

Why did the Pope declare a year of St. Joseph?

In making his declaration, Pope Francis noted that this year marks the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX on Dec. 8, 1870.

Full article at catholicnewsagency.com Dec 10, 2020.

This week we will be joining Bishop Folda and the other priests of the diocese in dedicating each parish to St. Joseph. A special prayer will be said at Mass.

Holy week schedule: 4/1 Holy Thursday, 7 PM Steele; Good Friday 3:00 PM Steele, 7:00 PM Medina; Easter Vigil, Saturday, 9:00 PM, Steele; Easter Sunday 9:00 AM Tappen; 11:00 AM Medina.

Confessions: Friday 3/26 7 to 8 pm. Medina Saturday 3/20 3:30 PM. Tappen Saturday 3/27 3:30 PM

An important clarification came out from Rome recently concerning the blessing of the unions of persons of the same sex. TO THE QUESTION PROPOSED: Does the Church have the power to give the blessing to unions of persons of the same sex? RESPONSE: Negative.

"Blessings belong to the category of the sacramentals, . . . [which are] ". . . signs above all of spiritual effects that are achieved through the Church's intercession"⁵. Consequently . . . when a blessing is invoked on particular human relationships, in addition to the right intention of those who participate, it is necessary that what is blessed be objectively and positively ordered to receive and express grace, according to the designs of God inscribed in creation, and fully revealed by Christ the Lord. . . .For this reason, it is not licit to impart a blessing on relationships, or partnerships, even stable, that involve sexual activity outside of marriage (i.e., outside the indissoluble union of a man and a woman open in itself to the transmission of life), as is the case of the unions between persons of the same sex⁶. The presence in such relationships of positive elements, which are in themselves to be valued and appreciated, cannot justify these relationships and render them legitimate objects of an ecclesial blessing, since the positive elements exist within the context of a union not ordered to the Creator's plan. . . "[T]here are absolutely no grounds for considering homosexual unions to be in any way similar or even remotely analogous to God's plan for marriage and family"⁸.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: GRADES 8-12, at St. Francis de Sales Church, Weds. 7-8:15 PM Class, 8:15-9 unscheduled time. GRADES 1-7, Tappen on 2nd and 3rd Sundays, 9:45 to 10:45. GRADES 1-7, Steele each Sun. 9:45 to 10:45.

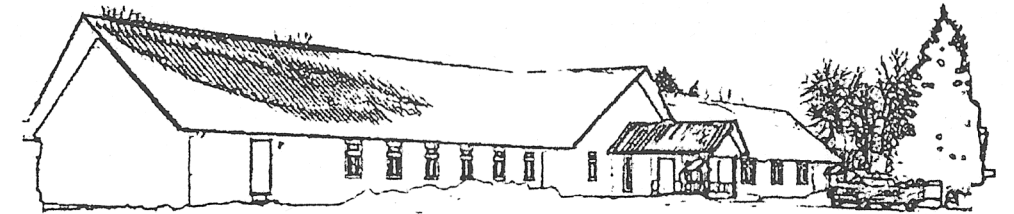
St. Francis de Sales

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March 21, 2021

(3rd Sat. and Sun. of Feb.)

MASS SCHEDULE

STEELE

1st, 3rd, & 5th Sunday 9:00 AM

2nd & 4th Sunday 11:00 AM

TAPPEN

1st, 4th & 5th Saturday 5:00 PM

2nd Sunday 9:00 AM

3rd Sunday 11:00 AM

MEDINA

2nd & 3rd Saturday 5:00 PM

4th Sunday 9:00 AM

1st and 5th Sunday 11:00 AM



Mass Intentions

Sat	Mar 20	5:00 PM	Medina	+Msgr. Joseph Senger
Sun	Mar 21	9:00 AM	Steele	Parishioners
Sun	Mar 21	11:00 AM	Tappen	Ludwina Marto
Tues	Mar 23	6:00 PM	Steele	<i>Adoration and Holy Hour</i>
Tues	Mar 23	7:00 PM	Steele	+Mr. and Mrs. Ed Biegler
Wed	Mar 24	9:00 AM	Steele	Jerome and +Kim Helten
Wed	Mar 24	7:00 PM	Steele	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Thurs	Mar 25	9:00 AM	Medina	Medina Altar Society
Fri	Mar 26	7:30 AM	Steele	+Clara Braun
Sat	Mar 27	5:00 PM	Tappen	<i>Palm Sunday</i> Fern and Simon Mack
Sun	Mar 28	9:00 AM	Medina	Parishioners
Sun	Mar 28	11:00 AM	Steele	+Van and Rose Stockert
Tues	Mar 30	6:00 PM	Steele	<i>Adoration and Holy Hour</i>
Tues	Mar 30	7:00 PM	Steele	+Coletta Kalainov
Wed	Mar 31	9:00 AM	Steele	Neumann Family
Wed	Mar 31	7:00 PM	Steele	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Thurs	April 1	7:00 PM	Steele	Holy Thursday Service
Friday	April 2	3:00 PM	Steele	Good Friday Service
Friday	April 2	7:00 PM	Medina	Good Friday Service

ROSARY: 20 minutes prior to all Steele Masses

MARCH CLEANING AND

St. Francis de Sales Church

Bobbie Schiele*
Kathy Kuhn
Loretta Nix
Jackie Hager
Danielle Saylor

St. Paul's Church

Karri Stroh*
Bonnie Braun
Janet Pfaff

St. Mary's Church

Tara Hofmann
Elly Rau

NEWS FOR THE BULLETIN

Please call in any information that you would like in the Sunday Bulletin to Fr. Peter at 701-520-2904 or 475-2333 before noon Thursday.

AUTOMATIC INTERNET GIVING

Automatic Internet Giving from your bank is available and encouraged for all three parishes. Please see the sheet on the home page of our website: steeletappenmedina.org

COVID UPDATE

As of 3/19/2021 the Kidder and Stutsman counties Covid threat level is Green or Low Risk. In Steele we will continue turning on the TV in the social hall.

MASKS ARE ENCOURAGED IN CHURCH. Please stay aware of CDC and state recommendations. **Hand sanitizer and masks are available.**

We have permission to unspace the pews, I plan to around Easter.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Lent Confessions: At Napoleon at 7 PM this Sunday, March 21; at Steele on Friday 3/26 at 7 PM, and on Sat 3/27 at Tappen. Also before most weekend Masses: in Steele in the parish office, in Medina in the right hand sacristy, and in Tappen in the confessional. Please use the screen to help with social distancing. You can also set an appointment by calling Fr. Peter at 701-520-2904.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS:

March 2021: Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

OTHER NEWS

Tappen altar society meeting this Sunday after Mass.

Bishop Folda will be leading Stations of the Cross at the Fargo abortion clinic (Red River Women's Clinic at 521 1st Ave. N. in Fargo) at 10:00 AM on Good Friday.

We will need readers for Holy Week. Please let Fr. Sharpe or Jody Sand know if you will be available for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Holy Saturday.



Tappen and Medina...are led at the beginning of **Lenten Weekend Masses** to make it possible for more people including **Religious Ed. Students and their families** to be in attendance.

Steele...are led every **Wednesday evening** during Lent at **7:00 PM** by our parish young people. **All Religious students** and their **families** should attend as well as all parish members if possible. 8-12th grade classes will continue after the stations to 8:15 PM with unscheduled time to 9 pm.

Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of **abstinence**.

The norms concerning **abstinence from meat** are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church **from age 14 onwards**.

Kidder County Food Pantry

Your donations of canned goods, non-perishable food items, & paper products may be placed in the baskets in the back of each church at anytime.

