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First Sunday of Lent

Lenten Greetings,

How is your Lenten journey so far? Have you been able to stick to your Lenten resolutions? Instead of giving up something for Lent how about adding something? Adding something to your busy life may seem foolish, but.... Are you willing to add something that will grant you peace and comfort?

The theme for this year is "Journey of the Heart." It is about growing closer to the Heart of Jesus. The closer we are to the Heart of Jesus the closer we are to God's peace and comfort. The good news is we can try it for 40 days and see what happens... we can see if time in prayer, fasting and almsgiving gives us a response. Jesus has told us to challenge Him. Do you remember the scripture passage that tells us: seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened?

On Sundays after Mass there will be the opportunity to remain in your pew for a little while and adore Jesus. Talk to Him, open your heart to Him, and tell Him of what is happening in your life. You can also tell Him you love Him and that is why you are there. You can also take the time to do a private Stations of the Cross. You do not need to move from station to station but you can if you want to. In a private Stations of the Cross you will be able to meditate on the suffering and why Jesus did that for you, me and everyone.

The same option is available on Wednesday evenings in both parishes. Mass will be offered Wednesday evenings on a alternating basis. Friday evenings will feature a Holy Hour with booklets available for your personal Stations of the Cross. Consider your personal Journey of the Heart. Are you ready to add something that will grant you peace and comfort? Consider participating in a Holy Hour or doing a personal Stations of the Cross.

We have several students attending the Youth 2000 Retreat in Crookston March 19, 20, 21. We are in need of 2 chaperones from RLF. Would you be willing to assist on this great Lenten retreat? The good news is that it will provide you, also, with time for personal growth and development. Please volunteer and give me a call sharing your willingness to give of yourself so others may journey closer to the heart of Jesus.

We have server training scheduled for Brooks on February 24th at 4PM. It is scheduled for RLF on February 27th @ 1PM. This is for all students 3rd grade and up. This is for new servers and those who need to brush up on their skills. We are getting a little lax and our team work has fallen down a little. Parents, please encourage your children to participate in the parish life by being of service.

Please pray for all those on a "Journey of the Heart" this Lenten season. I will pray for you. Blessings and God's peace, Fr. Chuck

February 21, 2010

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In case of an emergency please contact Fr. Chuck at 218.253.2004.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday at 4:30 pm in RLF Sunday 7:30 am in Brooks or by appointment

Baptism Call the Pastoral offices for an appointment with the pastor and to make arrangements for the celebration of the sacrament.

Marriages Please contact us at least six months prior to the wedding to make preparations and arrangements.

Pastoral visitation Home visits, Communion for the homebound, or Anointing of the Sick, call the Pastoral offices.

Eucharistic Adoration RLF Fridays 9:00 am until Saturday at 8:00 am Brooks Saturdays 9:00 am to noon

To add or remove a name to the Prayer List, please contact Carmen by Tuesday at: charmoning@stjosephsrif.org or call the parish office at 218.253.2685. We will have a name on the prayer list for 3 weeks and then delete it unless notified by someone.

Brooks Pastoral Council members: Jess Determan, Matt Schmitz, Sharon Riendeau, Cindy Determan and Jeff Clifton.

Trustees: Joyce Morinville and Jerry Freitag

Red Lake Falls Pastoral Council Members: Steve Nelson, Lois Remick, Judy Violette, Jeanette Knott, Tim Hagl, Terry Weiss, Mark LaCrosse, Dan Schmitz, Pam Columbus

Trustees: Ron Kennedy and Terry Weiss

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This Week at a Glance

22nd	Monday-No Mass Reading-1 Peter 5:1-4 Matthew 16:13-19 7:00 pm Evangelization meeting in Oklee
23rd	Tuesday-8:30 am Mass in Red Lake Falls +Mori Byron by Lorraine Brown Readings-Isaiah 55:10-11 Matthew 6:7-15 7:00 pm School Council Meeting in Red Lake Falls
24th	Wednesday-10:00 am Mass at Hillcrest +Pam Sauve by Randy and Diane Sauve Readings- Jonah 3:1-10 Luke 11:29-2 11:15 am Stations of the Cross in Red Lake Falls 4:00 pm Server training in Brooks 6:00 pm Mass/Holy Hour/Reconciliation n Brooks - + Madeline Remick by Bernard Remick 7:00 pm Theology of the Body in Red Lake Falls-St. Anne
25th	Thursday-10:00 am Mass at Sunview +Bernard Schmitz by Mary Anne Schafer Readings-Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Matthew 7:7-12 7:00 pm Pro-Life meeting in Red Lake Falls
26th	Friday-8:30 am Mass in Red Lake Falls +Greg Piche by Harold Derosier Readings-Ezekiel 18:21-28 Matthew 5:20-26 9:00 am-10:00 am Adoration in RLF (25 hours) 7:00 pm Holy Hour/Personal Stations of the Cross in Red Lake Falls/Brooks
27th	Saturday-No Morning Mass Reading-Deuteronomy 26:16-19 Matthew 5:43-48 9:00 am-1:00 pm Adoration in Brooks 9:00 am-RCIA meeting in Red Lake Falls 1:00 pm Server Training in Red Lake Falls 4:30 PM Reconciliation in Red Lake Falls 5:30 PM Mass in RLF +Mori Byron by Neil, Polly & Natalie Beyer
28th	Sunday -Second Sunday of Lent-Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 Philippians 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1 Luke 9:28b-36 7:30 AM-Reconciliation in Brooks 8:00 AM-Mass in Brooks -For the People of our Parishes 10:00 AM-Mass in RLF -Thanksgiving for our family by Luke and Beth Huck 6:00 Brooks RE, Edge, Confirmation 1 Reconciliation

Sacrificial Giving

Red Lake Falls

Collected week of February 13 & 14
\$5,298.35
Building \$355.80
Education \$10.00
OND \$945.00
Black & Indian \$50.00

Brooks

Collected Week of February 14 \$1,210.61
OND \$135.00
Building \$25.00

Word of Life-[In vitro fertilization] further de-personalizes the act of generating a child, turning it into a technical process in a laboratory. This procedure is so far from a loving act of the spouses that it can even be used to conceive a child if neither of them is alive, for the body of neither one is involved in the act of generating this life once sperm and egg are obtained and stored. Because these embryos are deliberately created not in the nurturing environment of the mother's body but in the poor substitute of a culture in a glass dish, the great majority of them die.

Lent is a time to reflect on our relationship with God. We are called to focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in our Lenten stewardship.

Website of the Week-www.osv.com-Home of Our Sunday Visitor, with news, information and archives.

Ministry Lists for Red Lake Falls & Brooks February 27th & 28th

5:30 pm Mass in RLF

USHERS:	Joe Ste. Marie
	Vicki Ste. Marie
	Joel Schmitz
	Larry Schafer
SERVERS:	Leland Johnson
	Cindy Scott
READERS:	Larry Johnson
	Shirley Johnson
MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	Mike Majeres
	Michelle Johanneck
	Tim Hagl
	Keith Wavra
	Margaret Toulouse
	Tony & Sue
GIFT BEARERS:	LaCrosse

8:00 am Mass in Brooks

	Roger & Lynn Gallant
GREETERS:	LeRoy Carriere
USHERS:	Dick Delage
	Blake DeHate
SERVERS:	Katherine DeHate
	Jerry Freitag
READERS:	Matt Schmitz
	Pam Gieskie
MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	John Larson
	Karen Larson
	Jess Determan
	Clarence Gagner
HOSPITALITY:	Connie Bishop
	Janet Koivisto
	John Berberich
GIFT BEARERS:	Roger & Lynn Gallant

10:00 am Mass in RLF

USHERS:	Zack Page
	Karen Schirrick
	Francis Perreault
	Mike LaPlante
SERVERS:	Mason Hanson
	Hope Cardinal
READERS:	Mary Ann Benoit
	Joanne Derosier
MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	Pam Page
	Francis Perreault
	Helen Schmitz
	Ralph Perreault
	Deb Perreault
HOME BOUND MINISTRY:	Helen Schmitz
	Dan & Mary Lou Schmitz
GIFT BEARERS:	Schmitz

**Many folks want to
serve God,
But only as advisers.**

Pancake, Sausage & Egg Breakfast-Sunday, February 28 at Red Lake Falls Community Hall from 9:00 am-1:00 pm. Sponsored by Flamming Flamingoes Relay for Life Team. Free will offering.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Post-abortion healing:

Have you, or someone you know, suffered from the pain of past abortions? There is understanding, there is compassion, there is hope. Rachel's Vineyard is holding a retreat March 12-14 in Hankinson, ND. The retreat is sponsored by the LifeCare Center in Thief River Falls, MN. For information please call 701-219-3941 or email ruch@i29.net. All contact is completely confidential.

Please remember in prayer those who are ill and in need of prayers:

Your prayers are requested for Terry Moen, Sr. Lucille Schafer, Vi Gagner, Ron Paradis, Chase Stocker, Gary Rose, Joe Hagl, Darlene Zutz and all others who are

Theology of the Body will be on Wednesday, February 24 at 7:00 pm in the St. Anne room.

US Census dates to apply for the jobs that are needed:

Red Lake Falls Community Hall:

Monday Feb. 22 at 10:00 a.m.
Saturday Feb. 27 at 10:00 a.m.

Plummer Community Hall:

Friday Feb. 26 at 10:00 a.m.

Brooks Community Center

Tuesday, March 2 10:00 am

Oklee Community Center:

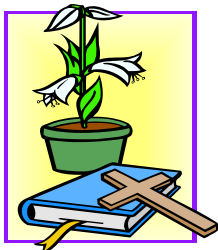
Wednesday Feb. 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Celebrate 100 years with prayer and service-The Diocese of Crookston has entered a year of celebration marking 100 years of living the Catholic faith in Northwest Minnesota. We celebrate for a year this milestone from the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ 2009 (June 6). The Diocese invites all parishioners to join in this Centennial Year through a personal commitment of prayer or charity such as the following:

- ◆ Daily Rosary: You can find a guide to praying the rosary at <http://www.newadvent.org/impages/rosary.pdf>.
- ◆ Daily Scripture Reading: The reading for daily Mass can be found at <http://www.usccb.org/nab>.
- ◆ Daily Scripture Reading: Pray a Psalm every day.
- ◆ Daily Prayer for Intentions of the Holy Father: The prayer intentions are general: That the laity and the Christian communities may be responsible promoters of priestly and religious vocations. Mission: That the recently founded Catholic Churches, grateful to the Lord for the gift of faith, may be ready to share in the universal mission of the Church, offering their availability to preach the Gospel throughout the world
- ◆ Pray for the Intentions of Bishop Hoepfner: The prayer intention for the month is for all who have received the Sacrament of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, First Eucharist) in the Diocese of Crookston 2009.
- ◆ Participate in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at least one hour per week.
- ◆ Commit to a tithing of 10 percent of your income in support of your parish, the Diocese of Crookston and the poor.
- ◆ Commit to a specific work of charity or service in your community.
- ◆ Daily prayer for the Synod.
- ◆ Choose your own commitment.

The Diocese of Crookston invites you to share your commitment by mailing it to Bishop Michael Hoepfner, Diocese of Crookston, P.O. Box 610, Crookston, MN 56716.

St. Joseph School Red Lake Falls, MN



2010 Easter Lily Sale

White Easter Lilies
Mums (pastel colors)
Azaleas (shades of pink and white)
Only \$12.00

Flowers may be picked up at St. Joseph School after Mass on March 27 & 28

To place an order contact any St. Joseph School family or call the school at 253-2188 before the February 26, 2010 deadline

2010 Easter Flower Sale

Name _____ Phone _____

___ Easter Lilly ___ Mums ___ Azalea

___ To be picked up on March 27 & 28, 2010

___ To be donated for Easter Art and Environment

to St. Joseph Church-RLF _____ St. Joseph Church-Brooks _____

in honor of _____

By _____

Everyone is invited to help celebrate Albert & Joyce Gervais 55th wedding anniversary on Saturday, February 20 after the 5:30 pm Mass in Red Lake Falls. Sandwiches, coffee and cake will be served.

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of +Denise Gagner. May she have eternal peace.

You are invited to a day of Prayer & Reflection- Saturday, March 6 at Sunset Court

8:30am-Morning Prayer (Liturgy of Our Blessed Mother

9:00am-Mass with Fr. Chuck, Homily Reflection

9:45-Coffee and refreshments

10:15-Carmelite Brown Scapular

10:45-Scripture reflection - Jesus meets the Samaritan Woman at the well.

11:45-Closing Prayer, Chaplet of Divine Mercy

All are welcome. Sponsored by St. Joseph's Lay Carmelites of Divine Mercy. Need more information? Call Mary Anne at 253-2013 or Mary Lou at 253-2556.

There are several cleaned large cans available in the church kitchen for anyone who would like them for gardening.

Riverview February Luncheon-"911 & You: What you need to know to help us help you!" February 23 & 25 from 12-1 pm in Meeting Room #1 at Riverview. There is no charge for this event. Pre-registration is required by calling 218.281.9405.

Reminder to 6th, 7th, & 8th grade R.E. students: Please bring a rosary to R.E. on Sunday night, February 21.

Knights of Columbus News:

Knights of Columbus members, there is a benefit meal in Oklee on Saturday February 27 for KC Brother, Al Paquin. There is a need for workers at this benefit. If you would be able and willing to help out, please contact Tim Hagl or Steve Philion. The benefit runs from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. at the Oklee Community Hall. Help is needed anytime between 4:30 and 8:30 that evening. If you are unable to help, please consider attending the benefit to support Al in his recovery. Thanks!

The Squires are coming to join the Knights for an informational meeting on March 8th at 5:00 pm in the Church basement in Thief River Falls. The Knights of Columbus are forming a youth group for boys 10-18 years old. This is a faith based organization. Additionally, we are also forming a group for young women 10-18 years old. This group will be under the Kof C Auxiliary. Please contact Bob Buresh 681-7204 or Carolyn Holecek 681-4191 for more information.

St. Joseph Brooks Clean Up Day-Sunday, February 21 from 1:00-4:00 pm.

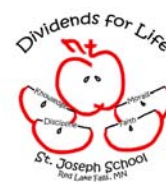
We would like to express our gratitude to those of you who have made a gift to the 2010 Diocesan Annual Appeal. So far for Red Lake Falls has pledged \$12,693.00 from 87 families. This is a wonderful example of your stewardship and your willingness to reach to others. If you have not already contributed, please consider making your pledge today.

There will be a second collection this weekend, February 20 & 21 for the Black and Indian Mission.

St. Joseph School Calendar Winners February 16-19, 2010

Tuesday, 16th	\$30	Greg & Sandy Knott
Wednesday, 10th	\$30	Walter Novak
Thursday, 11th	\$30	Janna Cayler
Friday, 12th	\$50	Mary Walsh

St. Joseph School nurtures benefits for life: morals, discipline, faith and knowledge through -A 4 year old program all day Tuesday and Thursday . All day, everyday Kindergarten program & Grades 1-6. To enroll your child for the 2010-2011 school year at St. Joseph School, please call the office at 253.2188.



Chair of Life Ethics mini retreat-March 6 from 7:30 am-4:00 pm at Holy Rosary in Detroit Lakes, MN. Tickets available by calling 218.346.4240.

A refresher on the regulations for Lenten Fast and Abstinence:

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. All members of the Christian faithful in their own way are bound to do penance in virtue of divine law. In order that all may be joined in a common observance of penance, penitential days are prescribed in which the Christian faithful in a special way pray, exercise works of piety and charity, and deny themselves by fulfilling their responsibilities more faithfully and especially by observing fast and abstinence.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat and also of fast, that is, limited to a single full meal. The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

Everyone from the fourteenth birthday is bound to observe the law of abstinence. Everyone from the eighteenth birthday up to the sixtieth birthday is bound to observe the law of fast.

There are frequent questions about the degree of seriousness regarding the obligation of fast and abstinence on the designated days of Lent. The teaching of the Church can be simply paraphrased as follows: The obligation to do penance is a serious one; the obligation to observe, as a whole or "substantially," the penitential days specified by the Church is also serious. No one should be scrupulous in this regard. Failure to observe individual days of penance is not considered serious. Rather, it is the failure to observe any penitential days at all or a substantial number of such days which must be considered serious. People should seek to do more rather than less. Fast and abstinence on the days prescribed in addition to works of religion and charity on the Fridays outside Lent should be considered a minimal response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion of life.