

**From the Pastor's Desk:**

*“At this the Jews answered and said to Him, “What sign can you show us for doing this? Jesus answered and said to them, “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.”*  
-St. John

On Tuesday, school was dismissed earlier in parts of southern and central Minnesota due to the blizzard-like conditions. Praise God that we did not get much snow out of the stormy winter weather last Tuesday. It was a good quiet day on my “day off” to catch up on laundry, floor cleaning and general cleaning in the rectory. Yet, as we approach later March and April, I am praying for serious moisture in the form of rain as we are below average and are heading into a possible time of drought.



It is about this time of year, at the start of March, when we begin to wonder when winter will end. But the winter is losing its power with each and every passing day. There are many SIGNS that spring is closer than we might think.

1. Every day we are gaining three more minutes of light! You notice it when you get up in the morning and certainly in the evening as at 5:30 P.M., it is still so light out. A “sign” of spring!
2. This weekend, Daylight Saving's time ends. This Sunday evening we will have light past 7:00 P.M. A “sign” of spring.
3. There are more and more garden supplies and patio furniture for sale. You start seeing more and more seeds for sale. A “sign” of spring.
4. Last week the Diocese had their “Spring Pastoral Leader Days”. That title is a “sign” of spring.
5. The Worship Committee had their final planning meeting before Easter. It is a “sign” of spring.
6. Religious education classes are quickly winding down with only 8 classes remaining. Another “sign” of spring.
7. And there are many other “signs” that the season of spring that we long for in Minnesota will soon be upon us.

Sometimes, it is easy to get bogged down in Minnesota's long winter, grumbling and complaining that it will never end. That is the outlook of a pessimist. However, a Minnesota optimist is one that sees those hints and signs that the season of spring is slowly waking up from her long sleep.

Today's gospel is certainly an eye-opener as our Blessed Lord cleanses the temple in Jerusalem. Making a whip of cords, the Lord drove out the money-changers, sellers for

sacrifices, knocking over tables and acting in general far less than the Jesus of the scriptures we have come to know and love. Where is the Good News in the Son of God's actions that seem so abrupt, strong, disruptive and even violent?

**Simple! St. John wants us to focus not so much on the “actions” of Jesus as much as He does on the “authority” in which He acts. Christ is acting like He owns the place and in fact He does. Christ's demand for reverence in the House of God, (His Father's House) to the point of carrying a whip, is a way to say, “I AM IN CHARGE! I AM THE AUTHORITY HERE!”**

The old time pastors in our Diocese of New Ulm use to say that it takes a priest four years to have the full authority of pastor. So their advice was not to take on a major building project or a super major decision until after your fourth year. These men had a wisdom, as they knew that pastoral authority takes time.

When Christ cleanses the temple, it is after three years of public ministry. Yet, this bold action is a very “strong sign” that He is the Christ, the Son of God and one who would bring a new spirit and a new spiritual spring-time to humanity. Unfortunately the Jewish leadership failed to see the signs of the “spiritual springtime of salvation” that was already taking place.

Through Christ's authority, may we have the grace to seeing the signs of the Savior working in our life and especially through the Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation as well as these great days that we are approaching of the Sacred Triduum! Happy Lent!

  
**Rev. Paul van de Crommert**  
Pastor

**UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS**

**Finance Council:** Monday March 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 P.M.  
(Conf. Rm. #1)

**Pastoral Council:** Monday March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 P.M.  
(Conf. Rm. #1)

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

*“A society where the elderly are discarded carries with it the virus of death.”*

- Pope Francis

**Stewardship of Treasure**

Adult (146)	\$ 7,759.00
Electronic Giving	2,153.25
Junior	138.16
Plate	864.60
Ash Wednesday	5.00
Home Missions	115.00
World Mission	10.00
Fuel	30.00
Easter Flower Donation	30.00
Votive Candles	55.90
Building Rent	1,235.00

**Grand Total \$ 12,395.91**

*\*(Our weekly budget is set at \$12,750.00)*

**STEWARDSHIP – FUEL FINANCING**



Thank you for another week of generous giving. To be taking in a total of nearly \$12,400.00, in the midst of winter, is fine stewardship. This week, attached to the bulletin is an envelope to defray the expenses of our fuel to heat our church, rectory and former school building.

So far this winter, we have spent in excess, \$14,000.00 to heat our parish facilities. To date, without even asking for assistance or even having a special collection to date, we have been blessed, as we have taken in around \$4,200.00. At this point we have taken in 30% of our total heating needs.

In my past assignments, I have hoped to collect at least 50% or more of the total monies spent, and we still have some winter weather ahead. If we could collect at least another \$3,000 - \$5,000 before the close of the heating season, this would be a great relief for our budgeting purposes.

So, if everyone can spare a few extra dollars in addition to your regular offering, that would be great. Your offering has really been super and you have made my pastoral work so much easier because of it. Thank you for your gifts! God bless you!

**SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**

Next weekend, March 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this Collection provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and show Christ's love and respect to all people. Next week, please give generously to the Catholic Relief Services Collection and help Jesus in disguise.

**TIME AND TALENT SURVEYS**

We have had a great response of Time and Talent Surveys with more than 100 households responding. (I have been told by the Worship Committee that is a large response when compared to previous surveys.) However, we would like everyone to take just a minute or two to fill out one of these forms. We will have an in-pew solicitation on the weekend of March 21<sup>st</sup> and March 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you have already filled out a form, you will not need to fill out a second one. Thank you for your help in this matter.

**RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION IS CHANGING**

Last Sunday, at our Eucharistic Ministers Meeting, it was brought up that there is congestion when the two Eucharistic Ministers are standing on either side of priest during Holy Communion. (I noted that I was experiencing this very problem when I was distributing Holy Communion to the left of the Bishop on the choir side at Confirmation last week.) Therefore, our two Eucharistic Ministers that are distributing the consecrated hosts will be standing directly in front of the short pews facing north and south and not on the step of the sanctuary. This should help in a greater ease of movement. Communion under both forms begin next weekend, March 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.



**SING TO THE LORD!**

Whether you've never thought about singing in the choir or you thought that you missed the "sign-up window", please know that you are welcome to join the Holy Rosary Choir at any time! We have just begun preparations for Holy Week and Easter, so now is an excellent time to join us and praise the Lord with song through the remainder of Lent and in the joy of the Easter season. Not sure about your vocal range or singing ability? No worries! I will happily meet with anyone who would like for a pre-choir lesson to help you feel comfortable with your God-given voice. Have a lot of singing experience, but haven't joined the choir because you think it's a large commitment? Consider now as a great time, in the spirit of Lenten almsgiving, to give *only one hour of your week to sing to the Lord*. Please contact me if you are interested!



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**The Week Ahead**

**Sunday, March 8: Third Sunday of Lent**

- 7:30 am – Rosary
- 8:00 am – Mass - People of the Parish
- 9:30 am – Rosary
- 10:00 am – Mass - Sebastian, Gloria Lena  
& Emmanuel Anthonisamy†  
\* **Morning Pre-School and Nursery**
- 1:30 pm – Convert Instruction (Conf. Rm #1)**
- 4:00 pm-7:00 pm – Pasta with the Padres  
at St. John the Baptist**
- 6:30 pm – Eucharistic Minister Training  
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Group (in Church)**

**Monday, March 9: Lenten Weekday**

- 8:05 am – Rosary
- 8:30 am – Mass - Helen Hadbavny†
- 9:15 am – Bible Study
- 11:00 am – Mass at SSND - Mary Cline†**
- 6:30 pm – Finance Committee Meeting (Conf. Rm. #1)**

**Tuesday, March 10: Lenten Weekday**

- 8:05 am – Rosary
- 8:30 am – Holy Communion Service
- 5:30 pm – Soup Supper with Enrichment to Follow**

**Wednesday, March 11: Lenten Weekday**

- 8:15 am – Fitzgerald Middle School Mass  
- Pat Nelson† (Fr. Paul)**
- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm – Sewing Group - Parish Center*
- 4 pm, 6 pm, 7:15 pm – Faith Formation**
- 6-7 pm – Holy Rosary Choir Practice - Choir Room**
- \*8:00 pm – High School Stations of the Cross (in Church)  
- Parishioners Welcome!**

**Thursday, March 12: Lenten Weekday**

- 10:15 am – Mass at Pathstone - Henry Nowacki†  
(Fr. Paul)**
- 7:30 pm – KC Planning Meeting**

**Friday, March 13: Lenten Weekday**

- 8:05 am – Rosary
- 8:30 am – Mass - Michael Tyler†
- 12:00 pm – Stations of the Cross**

**Saturday, March 14: Lenten Weekday  
(Time & Talent Weekend)**

- 10:30 am - 2:30 pm – “Food for Friends” at  
Salvation Army (*Youth Group*)
- 12:00 pm – Wedding Service  
(Anthony Kimathi & Edith Wanjiru)**
- 4:30 pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 4:30 pm – Rosary
- 5:00 pm – Mass - Sr. Audrey Berdis†
- 6:30 pm – Sacrament of Baptism**

**The Week Ahead Continued**

**Sunday, March 15: Fourth Sunday of Lent –  
Laetare Sunday (Time & Talent Weekend)**

- 7:30 am – Rosary
- 8:00 am – Mass - **Sandee & Gary Lindmeier  
(50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)**
- 9:00 am & 11:00 am – Pancake Breakfast**
- 9:30 am – Rosary
- 10:00 am – Mass - People of the Parish  
\* **Morning Pre-School and Nursery**
- 11am-2pm – St. John the Baptist’s St. Patrick’s Day Dinner**
- 1:30 pm – Convert Instruction (Conf. Rm #1)**

**Liturgical Roles March 14-15**

**Lectors**

- 5:00 pm:** Marsha Murphy    **8:00 am:** Dolores Portz
- 10:00 am:** David Lamm

**Eucharistic Ministers (\*Note: Both forms)**

- 5:00 pm:** Rebecca Gruenes, Kathy Frederickson,  
Gretchen Etzell, Jim Theuninck,  
JoAnn Borchert, Karen Etzell
- 8:00 am:** Mary Homan, Peter Backes,  
Terri Compton, Craig Amundson,  
Margaret Ayers, Michelle Ellingworth
- 10:00 am:** Steve Caron, Rick Gruber,  
Darlene Schorn, Dawn Matz,  
Jackie Cesario, John Kuchinka

**Altar Servers**

- 5:00 pm:** Zach Eggersdorfer, Jonathan Hull,  
Mitch Bigaouette
- 8:00 am:** Jake Homan, David Weber, Tony Weber
- 10:00 am:** Haley Kohrs, Andrew Kohrs, Spencer Spaude

**Presentation of Gifts  
(First Communicant Families)**

- 5:00 pm:** Brian Madison Family
- 8:00 am:** Collin Kirschner Family
- 10:00 am:** Melanie Kremer Family

**Ushers**

- 5:00 pm:** Larry Bennett, Maggie Bennett,  
Paul Stevens, Tom Rheaume
- 8:00 am:** Gary Zellmer, Doug Homan,  
Bill Fasnacht, Kurt Schroeder
- 10:00 am:** Scott & Brady Smith,  
Glenn Vershelde, Kevin Mettler

**Music Ministry**

- 5:00 pm:** Myra Schroepfer/Jeanne Makela
- 8:00 am:** Holy Rosary Choir/Sr. M. Adelyn
- 10:00 am:** Tom Bachmann/Vicki Galli

**Rosary Leaders**

- 5:00 pm:** Paul Stevens    **8:00 am:** Margaret Ayers
- 10:00 am:** Curt & Donna Stanke

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS...**

**PRAYERS AND SUPPORT FOR ALL OF OUR SICK AND INJURED OF HOLY ROSARY PARISH**

Our prayers go out to all of the sick and injured in our parish who are at home, in the hospital, nursing homes or assisted-living residences. May God bless them and keep them under His guidance and protection!



**FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL**

Kris Bachmann, Marilyn Rieff, Herbert Karpinsky, Rose Wilson, Jane Keltgen, Isaac Kolstad, Rachel Tobin, Mary Jane Ledwein, Tom Grausam, Don Haley, Doris Lorentz, Bill Goettlicher, Lenore Sweers, Richard Flynn, Jr., Krystal Portz, Jan Brumm, Steve Fitterer, Kathy Eggersdorfer, Nancy Marquardt, Gabriel Speckel, Shannon Murphy, Harriet Senesac, Lisa LaPoint Leland, David Bruender, Marilyn Bastian, Nancy Wesely, Susan Zenk, Catherine Atchley

**FOR OUR FAMILIES**

**Monday** Scott & Nancy Deslauriers  
**Tuesday** No Mass  
**Wednesday** Maria McBreen  
**Thursday** Gary & Kathy Bakken  
**Friday** Randy & Dawn Hoehn  
**Saturday** Jason & Alicia Reese  
**Sunday** Jim Decker

**FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY**

Nick Blace	Timothy Eick	Alex Ek
Jared Hiniker	Matt McGraw	Ben Barsness
Ann Winkler	Christopher Schmidt	Sean O'Dea
Dana Schiller	Jonathan Heintz	Daniel Fitterer
Mark Hansen	William Backes	Anna Drummer

**PRAYER CHAIN**



If you, or someone you know, would like to be included in our prayer chain, please call Karen Etzell, 387-7877

**Readings for the Week**

**Mon:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30  
**Tues:** Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35  
**Wed:** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19  
**Thurs:** Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23  
**Fri:** Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34  
**Sat:** Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14  
**Sun:** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

**Money Counters - Jan, Feb & March 2015**

Marilyn Rieff, Shirleen Gulden, Jan Nelson, Jan Brumm, Carl Steffensmeier & Bill Fasnacht

**Bulletin Folders for March 2015**

Ruth Fitterer, Rosal Molski, Bob & Renee Amundson

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE: (I & II)**

Anthony Kimathi and Edith Wanjiru – Wedding Service, March 14, 2015, Holy Rosary Catholic Church, North Mankato, MN.

**UPCOMING EVENTS: Council of Catholic Women**

**March 19<sup>th</sup> Region I Spring Gathering** (at Holy Rosary) 5:30pm registration, 6:00pm mass, followed by a meal and speaker from Partners for Affordable Housing.

**THANK YOU PRISHIONERS OF HOLY ROSARY**

Thank you for your generous donations to Birthright. The blankets, clothing, diapers, baby toiletry supplies, miscellaneous baby items, and cash donations will help the many families we serve. Thank you for your continued support. - *Your friends at Birthright*

**K of C Council #5551 News**

March 10 - Free Soup Supper  
 March 12 - Planning Meeting  
 March 26 - General Meeting  
 March 27 - Fish Fry



**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING:**

Last Sunday evening we had a **WONDERFUL** response from our new and returning Eucharistic ministers meeting with more than 40 men and women in attendance. (Nearly one-third attending the session were new Eucharistic ministers that have recently volunteered.) We had a wonderful spirit, with lots of good questions.



**Our second session of training will again be this Sunday evening in the church at 6:30 P.M.** We are anticipating a similar size crowd. Again, there will be a social downstairs following the meeting.

We are blessed that we will have around 75 Extraordinary Ministers to assist at the Masses throughout the year. **We will be returning to Holy Communion under both forms of Christ's Body and Blood beginning next weekend on March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.** Again, please note Eucharistic ministers, that we will follow the new directives of the Church that you will leave your pew at the time of the sign-of-peace, enter the sacristy and take your place at the altar after the priest has receiving Holy Communion from the chalice.



**LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**

Loyola Preschool classes hosted Dads and Doughnuts last week. Dads joined their children for playtime, storytime, a short program and treats. (Moms and Muffins is scheduled for later this month.)

Kindergarten Round Up is on Tuesday, March 10, at 4:30 and 6:30. Choose a session, bring your kindergartener-to-be, and plan for about an hour...activities in the kindergarten classrooms for little ones, a presentation for parents, treats and tours for all. Sibling child care is available. Questions? Call 388-0614.

The high school sent to projects to the regional competition at MSU on February 21. Of the two projects sent, both received Purple Ribbons. Also as an added bonus of the three ISWEEP awards presented at regionals, both received one. The two projects will move on to the state competition as well as move to the ISWEEP competition in Houston, TX.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR – HOLY WEEK**



Holy Week is quickly approaching. Holy Week is the high point of the liturgical year. Holy Week is the Christian and Catholic version of the Super Bowl or the World Series! There are some slight changes, so take special note:

**Palm Sunday Weekend: 5:00 P.M. and 10:00 A.M.**  
(\*We will gather in the grade school gym and process into church for all those that are ambulatory.)

**Holy Thursday: 7:00 P.M.**

**Good Friday : 12:00 P.M. Main Service**

**7:00 P.M. Stations of the Cross and Benediction**  
(\*There will be no veneration of the cross or communion.)

**Easter Vigil: 7:00 P.M. (\*Note earlier time.)**

**Easter Day 8:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M.**

**HOLY FATHER’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH**

Universal: That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person. For Evangelization: That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may always be recognized.”

**FR. ED ARDOLF ENDOWMENT FUND**

This fund is now at \$131,552. 85% of the earnings of this fund go to pay tuition at Loyola Catholic School for Holy Rosary families. Contributions to this fund may be dropped off at the parish office or sent to Amy at Loyola.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

1. Diocesan United Fund (D.U.F.) Diocesan Priest Pension Fund/ Medical Care and Diocesan Audit::	
DUE:	\$ 78,103.92
Pd. to Date	\$ 46,769.43
2. Annual Diocesan Ministries Appeal (D.M.A.)	
DUE:	\$ 27,708.85
Rec'd. to Date:	\$ 43,921.00
(*We are 158.5% our goal!)	
3. Loyola Catholic School Assessment:	
DUE:	\$ 238,000.00
<b>Pd. this week:</b>	<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>
Pd. to Date:	\$ 129,135.93
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Total Assessments 2014-2015:	\$ 343,812.77
Total Paid to Date 2014-2015:	\$ 219,796.36
Total Assessments Due 2014-2015:	\$ 124,016.41
(* Total includes D.M.A. overrun)	

**FISH FRY DINNER**

The Knights of Columbus of St. John the Baptist, Mankato, are hosting their Fish Fry Dinner Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30pm to 7:00pm. The menu includes deep fried, pan fried or backed fish, backed potatoes, coleslaw, corn, beverage, dinner rolls and dessert! Cost: Adults - \$10, Under 12 - \$4, Family Max - \$25. Proceeds will support St. John's Knights of Columbus and their many activities and charitable contributions. The dinner will be held in Matthews Hall (basement) at St. John the Baptist, 632 South Broad Street, Mankato, MN.



**PASTA WITH THE PADRES – MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>!**

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual "Pasta with the Padres" spaghetti dinner benefit for ECHO Food Shelf will be held this Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church. Serving is from 4pm-7pm. Priests from the parishes will be there and the dinner is open to everyone. A free will offering will be taken. Brian Kvebak and Traci Buckle will provide music. Come join the fun and support ECHO! As pastor, I will be attending for a while, but have Eucharistic Minister training at 6:30pm. I hope to see you there!



**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

The Youth Group will be serving a pancake breakfast after both the 8am and 10am Masses on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. They will be serving blueberry, chocolate chip, and plain pancakes as well as eggs, sausage, and juice. Proceeds will go to the expenses of their mission trip to St Bernard's mission school.



**YOU'RE INVITED!**

The Council of Catholic Women would like to invite all ladies of the Parish 18 years old and older to attend the Region 1 CCW Spring Gathering, Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, here at Holy Rosary Parish. Holy Rosary CCW will pay your \$10.00 registration/meal cost. Please call the parish office 387-6501 if you plan to attend, so we can plan for food and handouts. Registration begins at 5:30pm followed by mass, dinner and two dynamic speakers from Partners for Affordable Housing.

**FAITH FORMATION FAMILIES**

Please continue to call us (345-6765) when your children will not be in class on Wednesdays (Feel free to leave a message.) It's very important for our record-keeping.

Thanks - Maggie & Sue

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Enjoy a pre-Saint Patrick's Day Breakfast and bucket raffle on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am to 11:30am, served by the men of the Church of St. Paul, 410 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Nicollet, MN 56074. Menu: ham and sausage, scrambled eggs, potatoes and beverage. Tickets: Adult - \$7; Children ages 6-13 - \$3; 5 and under - Free. Sunday Mass is at 8:00am. This is a Catholic Order of Foresters Court 812 Matching Grant Fundraiser for Religious Education.

**LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION**

Holy Spirit Retreat Center in Janesville, MN invites you to "A Quiet Day of Prayer and Reflection: Compassionate Presence" on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 9am - 3:30pm. This is a silent directed retreat based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. During this season of Lent, consider setting aside a day to nurture your prayer life and deepen your relationship with God. Call Jackie Cesario at 625-2395 for more information or to register.

**LATE NITE CATECHISM**

This fun-filled interactive experience will be held at Fitzgerald Auditorium Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm. Tickets for this professional show are available through the Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, either in the office at 523 S 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Mankato, or online at twinriversarts.org (507-387-1008). General admission tickets are \$50 with VIP at \$100. Proceeds will benefit the Good Counsel Learning Center which provides tutoring for area school children and adult English Language Learners.



*Holy Rosary donated 12lbs of food to the ECHO food shelf on 2-23-15. Thank You!*

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNERS**

**March 15<sup>th</sup>:** St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Mankato, invites you to their 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Sunday, March 15, 2015, from 11am to 2pm. Come and enjoy an \$8 meal of ham, potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, potato salad, Jello, beans, rolls, beverages, and pie. All are welcome!



**March 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Holy Family Catholic Church in Lake Crystal is hosting their annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Sunday, March 22, 2015 from 4:30pm to 7pm. Join in the festivities and get your Irish favorites including corned beef, hame, cabbage, Irish potatoes, Irish soda bread and green beer, as well as enjoy the musical entertainment of Irish classics. Cost: \$8 for adults; \$5 for kids; Free for kids under 5; \$20 Family Maximum. Take out and delivery available! Call 507-726-2725.

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASSES**

NFP is easy to learn, inexpensive to practice, and completely in accord with Catholic teaching. Three classes held one month apart beginning March 21<sup>st</sup> at St. Anastasia in Hutchinson. To register for classes or for more information contact Steven and Kathleen Jacobs at 320-327-2702 or NFamilyP@gmail.com

**LUCK OF THE IRISH**

John Ireland School would like to invite you to "Luck of the Irish", a fundraiser for John Ireland School on March 28<sup>th</sup> at the Nicollet Co. Fairgrounds in St. Peter which includes a dinner, silent auction, raffle drawing, live auction, games and more. Come join the fun! MUST be at least 21 years old to attend. We are also hosting a Luck of the Irish Fun Run (7K) the morning of March 28<sup>th</sup>. Please go to churchofstpeter.org/ji to register or call 507-931-2810 ext. 147 for more information.



**BENEFIT FOR BIRTHRIGHT RAFFLE**



Tickets are again available for the annual Benefit for Birthright raffle. They may be picked up and dropped off at the parish office. For more information contact David Mutch at 387-5406.

**SAN LUCAS FUNDRAISER**

The St. John Paul II Area Faith Mission Group invites you to their annual Wine Tasting, Dinner and Silent Auction on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Crow River Winery east of Hutchinson. This year we will be serving a Greek Dinner. Tickets are \$40.00 each and includes appetizers, Greek Dinner, and six wine samples. All proceeds will go to benefit our Mission in San Lucas, Toliman, Guatemala. If you would like to purchase tickets, please contact Gerald Kucera at 320-327-2441.