

This Week at Cross of Calvary: Feb 19-26

Sunday	
8:30 & 10:30am	Worship
9:30am	Sunday School / Mardi Gras Brkfst
7:00pm	CLOCK meets for FUEL
Tuesday	
6:15, 7:00am	Men’s Bible Study-Church
Wednesday	
9:00am	Men’s Bible Study @ Parkview
1:00pm	Ash Wed service
3:15pm	WOW/WeeWOW/Kids’ Choirs
5:30-6:30pm	Soup Supper
7:00pm	Ash Wed service / Confirmation
Thursday	
7:07am	Breakfast Club
9:00am	Quilting
9:30am	Dorcas Study
Saturday	
5:30 pm	Vespers / Communion
Sunday	
8:30 & 10:30 am	Worship / Communion / Kids’ Choirs
9:30am	Sunday School / Camp Sunday
1:00pm	Golden Living (FCA)
5:30pm	CLOCK
<u>February</u>	
27	Ruth Study
28	Assemble the FOLLOWER 1pm
29	Soup Supper/ Lent Service

Table Prayer for the Week

Loving God, you change us with your love. May we reflect the grace and truth of that love each day. May we be able to see the transforming power of your love each day. May this food strengthen us in faithful and loving service in your name. Amen.

Website: crossofcalvary.net

Prayer

MILITARY – *(listed until notified of their return)*
Carolyn Wertish-Heiser, Todd Hammerschmidt, Paul Plumley, Joshua Keyser and Jake Dillon,

PRAYERS OF HEALING & STRENGTH

Jeff Holmer	[K. Erickson]
Diana Adkins	[B Hennen]
Jim Plumley	[C Plumley]
Nikki Gleasner	[M Hanson]
Chet Boen	[A Boen]
Carrie Nicholson	[A Boen]
Gordy Blem	[L Blem]
Madison Travers	[K Barta]
Justin Lothert	[graduates of 2011]
Christie Engelmann	[S Grasmon]
Chuck and Connie Grewe	[V Mittelstadt]
Mary Ann Kubesh	[K Ziesmer]
Mike Bruns	[M Brown Family]
Betsy Hennen	[B Hennen]
Aaron Casey	[S Alton]
Kathy More	[S Alton]
Kathy Dunkin	[S Alton]
Arlo Johnson	[S Alton]
Robert Murphy	[S Alton]
Theresa Buesgens	[L Baumgartner]
Verna Mertz	[R Mertz]
Mark Gregoire	[D Boen]
Kristin Luckey	
Ronald Hayek	[M Bently]
Al Engstrom	[R Linde]
Mike Gregoire	[D Boen]
Andy Lang	[S Lang]

Praise

Thought we’d try something NEW! We are looking forward to offering praise and thanksgiving for health and wellness, births, marriages, anniversaries, etc. Directions are below:

Adding loved ones to the Prayer and Praise Lists:

- **Please gain permission.**
- Fill out a request form: found in the pews or use the Prayer Requests page at our website - crossofcalvary.net
- Names will remain on the list as indicated on the request form and then removed.
- If you feel someone should remain on the list, please resubmit the name to the office.

VOLUNTEERS are NEEDED.

Please consider offering your time to assist with worship – usher, reader, communion assistant, special music, run the screen

FEB Altar Guild—Lynnette Blem, Shirley Kircher

Communion Assts.

MAR 26 8:30 – M Rauenhorst 10:30 – N Serbus

Readers

FEB 26 8:30 - M Rauenhorst 10:30 - N Serbus

MAR 4 8:30 – J Hanson 10:30 -

Acolytes

FEB Josie Lilja, Alen Helmer

FEB Ushers

8:30am - T Gay, D Sagedahl, B Boen, S Malecek

10:30 am – M Thiesse

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS for signing up to serve on Sundays! Your dedication to assisting with worship is a blessing!!!

Announcements

Church accessibility during the winter. Please call whenever you need the church opened outside of the following times. We will be happy to accommodate your needs.

Monday	8:30a – 7:00p
Tuesday	8:30a – 5:00p
Wednesday	8:30a – 7:00p
Thursday	8:30a – 5:00p
Friday	8:30a – 5:00p
Saturday and Sunday	8:00a – 5:00p

Craig Boen
522-0266
Laurie Schultze
522-1199

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday	8:30am – 4:30pm
Tuesday	8:30am – 4:30pm
Wednesday	8:30am – 7:00pm
Thursday	8:30am – 4:30pm
Friday	8:30am – 2:00pm

Weekly Bulletin Deadline is Thursday by noon.
523-1574 or crossofcalvary@gmail.com

**Bulletin Deadline for
this week is MONDAY, Feb 20**

Narthex Renovation

Wow! Doesn’t the chocolate brown highlight our beautiful woodwork, as well as the brick? Look for oak trim to be installed around the ceiling. And, just wait until the carpet goes in...a week from Monday!

ALL CHURCH ACTIVITES require a RESERVATION: We are blessed to be a very busy church. So, when using any part of the church for a meeting, service project, event, fund raiser, etc., please call the office to guarantee there are no conflicts. 523-1574

CENTENNIAL COOKBOOK

Larger print in a 3-ring binder for \$15

Soup Suppers

During Lent (Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30)
Enjoy fellowship, a hearty bowl of soup and support the various ministry/missions of the church.

Feb 22	Youth (Ash Wed)
Feb 29	Technology Team
March 7	Gillette Children’s Blankets
March 14	National Gathering
March 21	Band equipment
March 28	Men’s Group



NEW CROSS OF CALVARY WEBSITE

crossofcalvary.net

Have you subscribed to the Blog yet? As a subscriber, you will receive email notices when that church staff posts on the Blog. Don’t worry; we won’t clutter your in-box. Chelsey and Pastor send a message just once a week, and Laurie publishes the weekly bulletin. And...the Follower also is published on the Blog!!!!

CARPET for the fellowship hall & balcony!

Check out the chart in the Narthex.

Assemble the MARCH Follower

1pm on Feb 28

WE ARE AT 68% of our GOAL for the FELLOWSHIP HALL

CARING CONVERSATION:

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about a time when you were scared. What did you do?
- In Mark 9:2-9 we hear about an amazing experience that Peter, James and John had one day. How do you think you would have reacted?
- God spoke from the cloud and told Jesus' disciples to listen to Jesus. How does listening to Jesus help us when we are scared or fearful?

DEVOTIONS:

If your congregation does not have a worship service, you can observe Ash Wednesday (February 22) in your home. Mark one another with ashes made by burning some paper and crushing it into fine ashes. Then, mix the ashes with a small amount of olive oil. Make the sign of the cross on one another's foreheads as you say these words:

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Turn back to God and believe in Jesus, your Savior.

SERVICE:

Make this week "secret service" week in your home. Put your household member's names in a hat and have each person draw out someone else's name. They are to do some form of "secret service" for that person during the week.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS:

This week, Lent begins! Begin your household preparations by observing Shrove Tuesday (February 21). The name "shrove" comes from the practice of being "shriven" – going to church, confessing your sins and being forgiven – before the start of Lent. Shrove Tuesday is also sometimes known as Pancake Tuesday or Fat Tuesday, because households used up their remaining eggs and fats before Lent by making pancakes on this day. Here are some ideas for Shrove Tuesday:

- Have a pancake breakfast or dinner. As you eat, talk about what Jesus gave up for our sake, and what you might wish to give up for Lent to help you prepare spiritually for Holy Week.
- Have a household party with special dessert foods, party hats and an "Alleluia" sign. Prepare a box, covered with purple paper and a foil cross on top. Eat your meal, sing a party song, and welcome in Lent with noisemakers. At the end of the meal, "bury" the noisemakers and the "Alleluia" sign in the box. Open the box again on Easter Sunday.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS:



These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passage.

Sunday	Mark 9:2-9	The transfiguration of Jesus
Monday	Exodus 19:7-25	Moses meets God
Tuesday	Job 19:23-27	Job will see God
Wednesday	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	The practice of faith
Thursday	Isaiah 58:1-12	True fasting
Friday	2 Corinthians 5:20 - 6:10	Living as Christ's ambassadors
Saturday	Psalms 51:1-17	Have mercy on me, God
Sunday	Mark 1:9-15	The temptation of Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:

From the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, and I love him. Listen to what he says!" **Mark 9:7 (CEV)**

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Jesus, Son of God, open our ears and our hearts so that we listen to you. Amen.

Mealtide Prayer:

For every cup and every plateful, to you, O God, we're very grateful. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's light shine in your heart so that you know and listen to Jesus. Amen.

TODAY

Justin Lothert Benefit Dinner

Son of Mitch and Chris (Koupal) Lothert



Menu:

Beef in Gravy over Mashed Potatoes
with Corn, Coleslaw, and Cake

Sunday, February 19th

Serving from 11 AM to 2 PM

St. Mary's Church Hall

Bird Island, MN



Free Will Offering – proceeds will go toward Justin's medical expenses.

BAKE SALE

Sponsored by St. Mary's School
and BOLD Schools



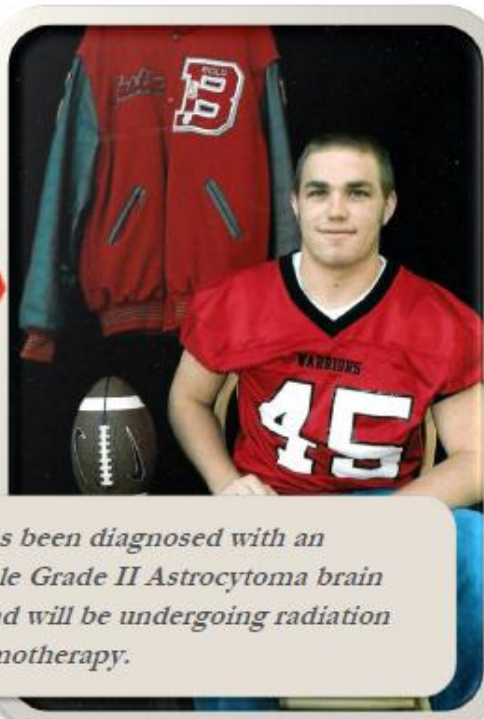
Ice Cream "Purchase a Prayer"
Sponsored by St. Mary's High School
Religious Education Program

Bracelets

**Silent
Auction**

Sponsored by the Olivia Fire Department

Justin has been diagnosed with an
inoperable Grade II Astrocytoma brain
tumor and will be undergoing radiation
and chemotherapy.



For more information or to donate contact:
Val Serbus • valeriseserbus@gmail.com • 320-365-3626

SUMMER CAMP Information:

GRADES 2-12
thinking about camp??

camp informational meeting
february 26th 9:30 am

Parents and kids gr 2-12 come to
get all the info about cost, different
camps, and events throughout the
year.

Don't forget to put your name in
for a chance to win a camp

Scholarship!

Put your name in to win a \$50 scholarship!
You may only enter once

**We will draw 6
names!**

C of C youth

Souper Bowl of Caring update:
Bill Miller dropped off our donations this past
week to the Renville County Food Shelf.

Total: We donated 52 food items, and \$430!
Thank you all so much for making this a success
to help others!



Sr. High Gathering!

WHEN: March 30-31st

WHERE: Mankato

SPEAKER: Pastor Matt Hausken

BAND: Avian Sunrise

Cost: (no more than) \$95

Get your \$50 deposit to Chelsey by Feb 19th
Small Group leader and LYO applications
available!

*Last week to get
your stuff in!*

The Woodbury Chorus and Orchestra, directed by Robert Murphy, Andrew Peterson, and Richard Alton will present “How Can I Keep From Singing, Songs of the American Spirit” at 4:00 pm on April 1, 2012 at St. Mary’s Catholic Church, 220 S. 10th St., Bird Island, MN. This concert will feature a wide variety of American orchestral and choral music including Patriotic, Folk, Spiritual, Contemporary and Pop.

During the program, a free will offering will be taken to benefit the Renville County Food Shelf. The concert is cosponsored by the Thrivent Community - Redwood Area members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

The Chorus and Orchestra has been performing in Renville County to benefit the food shelf for years and in the last 15 years has raised over \$25, 700.

The concert is free and no tickets are required The Woodbury Chorus and Orchestra is an all-volunteer group and receives no compensation for their performance.

The concert is free and no tickets are required. Everyone is welcome!