

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Cromwell-Wright

ST. MARY'S
Meadowlands

ST. LOUIS
Floodwood



"...the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water, willing up for eternal life."

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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MASS SCHEDULE and CONFESSIONS

St. Louis

105 4th Ave. E Floodwood, MN 55736

Sunday: 10:30 AM
Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30 AM
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
(Note: Thursday morning Masses at Villa Vista. We will return to church after Easter.)
Confessions half hour before Mass on Saturday

St. Mary's

9999 Hwy 133, Meadowlands, MN 55765

Sunday: 8:00 AM
Friday: 8:30 AM followed by Adoration and Benediction
First Saturday: 8:30 AM
Confessions half hour before Mass on Sunday

STAFF

Fr. Pio Atonio.....Pastor
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Andrea DickensonSecretary
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See the bulletin online in the parish website

(Bulletin deadline is Thursday at 12 pm)

Tri-Parish Website: nemncatholic.com

SACRAMENTS

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

Funerals: Arrangements are to be made with Fr. Pio before publication in newspapers.

Weddings: Arrangements are to be made in person with Fr. Pio at least six months in advance.

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 15th, 2020
Third Sunday of Lent

We give the definition of ourselves over to so many things. We allow our society, friends, family, work, social groups, ethnicity, and even institutions define, classify, and color how we perceive ourselves. When we listen predominantly to the voices of others, we lose touch with what is happening within our own inner voice. If we listen carefully within, we can easily discover that we are in want and need. We know our incompleteness and also know that loneliness, sadness, and self-images can propel us outward in attempts to fill those gaps. We can become not only victims of our own prejudices but can find ourselves overly self-indulgent in things that can only satisfy for a short time, if at all.

It is no wonder that money and power are things that are so fervently sought after. As long as we can keep a steady supply going, the illusion of fulfillment and satisfaction can falsely persuade us as craftily as a master magician's act. We live with illusions not truth. It is no wonder, then, that some of the wealthiest folks are also really the unhappiest. Whether we admit it, the lies we live and pursue will ultimately expose our superficiality. We all have to wrestle with who we are and what gives our lives purpose and meaning. Learn to listen more deeply, not to what others are saying about you, but to what God is echoing in your heart.

We can easily get confused and misunderstand, not only about who we are but who God is. Even the disciples and the Samaritan woman at the well missed the point Jesus was trying to make. There is only one Person who can satisfy the deepest yearnings and longings of our hearts — Jesus the Messiah. It is not the work of corporate America that will lead us to happiness or greatness but the work of the soul. We continue to resist acknowledging this and are happier in our world of misunderstanding and illusion. The life-giving water we truly need doesn't come from the source of a well but from the Source of Life. Only God can reveal the truth of our sinfulness, the superficiality of our pursuits, and the illusions we hold so dear. Only Jesus can save us from ourselves and give us what we really need. If only our heads can catch up with where our hearts know they need to be, then will we find real contentment and life!

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COLLECTION COUNTERS

March 15

St. Mary's Craig, Len, Barb
St. Louis Carrie, Amanda, Mary

March 22

St. Mary's Betsy, Ann, Laura
St. Louis Amanda, Mary, Michael



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTION

3/17 8:30 a.m. St. Louis
Ron Ruzynski +

3/18 8:30 a.m. St. Louis

3/19 8:30 a.m. Villa Vista

3/20 8:30 a.m. Saint Mary's
Jim & Vickie Maly +

3/21 5:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception
Our Parishioners

3/22 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's
Victoria Schwartz +

10:30 a.m. St. Louis
Patrick Ryan

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday : St. Patrick, Bishop

Wednesday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary



LITURGICAL ROLES

March 22, 2020

Lectors

St. Mary's Dan McKay
St. Louis Colleen Arfman

Greeters

St. Mary's Don & Mary Maly
St. Louis Greg Schminiski Family

Ushers

St. Mary's Len Kucza
Jerry Maly

Altar Servers

St. Mary's Emily Bernard
Neil Norrell

Rosary Leader

St. Mary's Mary Ann

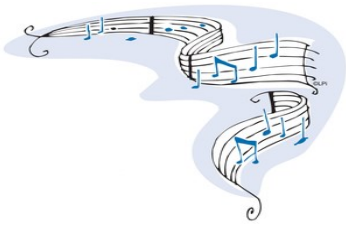


ANNOUNCEMENTS

JAMD Fundraiser Friday, March 20th:

Please consider supporting the Floodwood Music Programs by attending the JAMD-Jazz and Music Dinner Fundraiser! This important fundraiser will be held on **Friday, March 20th at 6:30 p.m.** at the Event Center in Floodwood.

Dinner by **Rich Cuisine**. Entertainment by **Floodwood Students!** Please RSVP by calling or texting **218-391-2318**.



Ham Bingo

Saturday, April 4th from 6:30pm- 8:30 pm
Cromwell Pavilion.

Lunch will be served for free will offering. Basket raffles and free popcorn! Come play and win a ham for Easter!



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

3/01/2020

Immaculate Conception

ENV	\$ 285.00
PLATE	\$ 35.00
UCA	\$ 90.00
YTD	\$ 2,535.00

St. Mary's

ENV	\$ 535.00
PLATE	\$ 31.00
UCA	\$ 140.00
YTD	\$ 2,630.00

St. Louis

ENV	\$ 1,320.00
PLATE	\$ 36.00
UCA	\$ 240.00
YTD	\$ 2,120.00for 2020
Loan Payable	\$ 29, 586.42 as of 3/9/20

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

- ◆ Thursday morning Mass at Villa Vista up to the week before Holy week. We will return to the regular schedule on the week of Easter.
- ◆ **Stations of the Cross** : Wednesdays of Lent at 6:00 pm . Soup Supper and the Symbolon program after.
- ◆ Please sign up for the Prayer Chain! The sign up sheet is in the back of church.

ST. LOUIS

- ◆ **Stations of the Cross**: Wednesdays of Lent with Soup Supper at 5:00 pm followed by Stations at 6:00.
- ◆ **Spring Brunch**: Ladies and girls are invited to attend a Ladies brunch at the New Life Community Church on April 18th at 10 am. Speakers for the event are Micah and Ester Rocesor. Please let the parish office know if you plan to attend, so we can rsvp how many. Thank you!
- ◆ **Plate Collection** : The last plate collection of the month (March 29th) will be collected for the Casper family. Your prayers and donations are appreciated.

ST. MARY'S

- ◆ **Stations of the Cross**: Wednesdays of Lent. Soup Supper at 5:30 PM followed by Stations at 6:30.
- ◆ **Parish Council Meeting**: March 18th at 7:00 pm.



EDUCATION

Using the highly-acclaimed Augustine Institute programs Symbolon and Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession, **A Lent to Remember** explores the ways God reaches out to each of us with his mercy. Through Christ's suffering on the cross in the Paschal Mystery and his perpetual reception of his people in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God makes his love, his very self, present to us in the world. By reflecting on the Paschal Mystery and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite of Confession, **A Lent to Remember** communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love this Lent.

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