

MEET BISHOP SIRBA—The Diocese of Duluth invites parishioners from the Brainerd Deanery to attend a Mass celebrated by the newly-ordained Ninth Bishop of Duluth Most Rev. Paul Sirba. Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Crosslake, MN on Friday, February 19, 2010. The Mass will be followed by a reception in the social hall so Bishop Sirba can meet people who were not able to attend his ordination.

THERE IS AN ANNOUNCEMENT ERROR IN THE NORTHERN CROSS—It says that the National Collection for the Black and Indian Missions will be taken February 21, 2010. This is a mistake; the Diocese of Duluth takes up the collection the Second Weekend in August. So please disregard the announcement in the Northern Cross.

ELECTION TEAM NEEDED—Anyone interested in serving on the team for election of new St. Agnes Pastoral Council Members please contact the office.

LITTLE BLACK BOOKS FOR LENT— are available for those who will truly use them for six minutes each day. There are only 100 copies available for the two parishes. Take a look at them, but only take one with you if you are willing to use it faithfully.

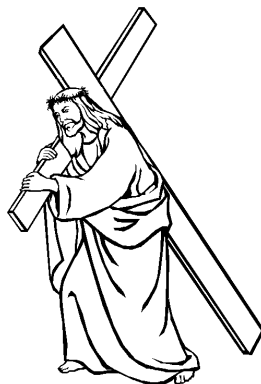
ASH WEDNESDAY—FEBRUARY 17th—is the beginning of Lent. Ashes will be distributed at noon Mass in Hackensack and at the 5:30 p.m. Mass in Walker. During the day the children who attend release-time will receive ashes.

2009 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS—If you did not receive a statement and would like to, please let the office know. Also, feel free to contact Pete Pederson at the parish office at 547-1054 or his cell (218-209-1224) if there are any discrepancies. He can review and print a new statement if needed.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join our parish community for the Stations of the Cross to be held at St Agnes every Wednesday during Lent at 5:30 p.m. with soup and sandwiches to follow.

Each evening will be conducted by a different parish group beginning with the *Lamb of God Prayer Group* on February 24th.



HACKENSACK WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES

THE SIGN OF JONAH—Jonah...for Lent? Sounds fishy, but it's a natural fit. When the Jews asked Jesus for a sign he said, "*I will give you only the sign of Jonah,*" After three days in the belly of the earth, Jesus rose with news of God's prodigal grace. This series of special ecumenical services for Lent explores the meaning of "*The Sign of Jonah*" as we follow Jonah on his journey...and Jesus on his way to the cross. All are encouraged to participate as we experience Lent and move toward Easter. The services will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will be followed by Soup 'n Sandwich at approximately 6:45 p.m. hosted by the local church.

February 24th, Union Congregational
"Saved in the Storm"—Jonah 1:4-16
 Preaching - Pastor Thea Monson

March 3rd, Sacred Heart Catholic
"Our Providing God"—Jonah 1:17
 Preaching - Pastor Michael Small

March 10th, St. Paul's Lutheran
"Praying in the belly of the great big fish"
Jonah 2:1-10
 Preaching - Pastor Michael Small

March 17th, Union Congregational
"The God of second chance"—Jonah 3: 1-4
 Preaching - Father Bruce Engen

March 24th, Sacred Heart Catholic
"About face"—Jonah 3:5-10
 Preaching - Pastor Thea Monson

This Week's Schedule of Events

Saturday	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	2/13
Hackensack	4:00 p.m. Mass—Intention for Frank Terdan	
Walker	5:30 p.m. Mass—Intention for Martha Arndt	
Sunday	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	2/14
Hackensack	8:30 a.m. Mass—Intention for Jane Riegert	
Walker	10:00 a.m. Mass—Intention for Becky Sales	
Walker	11:00 a.m. Coffee in Social Hall—All are welcome!	
Monday	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	2/15
Walker	9:30 a.m. Angels of St. Agnes	
Hackensack	2:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Rosary Prayer Group	
Walker	6:30 p.m. Lamb of God Prayer Group & Bible Study	
Tuesday	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	2/16
Hackensack	4:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration	
Wednesday	ASH WEDNESDAY	2/17
Walker	8:30 a.m. Release Time (Grades 1st-3rd)	
Hackensack	10:00 a.m. Craft Wednesday	
Hackensack	12:00 p.m. Mass—Roman & Lillian Meuwissen	
Walker	1:30 p.m. Release Time (Grades 4th-6th)	
Walker	5:30 p.m. Mass—Intention for Mickey Jones	
Walker	5:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Night	
Thursday	LENTEN WEEKDAY	2/18
Walker	7:30 a.m. Men's Cursillo Meeting	
Walker	7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus	
Friday	LENTEN WEEKDAY	2/19
Saturday	LENTEN WEEKDAY	2/20
Walker	2:00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance	
Hackensack	3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Penance	
Hackensack	4:00 p.m. Mass—Intention for Mary E. Smith	
Walker	5:30 p.m. Mass—Intention for Sadie Elsenpeter	
Sunday	1ST SUNDAY OF LENT	2/21
Hackensack	8:30 a.m. Mass—Intention for Nina Burke	
Hackensack	9:30 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic	
Walker	10:00 a.m. Mass—Intention for Sadie Elsenpeter	
Walker	11:00 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic	
Walker	11:00 a.m. Coffee in Social Hall—All are welcome!	
Walker	11:00 a.m. Confirmation Class	

Weekday Masses can be attended at St. Edward's in Longville on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:30 a.m. or St. Paul's Church in Remer on Thursday night at 6:15 p.m. For more information call the St. Edward & St. Paul's parish office at 218-363-2799.

Upcoming Events

Key: S.A. = St. Agnes & S.H. = Sacred Heart



- February**
- 22 Rosary Prayer Group at 2 p.m. at S.H.
 - 22 Board of Education at 5:30 p.m. at S.A.
 - 24 Craft Wednesday at 10 a.m. at S.H.
 - 24 Diving Deeper at 3:30 p.m. at S.A.
 - 24 Stations of the Cross at 5:30 p.m. at S.A.
 - 24 Lenten Service at Union Congregational in Hackensack at 6 pm.

- Please keep in your prayers....**
- ✚ Kathy Green, came home this week from being at the St. Benedict's Center in St. Cloud. She thanks everyone for their prayers as she goes through this time of recovery.
 - ✚ Please pray for Patsy Jones as she is in the cities recovering from shoulder surgery.
 - ✚ Kathy Ihrke, who is in hospice at home and thankfully receiving good care.

On Monday, February 15th at 6:30 p.m. the Lamb of God Prayer Group and Bible Study—will meet at St. Agnes to review "Mary's Way of the Cross".

They will be presenting Stations of the Cross Wednesday, February 24th at St. Agnes at 5:30 p.m.. Please direct any questions to Rosemary at 547-1509.

RESIDENTS AT GOLDEN LIVING CENTER IN WALKER APPRECIATE VISITS—A one to two hour commitment per month would include bringing the Eucharist. Call the parish office at 547-1054 if you desire to help with this ministry.

Last Week's Collections  

February 6th & 7th

Walker	Hackensack
Plate: \$565	\$331
Envelope: \$1,460	\$1,058
St. Agnes Building	
Balance Remaining: \$291,369.92	

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR

YOUTH MINISTRY NIGHT

Wednesday, February 17th—All Grades 7-12 Welcome
We will be attending the Ash Wednesday Service. After the service we will have a short discussion on the meaning of Lent, our Service Project, and Stations of the Cross. See you there! For questions contact Anna.

DIVING DEEPER

Wednesday, February 24th 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Pre-school-3rd grade

ATTENTION YOUTH OF ALL AGES!

The youth are in charge of running **Stations of the Cross on Wednesday March 3rd at 5:30 p.m.** We need youth volunteers to help read the stations, perform the stations, and serve the meal. We will be addressing this in all our youth classes and activities.

Parents please mark your calendars now! Also, we need **five** parent volunteers to each make one Crockpot full of soup for the dinner after Stations. Please contact Jennifer or Anna if you are interested.

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CONFIRMATION MASS—Saturday, March 20, 2010 at 4 p.m. at Sacred Heart in Hackensack. Confirmation is just around the corner. Please keep this year's confirmation class in your thoughts and prayers as they approach this Blessed Sacrament.

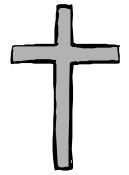


ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Thank you for the quick responses to fill our calendar for January. If your child is interested in being an altar server in February, please put their name next to the appropriate date on the sign up sheet located on the youth bulletin board. For questions, please contact Jennifer.

For questions, ideas, or comments on activities for our youth, contact Anna Frost or Jennifer Arnold at the parish office 218-547-1054, or e-mail us at:

anna@walkercatholic.org or
jennifer@walkercatholic.org



Lenten Regulations

The Church asks Catholics to observe the following acts of fast and abstinence during Lent. Abstinence (not eating meat) obliges Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. Fasting (one full meal and two smaller ones with nothing in-between) obliges Catholics between 18 and 60 years of age. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of FAST and ABSTINENCE. The Fridays of Lent are days of ABSTINENCE. Only grave inconvenience and sickness excuse from the laws of fast and abstinence.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST. AGNES

Adorers are needed for Tuesdays from 10-11 a.m. and 4-5 p.m. for February until the snowbirds come back. And for 9 to 10 p.m. February 23, March 2, 9, and 16. We really need your help during the Winter months, and you'll enjoy that special hour in the company of the Blessed Sacrament.

To sign up, call Beth Bohannon at 547-0481 or c: 218-330-4684. In case of inclement weather, the Adoration Chapel will close if the schools close.

"CAREGIVERS" LOCAL SUPPORT GROUP

Being the Caregiver for a loved one around the clock can be a wonderful and rewarding experience. It can also be very stressful, scary, and lonely. To stay healthy, a Caregiver needs a support system that includes family, friends, medical professionals, and other local resources, including a Caregivers Support Group.

"Caring for the Caregiver" is the object of this support group. We meet the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Warehouse in Pine River. This group can assist caregivers with sorting out priorities, identifying problem areas and potential solutions, evaluating options and resources, and sharing with others who understand the many demands placed on Caregivers.

The meeting this Tuesday, February 16th will be on "Survival and Self-Care Strategies for Caregivers." For more information contact Faith in Action for Cass County at 218-675-5435.