



Disciples of the Mission

AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Church of St. Ann • Church of St. Edward • Church of St. William
Our Lady of the Lake • Our Lady of Seven Dolors • Sacred Heart • St. James

Welcome!

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CHURCHES

Church of St. Ann

402 Nelson Ave. PO Box 256
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Mass Times

Weekend: Sat. 7:30 pm

Weekday: Thurs. 8:30 am

Church of St. Edward

201 Douglas Ave.
Henning, MN 56551

Mass Times

Weekend: Sun. 8:30 am

Weekday: Fri. 8:30 am

Church of St. William

209 West Soo St. PO Box 339
Parkers Prairie, MN 56361

Mass Times

Weekend: Sun. 10:30 am

Weekday: Fri. 7:30 am

Our Lady of the Lake

407 N. Lake Ave. PO Box 671
Battle Lake, MN 56515

Mass Times

Weekend: Sun. 10:30 am

Weekday: Thurs. 8:30 am

Our Lady of Seven Dolors

16921 Co Rd 7 NW.
Brandon, MN 56315
(Located in Millerville)

Mass Times

Weekend: Sun 8:30 am

Weekday: Wed. 8:30 am

Sacred Heart

60 N. Central Ave. PO Box 339
Parkers Prairie, MN 56361
(Located in Urbank)

Mass Times

Weekend: Sat. 4:00 pm

Weekday: Tues. 8:30 am

St. James

32009 County Hwy 74
Underwood, MN 56586

Mass Times

Weekend: Sat. 5:00 pm

Weekday: Wed. 9:00 am

Greetings,

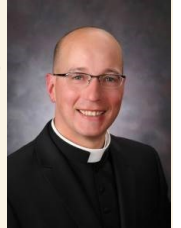
Augustine converted to Christianity. He later wrote an account of his conversion in his Confessions, which has since become a classic of Christian theology. One day he was in a garden feeling miserable because of his indecision. Through his tears he heard what he later described as the voice of a child saying: "take up and read". He opened a book of St. Paul's writings at random and read: "*The night is advanced; the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness [and] put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day, - not in orgies and drunkenness, not in promiscuity and licentiousness, not in rivalry and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh.*" (Rom 13:12-14) Augustine didn't need any more incentive to decide. Augustine had had an experience of God.

The following is taken from that work (Confessions): *Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you. In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things which you created. You were with me, but I was not with you. Created things kept me from you; yet if they had not been in you, they would not have been at all. You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness. You flashed, you shone, and you dispelled my blindness. You breathed your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and now I pant for you. I have tasted you, now I hunger and thirst for more. You touched me, and I burned for your peace.* (Cf. O Beauty, Ever Ancient No 502, Breaking Bread Missalette)

God has a different call for each of us. Because each of us is unique, each of us has a mission which no one else can fulfill. Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (no. 31), describes it very clearly: "The faithful who by Baptism are incorporated into Christ's Body and are placed in the people of God and in their own way share the priestly, prophetic, and kingly office of Christ and, to the best of their ability, carry on the mission of the whole Christian people in the Church and in the world." God will use all of us, and particularly what is unique in us, to bring this mission to fulfillment. Our response must be like that of Isaiah: (Is 6:8) "Here I am, send me."

Have a Blessed Weekend.

Fr. George



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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tuesday, February 11th:

8:30 am Sacred Heart, Urbank

† Darrin Koep

Wednesday, February 12th:

8:30 am Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

† Bruce Hertzog

9:00 am St. James, Maine Twp.

†† M Carolita Mahoney

Thursday, February 13th:

8:30 St. Ann, Brandon

† Jim Lachowitz

8:30 am Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake

† Joanie Gronso

Friday, February 14th:

7:30 am St. William Living Center, Parkers Prairie

† Gary Pfeffer

8:30 am St. Edward, Henning

† Eleanor Auset

Saturday, February 15th:

4:00 pm Sacred Heart, Urbank

Mass for the People

5:00 pm St. James, Maine Twp.

† William Thom

7:30 pm St. Ann, Brandon

† Darlene Wagner

Sunday, February 16th: Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 am Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

† Lori Lederman

8:30 am St. Edward, Henning

†† Darlene & Roman Malecha

10:30 am Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake

Mass for the People

10:30 am St. William, Parkers Prairie

† Kenny Benzinger

CONFESSION

Tuesday:

9:00 am Sacred Heart, Urbank

6:30 pm Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake

Wednesday:

8:00 am St. James, Maine Twp.

9:00 am Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

Thursday:

8:00 am Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake

9:00 am St. Ann, Brandon

Friday:

8:00 am St. Williams Living Center, Parkers Prairie

8:00 am St. Edward, Henning

Saturday:

4:30 pm St. James, Maine Twp.

Sunday:

8:00 am St. Edward, Henning

NOTE: No Confession on February 15th at Sacred Heart at 3:00 pm

ADORATION

Tuesday:

9:00 - 10:00 am Sacred Heart, Urbank

Wednesday:

9:30 - 3:30 pm St. James, Maine Twp.

9:00 - 10:00 am Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

Thursday:

9:00 - 10:00 am St. Ann, Brandon

9:00 - 10:00 am Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake

Friday:

8:00 - 9:00 am St. Williams Living Center, Parkers Prairie

9:00 - 10:00 am St. Edward, Henning



FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

First Reading:

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?” “Here I am,” I said, “send me!” (Is 6:8)

Psalm:

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord. (Ps 138)

Second Reading:

Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed. (1 Cor 15:11)

Gospel:

Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. (Lk 5:10-11)

Gospel Meditation:

My parents’ garage is full of old junk that no longer serves any purpose in my life. As a 46-year-old man, I admit that’s pretty lame. Either due to my sentimentality or laziness (or both, probably), I just couldn’t get myself to throw things away. But a few days ago, by a grace of God, I thought: “I’ll hire my nephew Ryan to throw a bunch of my stuff away—he couldn’t care less about my junk!” And you know what? It worked. In one day, Ryan chucked the majority of his uncle’s useless stuff. I feel so free, ready for a new junk-free chapter in my life.

This kind of thing happens in this Sunday’s Gospel. Peter’s net is full of useless junk. Luke says he and the others are cleaning their nets after catching no fish. Imagine them dejectedly and impatiently removing a nasty assortment of seaweed, sticks and muck. The Lord teaches and calls them once their nets are cleared out. So it goes with us. Spiritual life begins by removing that which is useless and merely taking up space in our hearts, minds and lives. Then Jesus teaches and acts in a marvelous way in our lives, too.

So what’s junking up your net? What habits, attachments, possessions, preoccupations? If like me, you struggle to clean your nets by yourself, ask the Lord to send you someone like my nephew to be your “Peter” and help you clean it out, it is well worth it. Once Peter’s net is clean, he is free to make a wonderful catch.

— Father John Muir

Daily Readings

Monday, February 10: *St. Scholastica*

Genesis 1:1-19; Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35; Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 11: *Our Lady of Lourdes*

Genesis 1:20—2:4; Psalm 8:4-9; Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 12: *Weekday*

Genesis 2:4-9, 15-17; Psalm 104:1-2, 27-30; Mark 7:14-23

Thursday, February 13: *Weekday*

Genesis 2:18-25; Psalm 128:1-5; Mark 7:24-30

Friday, February 14: *Sts. Cyril & Methodius*

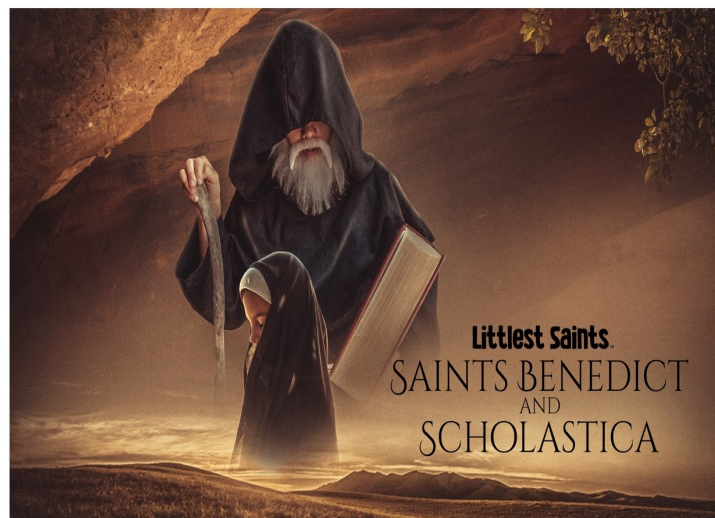
Genesis 3:1-8; Psalm 32:1-2, 5-7; Mark 7:31-37

Saturday, February 15: *Weekday*

Genesis 3:9-24; Psalm 90:2-6, 12-13; Mark 8:1-10

Sunday, February 16: *6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Jeremiah 17:5-8; Psalm 1:1-4, 6; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26



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DISCIPLES OF THE MISSION AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH FORMATION

SW, SH, SD, SA: Classes on Feb 12 at 6:45 pm with optional meal at 6:15 pm.

SE: Class Feb 12 at 6:00 – 7:15 pm for K-12 grade students.

OLL: Edge/Life Teen Feb 12, 5:30 pm meal, class 6:00-7:30. No Sunday School Feb 16.

SJ: Class Feb 15 6:15-7:30 pm following the 5:00 pm Mass.

ST. ANN

We are in need of Mass Intentions. Please call Rose .

ST. WILLIAM

We are in need of some ushers to help out with the weekend Masses. Please contact Rose or Laura if you are interested.

OUR LADY OF SEVEN DOLORS

No news to share.

SACRED HEART

Sacred Heart Christian Mother's is having a spring raffle. If you would like to donate towards the raffle, please contact Connie at 218-639-4266 or Jess at 701-799-0467. Please let us know by February 24th. Thank you.

ST. EDWARD

III Banns of Marriage for John Hansen and Andrea Schmidt.

ST. JAMES

Circle 3 will be meeting on Monday, February 10 in the church hall at 9:00 a.m. We will be playing Valentine Bingo so bring 2 wrapped gifts (under \$5). Hope to see you there.

SAVE THE DATE: Circle 3 will be having a social gathering for all adult members of the parish on Fat Tuesday March 4th. More information to come in the following weeks.

The Bible Study "Revelation" will be starting **SUNDAY FEBRUARY 02, 2025** at 12 noon. The study consists of an Introduction and 10 sessions. There will be a Potluck starting at 12 noon, with the Bible Study following. Sign-up sheet is in the entry. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Just a reminder: information to go in the bulletin needs to be submitted Tuesday by noon. Please feel free to email churchofstjamesmaine@gmail.com or leave a message on the phone at 218-495-2185. Thank you.

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

Please join us for our 2nd Pizza Cook-Off Contest on February 16th after Mass. Bring your favorite homemade pizza and compete for prizes. There will be a free-will offering. Proceeds going to new statues in the church.

Seven Sisters Prayer Group

The Seven Sisters Prayer Group for Fr. Theis is in need of additional members. If you would like to pray for Father Theis for one hour a week, or if you would be available to sub, please call or text Bethany at 320-808-7958 or email bethanyhellem@gmail.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The local Knights of Columbus Chesterton Council meets every second Tuesday of the month at Our Lady of Seven Dolours church, in Millerville. The rosary is said at 7:00 pm in the church with the meeting held at 7:30 pm in the basement.

Any college student that wants reimbursement on the scholarship from the KC needs to get the information to the KC's



ARE YOU FEELING LIKE YOUR CROSS IS GETTING TOO HEAVY TO CARRY? Are you in need of Simon of Cyrene to come to your aid? CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOIONIA is a weekend Catholic retreat program that is designed to help you carry your cross. The next retreat is scheduled for March 21-23, 2025, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, MN. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoionia.org for more information and to register for retreats.



Stewardship as a Way of Life:

"Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested." — Hebrews 2:18

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling, have the courage to walk through the door and say, "Here I am, Lord."



DISCIPLES OF THE MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Attention! to our young married families and singles ages 21-40 something; Invitations have been sent in the mail, but if we inadvertently missed you, here are the details... *You can still RSVP for Feb. 23*

you're invited

AN EVENING TO CELEBRATE VOCATIONS TO MARRIED AND SINGLE LIFE

Enjoy a faith presentation and share your ideas for future church programs. Kids are welcome for dinner and activities!



FEBRUARY 2 or 23
Social Hour at 4:30pm
Dinner to Follow

RSVP by January 18
Scan for more details and to RSVP



If you are not in this age demographic, but would like to participate, your help is appreciated...call Darby Bradley 320-339-0686.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

How can we help children enjoy a deeper relationship with God? Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a faith formation program that uses hands-on materials to guide children into deeper prayer with God. The method is rooted in Sacred Scripture, Liturgy, and respect for the child's rich relationship with God.

CGS Level 1 is offered for children ages 3-6 in the area!

Weekly sessions are 1.5 hours and will run from mid-February through mid-May; schedule to be defined based on registrations. The atrium is in the lower level of Our Lady of Seven Dolors.

For a tour of the atrium or more information, contact Sarah Schaffer at 701-403-3902. For background on CGS, visit cgsusa.org.

REGISTER



VOLUNTEER



How to Get Involved! CGS looks to be a whole parish initiative allowing each parishioner to help, using their own unique gifts to form the youngest of our parish. We are looking for those called to volunteer with children, handiwork, and other resources. If interested, let us know through the volunteer QR code or by contacting Sarah.



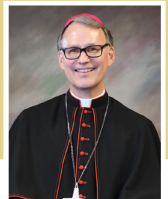
Diocese of SAINT CLOUD

Voices of HOPE

2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Our diocesan mission statement calls us to be Christ's "heart of mercy, voice of hope and hands of justice." In light of the 2025 Jubilee Year, Pope Francis has invited us all to be "Pilgrims of Hope." In harmony with these themes, we honor all the voices of hope across the diocese.

Ministries supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal seek to ignite faith by serving more than 125,000 Catholics across the Diocese of Saint Cloud.



+PATRICK M. NEARY, C.S.C.
Diocese of Saint Cloud

VOICES OF HOPE...

FOR THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH.



Patty Marriott, left, is pastoral care coordinator for St. Mary Parish in Alexandria. She trains pastoral care volunteers and visits people who are homebound. This important ministry provides companionship, an opportunity to receive the Eucharist and retains personal connections to the faith community.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." — 1 Peter 4:10

Our diocese is richly blessed with exceptional lay and ordained people who faithfully serve the Church in a variety of ways. The Diocese of St. Cloud has 14 men in formation for the priesthood and another 19 for the permanent diaconate. These men are strong in faith and are bolstered by the unwavering support of the diocesan vocations and diaconate offices as well as the love of the people they hope to serve. Diocesan ministries work diligently to form, educate and support all people who are answering the call to service in the Church.

Diocese of SAINT CLOUD

2025

Bishop's Annual Appeal

VOICES OF HOPE...

FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITIES.



"For where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them." — Matthew 18:20

In our faith communities, friends and neighbors gather as the Body of Christ to pray, celebrate Mass and learn how to become missionary disciples. Those called to serve in diocesan ministries assist and encourage priests, parishes and schools by listening to their needs, fostering relationships and accompanying them in their vocations. These ministries include multicultural ministry, social concerns, marriage and family life, education and formation for Church leaders, good liturgical practices and respect for the sanctity of life at all stages.

The diocese recognized the need for a mental health ministry to accompany individuals and their loved ones experiencing mental health challenges by providing spiritual support and accompaniment, practical resources and educational opportunities for mental health awareness. This includes an annual Mass for Suicide Healing and Remembrance. The 11-member Mental Health Ministry Team is currently working to form a ministry of presence in the ACCs for those affected by mental illness.

VOICES OF HOPE...

FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS.

"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'" — Matthew 19:14

Solid grounding in the Catholic tradition empowers our youth to face challenges with hope and resilience. By nurturing youth ministry, family faith formation and Catholic schools we ensure that our next generation of Catholics will understand their faith and be witnesses to Christ in a world often marked by division and uncertainty. Diocesan ministries support these efforts by providing formation opportunities for educators, pastoral staff and faith formation leaders.

Students are voices of hope during Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Freeport. Our diocese is home to 28 Catholic schools serving 4,632 students in grades Pre-K through 12 and an additional 9,748 youth through religious education.



Thank you for considering a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Your generosity supports ministries at the core of our Church's mission. These include vocations, Catholic education, social concerns, faith formation, respect for life at all stages, marriage preparation, family life, pastoral planning, multicultural ministries, ministry to the divorced and TV Mass for the homebound.

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PRAYER LIST

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Have a prayer request? Please call or email the Parish Office. Names will only be published in the bulletin for parish prayers with permission from an immediate family member or from the person we are praying for. Their name will stay on for one month, unless you contact your parish secretary to keep them on.

Please Pray for a Priest, Seminarian & Deacon each day in February

9- Vincent St. Marie, Immaculate Conception, St. Anna

Deacon Gerald Snyder

10-David Guyse, Mary of the Visitation, Becker

Deacon Fred St. Jean

11-Zach Klimek, St. Paul, Sauk Centre
Deacon Craig Stich

12-Bishop Patrick Neary, CSC
Deacon James Trout

13-Bishop Emeritus Donald Kettler
Deacon Donald Tzinski

14-Rev Harold Pavelis
Deacon Leo Wehseler

15-Rev Edwin Kraemer
Deacon Jeffery Winkelman

Calendar of Events



February

- 16-2nd Annual Pizza Cook-Off Contest after Mass, Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake.
- 18-Theology on Draft from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at The Depot in Alexandria, with Bishop Patrick Neary. Young adults 18-39 welcomed.
- 22-OLSD, SA, SW, SH Confirmation Learning Centers at 9:00 am at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Urbank.

March

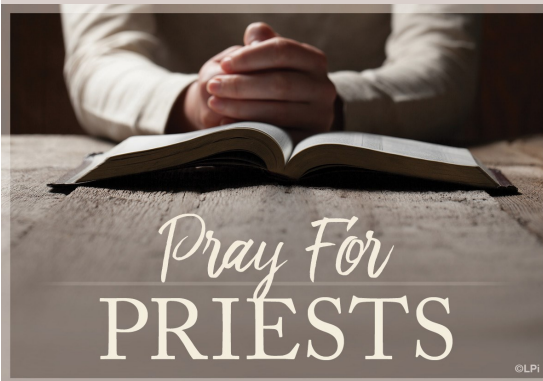
- 5-Ash Wednesday
- 7-Sacred Heart Fish Fry from 5-7pm, Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Urbank.
- 14-Fish Fry Supper 5-7 pm, St. Edward, Henning
- 21-Sacred Heart Fish Fry from 5-7pm, Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Urbank.
- 28-Fish Fry Supper 5-7 pm, St. Edward, Henning

April

- 4-Sacred Heart Fish Fry from 5-7pm, Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Urbank
- 11-Fish Fry Supper 5-7 pm, St. Edward, Henning



Called and Gifted is **designed to help Christians discern the presence of charisms in their lives.** Charisms, or spiritual gifts, are special abilities given to all Christians by the Holy Spirit to give them power both to represent Christ and to be a channel of God's goodness for people. If you would like to discover God's mission for your life, join us at St. Edward in Henning on Monday, March 31 & Monday, April 7. Supper at 5:30 pm. Class from 6:00-8:30 pm.
Contact: Darby Bradley—320-339 -0686 or Rose Suchy—320-766-5312



	2/2/25	Weekly Budget
Our Lady of the Lake	\$1,305.00	\$4,694.00
St. James	\$ 933.00	\$1,725.00
St. Edward	\$2,708.25	\$2,650.00
St. Ann	\$1,188.20	\$2,610.00

Missing financials will be in a later bulletin.

Financials
Thank you



Pope Francis February Intention:

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

A Vocation View:

Holiness is a gift of God. Open yourself to the gift. When God calls, be ready to respond: "Here I am, send me!" (Isaiah 6:1-2, 3-8)

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

BAPTISM

Parents are required to attend a Baptism Class before their first child is Baptized.

St Ann, Seven Dolors, Sacred Heart, St William:
Contact Rose at least 2 months in advance to schedule a baptism.

WEDDING

Contact Fr. George or Fr. Theis at least 6 months before the wedding.

RCIA

Please contact Fr. George or Fr. Theis if interested in becoming Catholic.

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6. You are in!

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