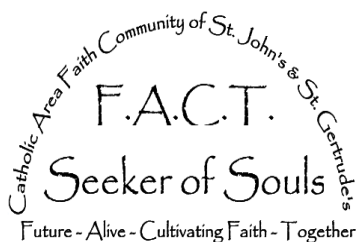


3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 22, 2012



Area Faith Community Mission Statement
 It shall be the mission statement of Seeker of Souls Area Faith Community F.A.C.T. Mission Statement [future-alive-cultivating faith-together] to proclaim our faith through word, worship and stewardship in our community. To celebrate God's presence in our lives and to reach out to those in need. We pray that we, in union with our neighboring churches, continue to grow and flourish, as the presence of Christ in our corner of the world.

Location	St. John's Catholic Church 106 N. 4th St., Darwin, MN 55324	St. John's Education Center 17260 SW Hwy 12, Cokato, MN 55321	St. Gertrude's Catholic Church 31608 650th Ave., Litchfield, MN 55355
	Fr. Joe Steinbeisser Parochial Administrator	Religious Education Coordinators Nicole Peterson-320-248-8667 John Hansen-320-286-2800	Mike McNeil Pastoral Administrator
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Website	www.stjohnscatholic-darwin.com		www.forministry.com/usmnrccathsgccs
Office Hours	9:00AM-4:00PM – Tues & Wed 8:30AM-4:00PM – Thursday Closed – Monday & Friday		1:00-4:00PM – Wednesday 9:00AM-12:00PM - Friday

Sacrament of Reconciliation: – By appt.

*Marriage Preparation: Please contact Fr. Joe at least six months ahead of time to plan and prepare for your wedding.

*Baptism; *Registration/Moving; *Spiritual Care for shut-ins inquiries about a shut-in requesting a visit by a priest or pastoral administrator: St. John's: call the office at 320-693-9496 or 320-275-2915.

St. Gertrude's: call 320-693-7801.

*RCIA: Anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church, call Mike McNeil at 320-693-7801.

*Catholic Charities: Call 1-866-670-5163 for personal counseling services and locations.

*Bulletin Announcements, Prayer Chain or Special Mass Intentions: St. John's: call or E-Mail the rectory. St. Gertrude's: call Carole Huber at 320-693-2774 or E-Mail at: caroleh@willmar.com. Bulletin Announcements are to be received by noon on Wednesday.

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK AHEAD APRIL 23-29, 2012

Mass Schedule	Time/Location	Mass Intentions	Daily Spiritual Readings
Monday	8:00 AM Word & Communion Service-Darwin		*Acts of the Apostles 6:8-15; *John 6:22-29
Tuesday	8:00 AM Mass-Darwin 9:00 AM Mass-Litchfield	+Kevin Marcks +Darrell Hubert	*Acts of the Apostles 7:51— 8:1a; *John 6:30-35
Wednesday	8:00 AM Mass-Forest City 9:00 AM Mass-Litchfield 10:00 AM Mass-Dassel Lakeside	+Ann Fasching +Sister Edwardine +Elroy Hirman	*1Peter 5:5b-14; *Mark 16:15-20
Thursday	8:00 AM Word & Communion Service-Darwin 9:00 AM Mass-Bethany 10:00 AM Mass-Emmanuel	Jacob & Mary Schneider +Louis McCllan	*Acts of the Apostles 8:26-40; *John 6:44-51
Friday	8:00 AM Mass-Darwin 9:00 AM Mass-Litchfield	+Dorothy Bobrowske +Eve Atkinson	*Acts of the Apostles 9:1-20; *John 6:52-59
SATURDAY	7:00 PM Mass-Darwin	+Barbara Birong	*Acts of the Apostles 9:31-42; *John 6:60-69
SUNDAY	8:00 AM Mass-Darwin 10:45 AM Mass-Forest City	+Denise Bebo +John Lueck	*Acts 4:8-12; *1John 3:1-2; *John 10:11-18

Weekend Mass Schedule

Church of St. Philip (Litchfield)

Saturday 4:30pm confessions, 5:30pm Mass
 Sunday-10:00am Mass,
 12:00pm Mass (Spanish)

Church of Our Lady (Manannah)

Saturday 4:00pm Mass
 Sunday 9:00am Mass

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

DATE	SACRISTAN	GREETERS	SERVERS	USHERS	READER	GIFTS	MINISTERS
April 22, 2012	Pat Mares	Matt & Mary	Tori Barka	Maynard Theis		Chuck & Margie	Kathy Hansen
		Lindberg Family	Cassidy Marsh	Steve Hendrickson	Brenda Rick	Rick	Carole Huber
			Zoe Jaquith				Bruce Kiehn
April 29, 2012	Jane Fisher	Kevin & Jill	Mitch Evans	Art Rick		Steve & Joan	Chuck Schoolmeesters
		Root Family	Every Root	Tom Lucken	Kim Renner	Turck	Stephanie Lucken
			Seth Renner				Duane Mares
May 6, 2012	Donna Becker	Travis & Sara	Krista Miller	Adrian Meyer		Darren & Darala	Jane Fisher
		Holmgren Family	Adam Schoolmeesters	Chuck Rick	Melissa Sackett	Loch Family	Lisa Cox
			John Kiehn				Marg Theis

Offerings & Mass Attendance For The Weekend Of April 15, 2012

St. John's Weekly Need - \$4,245.67, Based on 52 weeks
 @ \$220,775 Annual Revenue Budget as of 4/15/12

	Actual	Need	Difference
Year To Date	\$179,078.91	\$178,318.14	\$760.77
Last Weeks	\$4,387.32	\$4,245.67	\$141.65
St. John's—	Envelope Offering	\$2,490.00	
904 is the # of Catholics.	Building	\$40.00	
	Youth	\$50	
	Coffee & Rolls	\$8.00	
257 is the # that attended last weekend's Masses	Candles	\$13.50	
	Buildings	\$115.00	
	Maintenance	\$860.00	
	Easter Offering	\$75.00/\$20.00	
	Good Friday/Holy Thur	\$1,079.50	
	Christ Our Life	\$565.74	
	Food for Kidz		

St. Gertrude's Weekly Need - \$1,496.35, Based on 52 weeks
 @ \$77,800 Annual Revenue Budget as of 4/15/12

	Actual	Need	Difference
Year To Date	\$75,863.99	\$62,846.70	\$13,017.29
Last Week	\$1,065.49	\$1,496.35	\$-430.86
St Gertrude's	Envelope Offering	\$765.00	
	Children	\$10.27	
	Easter	\$170.00	
	Interest	38.22	
	Funeral	\$82.00	

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Junior High Youth Festival-Today is the Festival when hundreds of 6-8th grade youth from all over the diocese will gather @ KMS High School in Kerkhoven **Please pray for the success of the day.** It will be a day of fun, inspiration, & meeting hundreds of youth from around the diocese. The day will include skits; keynote address by Cooper Ray; breakout sessions; snacks; & lunch. They will share their faith & fun. **Sponsored by** the Diocese of New Ulm, Office of Youth Ministry.

PARISH NEWS



Congratulations to Reverend Mister John Hansen who was ordained a Permanent Deacon for the Diocese of New Ulm on Saturday, April 21, 2012." He will assist at his 1st Mass this Sunday at 8:00am, April 22nd. All are

invited to attend a reception breakfast to follow in the church basement to congratulate John. Hosted by the Parish Administrative Council.

Dear Parishioners I am doing well with my recuperation at Sleepy Eye & I thank everyone for your prayers & support. It has been a difficult journey for sure! As I will not be driving in the near future, I have decided to sell my car. So I am offering to sell my car to anyone that may be in need of a great vehicle! **INFORMATION ABOUT MY CAR:** 2011 Chevy Impala LT, purchased May 28, 2011 (parked since December 17, 2011). Engine: Type: Gas/Ethanol V6 Size: 3.5L/214 Horsepower: 211 5800 RPM. Torque: 216 @ 4000 RPM Front Wheel Drive/ 4 speed automatic Mileage is 10,608. Vehicle color gray/cloth seats Current license plates April 2012. NADA guidelines are: Clean retail is \$ 20,575.00 Clean trade-in \$ 17,225.00. I am asking \$16500.00. If interested, please contact my sister Sharon Kramer Home: 218-829-7433, Cell: 218-851-8822 **Father John Pearson.**

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Next Sunday, April 29, the Fourth Sunday of Easter is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. In 1963 Pope Paul VI designated this day as *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. Our parish will join with the universal church to ask for God's blessings that we may be strengthened in our Christian vocation.



Thank You-Thank You- Thank You To all who participated in any way for the **Food For Kidz** packaging event. It was a great success. Over 94,000 meals were packaged!!!

Easter Flowers: Families may bring in or buy Easter flowers in memory of a loved one. Please contact the office by phone of an collection envelope with the Name of the loved one. Easter Lilly in memory of the Garding Family. Easter Lilly in memory of the Josephine Theis Easter Lilly in memory of the Lawrence and Gen Grossinger Family Lavender Campanula in memory of Tom Katlack

Contact the office to have Masses said for loved ones	
Sr. Kathrin Schoolmeesters	Chuck Schoolmeesters' sister
Darla Rosenow .	Judy Markgraf's relative
Monte White	Karen Marsh's Brother
John Kramer	Dick Fisher's Nephew
Charlie Schoen	Peg Shaw's Brother
Butch Blommer	Teacher in Eden Valley
Kennedy Schoenecker	Kaitlyn Root's friend
Donna Anderson	Jane Fisher's daughter
Dave Markgraf	Judy' Markgraf's son
Sharon Shoutz	Llod Shoutz' wife
Marvin May	Cindy's Warren's father
Tatie Laney	Lori Ficker's family
Lisa Ficker	Cali ficker's Aunt
Rudy Turnbough	Friend of Judy Margraf
Sandy Turnbough	Judy' Markgraf's friend
Gen Regner	Pam Miller's Mother
Candy Mullen	Donna Becker's Friend
Bob Huber	Lou Huber's brother
Jeremy	Pat Munson's Family
Dallas Johnson	Pat Munson's Family

New Pastoral Assignments have been made for our Area Faith Community. Bishop LeVoir has appointed Fr. Jim Devorak to serve as Parochial Vicar (Senior Associate) to the Church of St. John's & our Area Faith Community & has appointed Fr. Joe as Pastor of the Church of St. John & the Church of St Gertrude while continuing to be pastor of the Church of St. Philip. Michael McNeil (currently serving as the Parish Administrator at St. Gertrude's) will be a Pastoral Minister for the Area Faith Community. These appointments are effective July 2, 2012.



Christ Our Life: Thank you to all who have supported the Christ Our Life Campaign. We have 22 pledges for over 27K. Our parish will receive 50% of all funds received for the campaign & receive 100% of funds in excess of our goal. This month St. Gertrude's received a check for almost 3K from the campaign. This money will go to St. Gertrude's DMA assessment which is a response to the charitable and educational needs of our area.



Marriage Minute Marriage Matters: Moral Laws Lead to Happiness. Who do we say that Jesus is? Hopefully our definition would include the word "God"! But who do we say that God is? Is He a remote lawgiver in the sky who gives us arbitrary

rules that are impossible to follow? That is a common misconception, even among baptized Christians. What are God's moral laws for, however? What is the Church's teaching on morals for? Are these instruments of a jealous tyrant? Or do they put pleasure in the context of God's wise, & loving design for reality, in which human dignity & happiness require that we embrace pleasure intelligently & according to the demands of true love? It is only in terms of God's plan for sexuality that human beings can treat each other with respect rather than selfishly. When wrenched out of the context of the one-flesh union of husband & wife open to life, sexual pleasure does not serve our good. Peter today shows that he trusts in Jesus as his Lord; can we trust that what God wants for our lives is meant to make us happy? Bulletin: "In the Christian view, chastity by no means signifies rejection of human sexuality or lack of esteem for it: rather it signifies spiritual energy capable of defending love from the perils of selfishness & aggressiveness, & able to advance it towards its full realization." Pope John Paul II, Familiaris Consortio, §33 For more information, visit: mccc.org/issues/marriage and Facebook.

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal works to support home mission dioceses in the U.S. by supporting seminarian formation in poor dioceses. Often home mission priests & lay ministers require special training to attend to the unique needs off their faith communities. Your support is necessary for the success of these & other projects. Please help strengthen the Church at home through your generosity to this Appeal. **An envelope is attached to this week's bulletin.**

St. John's CCW Meeting for April has been rescheduled for Tuesday May 8th at 7pm in the church basement

AREA EVENTS

Day Retreat Mr. Matthew Kelly will present a one-day retreat, "Living Every Day with Passion & Purpose" from 9 am to 1:30 pm, Saturday May 5th at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Brooklyn Park. Registration is required online www.dynamiccatholic.com. contact the St. Gert's office about carpooling.

CHRIST THE KING RETREAT CENTER

****HOPE RETREAT DAY-Theme:** Dealing with Loss **Date:** APRIL 26, 2012 **Presented by:** Sr. Brenda Rose Szegedy, OSF & Fr. Lon Konold, OMI. **Suggested Offering:** \$35.00 - 9:00am – 3:00pm, includes lunch
****SILENT WEEKEND RETREAT FOR CHRISTIAN SINGLES Theme:** RENEW MY HEART **Date:** MAY 11-13, 2012. **Presented by:** King's House Preaching Team. **Suggested Offering:** \$140 per person (\$30 nonrefundable deposit per person)
****SILENT MIDWEEK RETREAT FOR WOMEN Theme:**RENEW MY HEART **Date:** MAY 18-20, 2012 **Presented by:** King's House Preaching Team **Suggested Offering:** \$140 per person (\$30 nonrefundable deposit per person). For more information on retreats held at Christ the King Retreat Center. Call 763-682-1394 or visit our website at www.kingshouse.com.