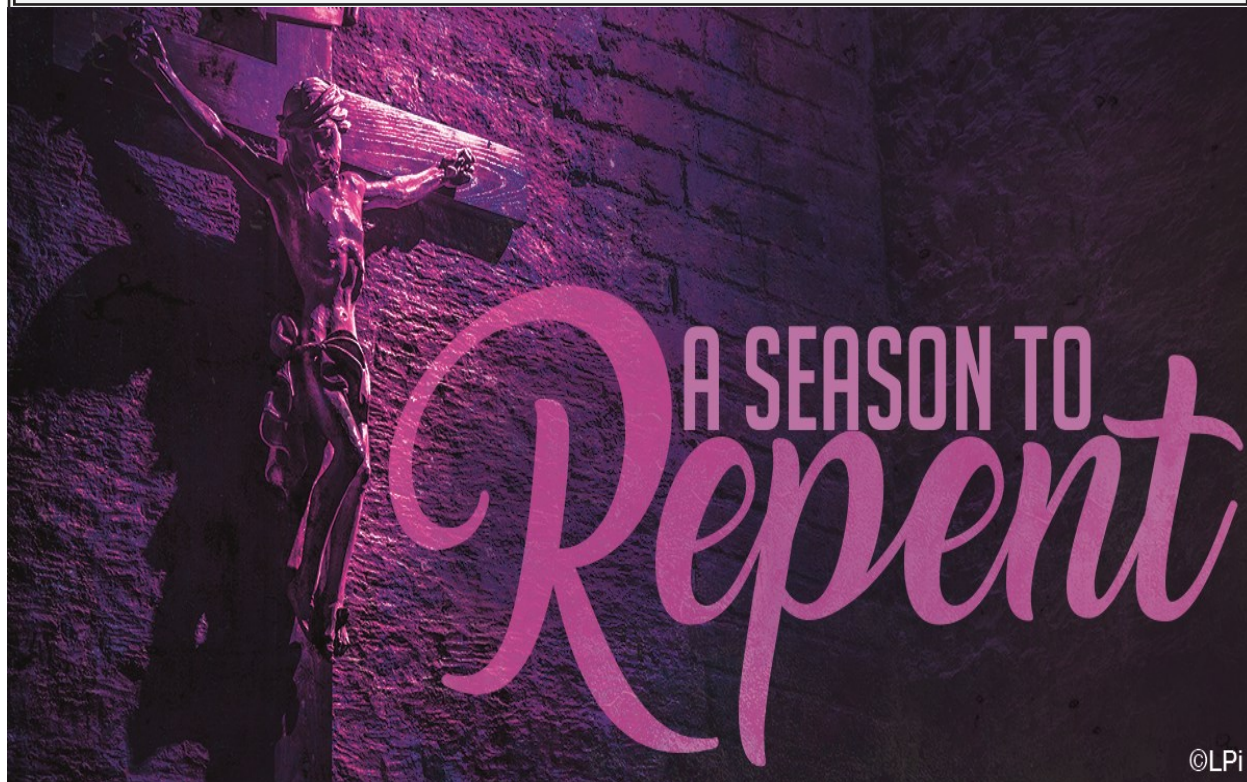


**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF:**  
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
*Cromwell-Wright*  
**ST. MARY'S                      ST. LOUIS**  
*Meadowlands                  Floodwood*



**MASS SCHEDULE and CONFESSIONS**

**St. Louis**

**105 4th Ave E , Floodwood, MN 55736**

Sunday:                      10:30 AM

Tuesday -Wednesday:   8:30 AM

Adoration after weekday Masses.

Confessions half hour before Mass on Sunday  
and Saturday from 10:00-11:00 AM

**Immaculate Conception,**

**5944 Hwy 210, Cromwell, MN 55726**

Saturday:                      5:00 PM

Thursday:                      8:30 AM

Adoration after Thursday Masses at the church

First Thursday Mass at Villa Vista: 8:30 AM

Confessions half hour before Mass on Saturday

**St. Mary's**

**9999 Hwy 133, Meadowlands, MN 55765**

Sunday:                      8:00 AM

Friday:                      8:30 AM

Adoration after Friday morning Mass.

First Saturday :              8:30 AM

Confessions half hour before Mass on Sunday

(Confession also available by appointment)

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(Bulletin deadline is Thursday at 12 PM)

**Tri-Parish Website:** [nemncatholic.com](http://nemncatholic.com)

**SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism:** Before any detailed arrangements are made, parents must attend a pre-baptism class.

**Funerals:** Arrangements are to be made with the priest before publication in newspapers.

**Weddings:** Arrangements are to be made in person with the priest at least six months in advance.

**Sick Calls:** Inform the Rectory or Office of the ill and homebound.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 25, 2024  
2nd Sunday of Lent

As a college student, my prized possession was an after-market car stereo. It was my pride and joy: glorious audio, eye-catching display screen, and multi-disc CD changer. It drained my hard-earned dollars, but it was totally worth it. It drenched me in music everywhere I drove. On Ash Wednesday of my senior year of college, Father Tom, the Jesuit priest at my university said, "Pray for God to tell you what he wants you to sacrifice for Lent." I did. In my heart, the answer came: "Give up listening to your car stereo for forty days." I winced. Not possible, I thought. Can't do it. I made other plans. The next morning, I was stunned to find that my car had been broken into, and my fancy stereo ripped out and stolen. God's command to sacrifice what we love is no joke.

This week in Genesis 22, God says: "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love - Isaac - and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you." Believe me, I know. We like to be in control. It chaffs us that God sets the terms of what we must sacrifice, and how. But this is no impersonal, tyrannical process. Remember that God uses their names, Abraham and Isaac. God knows each one of us and the precious gifts He commands us to offer. Finally, our sacrifices are for our own good. Do we trust this enough to do what Father Tom asked me to do?

**Lenten challenge:** This week ask God: "What do you want me to give up?" He may ask for that which you love most. It will be something precious to you: time, money, a relationship, a dream, an opportunity. What matters is we trust Him and act sacrificially in line with His command. Whatever we sacrifice will of course come back to us as surely as the Risen Jesus but that doesn't make it easy.

-Father John Muir  
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Collection Counters

March 03  
St. Mary's Craig, Laura, Len  
St. Louis Kay, Phil  
March 10  
St. Mary's Laura, Don, Barb  
St. Louis Michael, Carrie



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTION

2/27 8:30 AM St. Louis  
  
2/28 8:30 AM St. Louis  
  
2/29 8:30 AM Immaculate Conception  
  
3/01 8:30 AM St. Mary's  
Chad & Robin McKay - S  
3/02 8:30 AM St. Mary's  
  
5:00 PM Immaculate Conception  
Our Parishioners  
3/03 8:00 AM St. Mary's  
Peter & Margaret Ralidak +  
10:30AM St. Louis  
Carter Lunde - B

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

2/27- St. Gregory of Narek, Abbott & Doctor  
2/28- St. Hilary, Pope

FUN FACTS

Why is the 29th of February a leap year?



According to Farmer's Almanac, adding an extra day every four years keeps our calendar aligned correctly with the astronomical seasons, since a year according to the Gregorian calendar(365 days) and a year according to the Earth's orbit (approx. 365.25 days) are not the same length of time. Without this extra day, our calendar & seasons would gradually get out of sync.

LITURGICAL ROLES

March 2, 2024  
Immaculate Conception  
Lector Jill Kleidon  
\*Last weeks lector was Mary Jo Stenson.

March 3, 2024  
St. Mary's  
Gifts Kozumplik Family  
Ushers Don Maly & Gene Kowarsch  
St. Louis  
Lector Colleen Arfman



# FEBRUARY 25, 2024

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Immaculate Conception Church:**  
Wednesdays at 5:00 PM

**St. Louis Church:**  
Wednesdays at 6:30 PM.

**St. Mary's Church :**  
Wednesdays at 6:00 PM.



### Theology Uncapped

Please join us for our next event!

"**Last Things**" will be held on April 11th, 2024, at St. Benedict Catholic Church. Register online at [www.theologyuncapped.org](http://www.theologyuncapped.org), or please send registration information including all names and a fee of \$30 per person to: **Theology Uncapped, PO Box 3183, Duluth MN 55803**. For additional information call (218)393-0631.



During this holy time, we are called to pause and pay closer attention to our relationship with God, and our neighbors. Reflect on how the Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving can guide your journey, and how the Eucharist helps us to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world. Bowls are available now in back of church.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE 02/19/2024

### Immaculate Conception

ENV	\$ 295.00
PLATE	\$ 51.00
B&I Mission	\$ 155.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 60.00
UCA - 2024	\$ 1,035.00

### St. Mary's

ENV	\$ 365.00
PLATE	\$ 80.00
B & I Mission	\$ 40.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 75.00
UCA 2024	\$ 2,395.00

### St. Louis

ENV	\$ 759.00
PLATE	\$ 17.00
B&I Mission	\$ 70.00
UCA	\$ 245.00
UCA 2024	\$ 1,010.00

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

- ♦ **First Thursday Mass:** Mass on the 1st Thursday of every month is at Villa Vista.
- ♦ **Stations:** Wednesdays at 5:00 PM.

## ST. LOUIS

- ♦ **Community Conversation on Housing:** Interested in learning about housing, home ownership, & housing assistance resources? Then plan to attend this event coming soon! Thursday, March 7th, 6:00PM at Floodwood Services & Training, 601 Ash St, in Floodwood. Refreshments provided!
- ♦ **Soup Supper's for Lent:** Please join us Wednesday evenings 5:30 PM for Soup supper followed with Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM.
- ♦ **Reminder :** Today is the last Sunday of the month. Any loose monies collected today will be going towards our seminarian fund. Thank you for giving! The loose collections taken for Sue & Joe Czarneski totaled \$900.00! Thank you everyone!

## ST. MARY'S

- ♦ **First Saturday Mass:** Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the first Saturday of every month at 8:30 AM.
- ♦ **Stations:** on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm.

## ALL PARISHES

- ♦ **Mass Intentions:** If you send a check with your Mass intentions, please make them out to St. Louis Church. Thank you!
- ♦ Our three Parish Councils will meet on March 10th at the St. Louis church after the 10:30 AM Mass.

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