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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

BLESSING OF THE HOME AND HOUSEHOLD ON EPIPHANY

The traditional date of Epiphany is January 6, but in the United States it is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8.

Begin with the Sign of the Cross

[The leader greets those present in the following words:]

Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace.

Blessed be God forever.

R/. Blessed be God forever.

[In the following or similar words, the leader prepares those present for the blessing:]

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with his love. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

*[The leader invites all present to say **the Lord's Prayer.**]*

[The leader says the prayer of blessing with hands joined:]

Lord God of heaven and earth,
you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation
by the guidance of a star.
Bless this house and all who inhabit it.
Fill us with the light of Christ,
that our concern for others may reflect your love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R/. Amen.

The leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying:

May Christ Jesus dwell with us,
keep us from all harm,
and make us one in mind and heart,
now and forever.
R/. Amen.

20 + C + M + B + 25 [Write this above your doors with the
blessed chalk]

(Christus Mansionem Benedicat = Christ bless this home)

The Epiphany of the Lord falls on January 5th this year. Many of us are familiar with the tradition of blessing our houses/doorways with blessed chalk around this Solemnity. I have included a blessing above that you and your family can do together in your own homes. Blessed chalk is available at all the churches. Merry Christmas to all of you!

God bless,

Fr. Theis

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 7th:

8:30 am Sacred Heart, Urbank

† Elreen Roers

Wednesday, January 8th:

8:30 am Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

† Sharon Woida

9:00 am St. James, Maine Twp.

† Gary Roberts

Thursday, January 9th:

8:30 am St. Ann, Brandon

† Elphege Webkowski

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

† Joanie Gronso

Friday, January 10th:

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

† Gary Pfeffer

8:30 am St. Edward, Henning

Fr. George Michael, VC

Saturday, January 11th:

4:00 pm Sacred Heart, Urbank

†† Alex & Viola Klimek

5:00 pm St. James, Maine Twp.

People of the Parishes

7:30 pm St. Ann, Brandon

†† Don & Millie Bitzan

Sunday, January 12th: The Baptism of the Lord

8:30 am Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

People of the Parishes

8:30 am St. Edward, Henning

† Jim Hansen

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

† Marnie Leif

10:30 am St. William, Parkers Prairie

† Tim Steidl

CONFESSION

Tuesday:

9:00 am Sacred Heart, Urbank

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

Wednesday:

7:30 am Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

8:00 am St. James, Maine Twp.

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:

3:00 pm Sacred Heart, Urbank

4:30 pm St. James, Maine Twp.

Sunday:

8:00 am St. Edward, Henning



ADORATION

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

7:30 - 8:15 am Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

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

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



Bulletin Deadline — Tuesday 11 am

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading:

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Gospel:

“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”

Gospel Meditation:

Have you ever wondered *why* the magi had gold, frankincense, and myrrh? Matthew’s Gospel tells us, “Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh” (Matt. 2:11). Why are these things their “treasures”? One possible answer is they were magicians and astrologers, and these three items were the tools of their questionable trade. In offering them to Christ, they demonstrate that they will cease using such items to predict or control life. They place this baby-king, the God of Israel, at the center of their lives, and not their own devices of control, manipulation and prediction.

Isn’t that what we need to do, too? Consider, for example, the magical power of money, symbolized by the magi’s gold. Seemingly whatever we ask of money, it does. It wields a god-like power over the world. It can predict the future by guaranteeing better outcomes for us — which is why it is such a tempting alternative to trusting in God. The problem is such absolute trust in money enslaves us to the economic forces that make money so powerful. In paying homage to Jesus with “gold” (i.e., tithing), we participate in his authority over (and therefore freedom from) the magical sway of money.

What things in your life do you use to predict or control your future? What in your life seems to give you power over the world? Those are your treasures. Are you tired of feeling enslaved to them? Find a way to open them and give them to Christ, and you will be freer.

— Father John Muir

Daily Readings

Monday, January 6: Christmas Weekday

1 John 3:22—4:6; Psalm 2:7-8, 10-12; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, January 7: Christmas Weekday

1 John 4:7-10; Psalm 72:1-4, 7-8; Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday, January 8: Christmas Weekday

1 John 4:11-18; Psalm 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mark 6:45-52

Thursday, January 9: Christmas Weekday

1 John 4:19—5:4; Psalm 72:1-2, 14-15, 17; Luke 4:14-22

Friday, January 10: Christmas Weekday

1 John 5:5-13; Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20; Luke 5:12-16

Saturday, January 11: Christmas Weekday

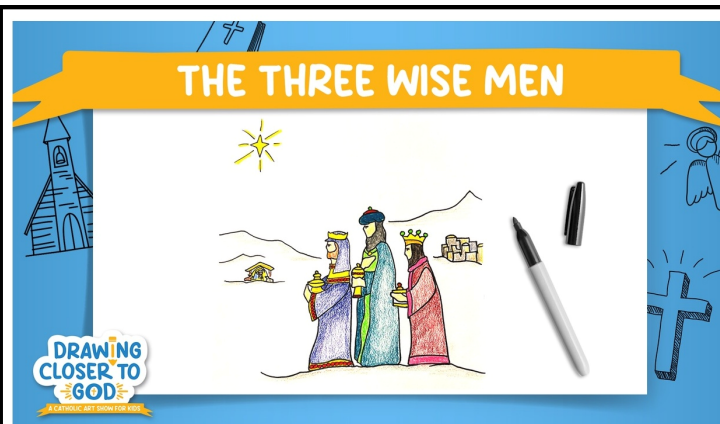
1 John 5:14-21; Psalm 149:1-6, 9; John 3:22-30

Sunday, January 12: The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 29:1-4, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



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The Three Wise Men: Share Your Gifts | Drawing Closer to God | Episode 6

Ms. Kim explains the Solemnity of the Epiphany and the importance of the wise men’s gifts by teaching students how to draw the three magi. She challenges kids to do an act of kindness for someone, offering it as a gift to Jesus.

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DISCIPLES OF THE MISSION AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

A big thank you to the musicians and all who helped decorate the churches, you are greatly appreciated.

FAITH FORMATION

SW, SH, SD, SA: Class Jan 8 6:45 pm with optional meal at 6:15 pm.

SE: Class Jan 8 at 6:00 – 7:15 pm for K-12 grade students.

OLL: Edge/Life Teen Jan 8 , 5:30 pm meal, class 6:00-7:30.
Sunday School Jan 12, 9:15-10:15am.

SJ: Class Jan 11, 6:15-7:30 pm following the 5:00 pm Mass.

ST. ANN

Please welcome Nathan and Anissa Baumann to our parish family.

ST. WILLIAM

Thank you to all who helped out with the bonfire and refreshments after Mass on Christmas Eve. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Fellowship sign-up sheets are in the entrance of the Church.

OUR LADY OF SEVEN DOLORS

Looking for volunteers to make salads or something sweet (bars, cookies, cake, cupcakes) for funerals. Please call Bev Hanson at 320-766-4375 or JoAnn Otto at 320-808-5710.

2024 Calendar winners:
Dec 30-\$50 William Suchy
Dec 31-\$75 George Bitzan

SACRED HEART

An update from Bariadi, Tanzania:

Join St Cloud Diocesan Mission Office Director, Elizabeth Brown, and Fr. Bill Vos on Sat. Jan. 11 following the 4:00 pm Mass for a slideshow about their recent trip to Bariadi, Tanzania. They will share photos and updates from Fr. Herb Gappa's Parish in Bariadi.

ST. JAMES

Please pick up your dishes or serving pans from the St. James kitchen, thank you.

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

Father LeRoy Schik's new mailing address is:
51768 Leaf River Road, Ottertail, MN 56571.

Thank you to everyone who has provided food for our parish events. If you left a pan, please stop by the kitchen and pick it up.

FIAT90:

Fiat is a Latin word meaning "let it be done." Do you know what God asked the Virgin Mary to do after she gave her "fiat"? He sent her on a 3 month (90 day) visit with

another woman of faith, her cousin Elizabeth, who was experiencing her own but similar changes and challenges in her life as Mary was. Together they learned of the great works God was doing (and still is) by sharing, listening, living and praying together. Women of our ACC are invited to say "fiat" to a spiritual journey starting January 20, 2025. "FIAT90 is a 90-day Catholic program designed to draw women closer to Christ through prayer, self-discipline and the Marian virtues of faith, humility and devotion. Rooted in the inspiration of the Virgin Mary's "fiat" -her wholehearted "yes" to God -the program encourages participants to imitate Mary's virtues through a focused lifestyle of prayer, fasting and self-sacrifice." - from www.fiat-90.com. If you are interested in Fiat90, look up the website and contact Tanya Collins at 218-639-4028.

ACC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

All are invited to an open house for our up-and-coming atrium at Our Lady of Seven Dolours in Millerville following 8:30 Mass on Sun., Jan. 5th!

How can we help children enjoy a deeper relationship with God? The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori-based approach to the religious formation of children, rooted in Sacred Scripture, Liturgy, and respect for the child's rich relationship with God. For more information contact Sarah Schaffer at 701-403-3902. For background on CGS, visit cgsusa.org.

Cell Phone Sunday! -

Sat. Jan. 18th after the 4 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church, after the 7:30 p.m. Mass at St Ann's, and Sunday, Jan. 19th after Mass at Seven Dolours and St Williams. Stay after Mass to find out how to download and use **Formed** on your phone, and your TV.

What is Formed?

Formed is a website with all **Catholic** content featuring over 6000 movies, videos, audio books, radio dramas, podcasts, prayer, and more to help inspire and encourage your faith, for all ages! There are over 7,000 parishes and 1.7 million users worldwide! The 7 parishes of our ACC have paid for a subscription so it's available to all our parishioners of our ACC! Stay after Mass to hear more and to get help to download the app on your phone!

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.

FROM THE DIOCESE

The Diocese of St. Cloud is hosting an Honoring Marriage Day on May 3rd at St. Francis Xavier Parish, Sartell, MN for couples celebrating 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years of marriage in 2025. Please call your parish office by Jan 31st, if you are celebrating one of these milestone anniversaries and would like to attend this event.

DISCIPLES OF THE MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Millerville KC's are seeking Bingo Prizes for their Pro-Life Event on Feb 2. Please call Greg Roers at 320-834-2582 or Kevin Roers @ 320-808-0391 if you are able to donate.



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PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Youth Tubing at Andes Tower Hills

Friday, January 17, 6-8 pm
Andes Tower Hills
For ACC students in grades 6-12

\$10 per student!

Meet at Andes Tower Hills
4505 Andes Rd SW
Kensington, MN 56343

Bring snacks or money to purchase snacks!

Scan the QR code to register




What is a Jubilee Year?

A Holy Year of the forgiveness of sin, conversion and joyful celebration.

The word "jubilee" comes from the Hebrew word yobel, which refers to the ram's horn used to announce a jubilee in the Old Testament.

Old Testament origins

God told Moses that every fiftieth year was to be set aside for the return of absent members to their households, the restoration of land to its owners, the release of Hebrew slaves and the forgiveness of debts.

This fiftieth year you shall make sacred by proclaiming liberty in the land for all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you, when every one of you shall return to his own property, every one to his own family estate. (Lev. 25:10)

Like the sabbath, which took place on the seventh day of each week, the jubilee was a time for the Israelites to re-establish a proper relationship with God and with one another.



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THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

PRAYER LIST

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Kathy Pauls, Kathy Wardlow, Brian Volker, Josh Reger, Ron Christianson, Dennis & Randi Hockert, Chris Arndt, Jim & Carol Grotheer, Mark Thoennes, Deb Perreault, Savanna Shepard, Patty Kenaley, David Burgoyne, Joe Hellerman, Laura Lowe, Pat McNelly, Bill Suchy, Patsy Shea, Grace Abrahamson, Nancy Benzinger, Rose Mary Peterson, Stacy Livingston, Regina Fogard, Joann Bauer, Clarence Otto, Dacia Teberg, Matthew Haugh, Don Maslow, Kathy Stratton, Angela Gilles, Therese Peterson

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 each day in January

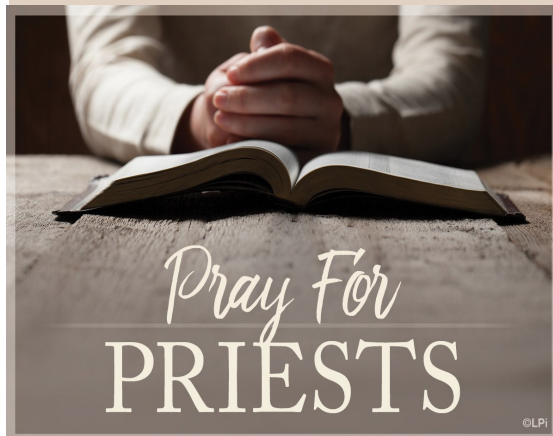
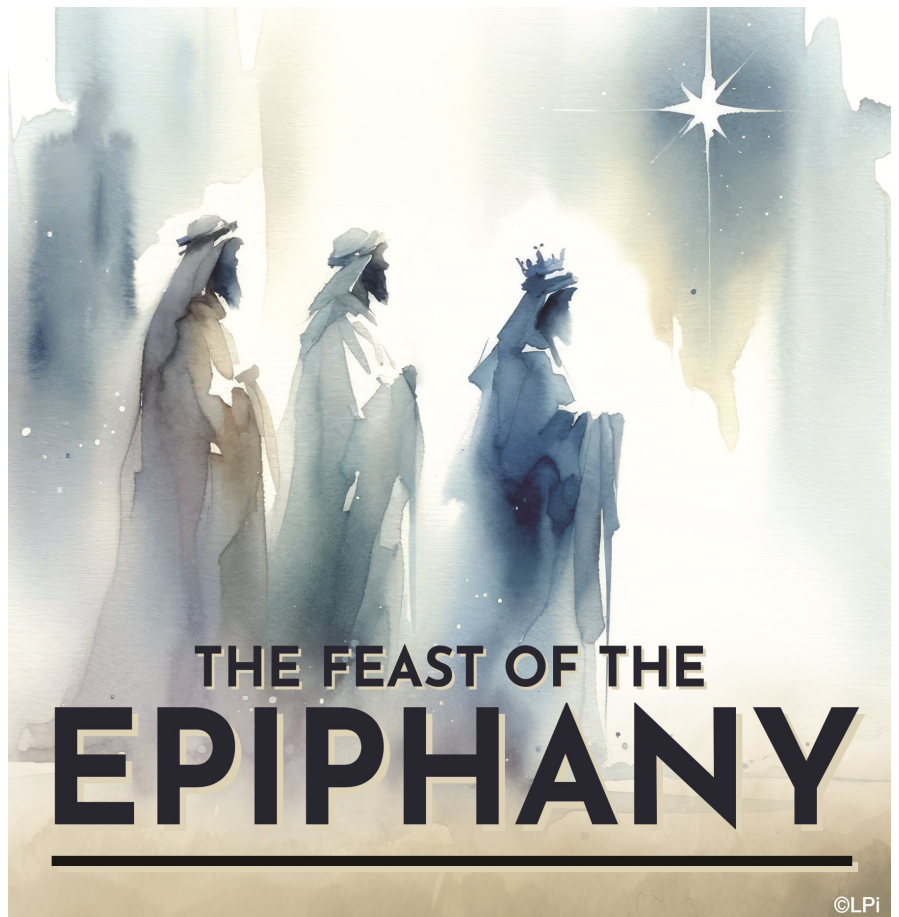
- 5-Rev. Joseph Backowski
- 6-Rev. Benjamin Kociemba
- 7-Rev. Jeremy Ploof
- 8-Rev. Bradley Jenniges, OSB
- 9-Rev. Mitchell Bechtold
- 10-Our deceased priests with January anniversaries
- 11-Rev. Timothy Gapinski

Calendar of Events



January

- 9-Finance Council Meeting at 6:00 pm at Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake
- Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake
- 14-Sacred Heart Finance Council Meeting at 7:00 pm at St. William Living Center, Parkers Prairie
- St. William Finance Council Meeting at 8:00 pm at St. William Living Center, Parkers Prairie
- 16-Finance Council Meeting at 6:00 pm at St. Edward, Henning
- Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 pm at St. Edward, Henning
- 20-St. Ann Finance Council Meeting at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of Seven Dolors Office, Millerville
- Our Lady of Seven Dolors Finance Council Meeting at 8:00 pm at Our Lady of Seven Dolors Office, Millerville
- 23-Finance Council Meeting at 6:00 pm at St. James, Maine Twp.
- Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 pm at St. James, Maine Twp.





Pope Francis January Intention:

For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

A Vocation View:

Jesus grew in wisdom, age, and grace in the midst of his family. How is your family growing in the midst of these challenging times? Seek out God's grace. (Luke 2:41-52)

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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