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

Welcome!

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Church of St. Ann

402 Nelson Ave. PO Box 256
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Mass Times

Weekend: Sun. 8:30 am

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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: Sat. 7:30 pm

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 Dolours

16921 Co Rd 7 NW.
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(Located in Millerville)

Mass Times

Weekend: Sat 4:00 pm

Weekday: Wed. 8:30 am

Sacred Heart

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

Mass Times

Weekend: Sun. 10:30 am

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,

Which is the first of all the commandments? To the scribes, the Mosaic Law was the greatest, fullest, and most perfect revelation of God's will that could ever be given. However, in the Judaism of Jesus' day there was a double tendency: to expand the Mosaic Law into hundreds of rules and regulations and to condense the 613 precepts of the Torah into a single sentence. Jesus gave a straightforward answer, quoting directly from the Law itself, startling them, and demonstrating Jesus' profound simplicity and mastery of the law of God and its purpose. Citing the first sentence of the Jewish *Shema* prayer: "*Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength*" (Dt 6:4), Jesus then added its complementary law: "*You shall love your neighbor as yourself*" (Lv 19:18). True religion, Jesus says, is loving God in Himself, and in others by loving service. That is, the only way a person can demonstrate real love for God is by showing genuine, active love for neighbor. The "great commandment in the Law" is threefold: We are commanded (1) to love God, (2) to love our neighbor, and (3) to love ourselves. We are to love God, for it is in loving Him that we are brought to the perfection of His image in us. We are to love our neighbor and ourselves as well, because both of us bear God's image, and to honor God's image is to honor Him who made it. We are to love our neighbor and our self as a way to love God: God gives us our neighbors to love so that we may learn to love Him.

Unfortunately, due to the natural human instinct of self-preservation, pride, and selfishness (the "ego" or "I"), it seems practically impossible to love neither God nor our neighbor. However, Christ is not asking us to do what He could not do. The good news is that Christ knows it is possible. If it were not so, He would not have commanded us to love. So, to love God and our neighbor as ourselves is a "debt," we owe and must pay. "Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law". (Rom 13: 8).

So, like Christ, our eternal high priest, when we offer this sacrifice and debt of love that gives perfect glory to God, we can sing with the psalmist: "I love you, Lord, my strength."

Have a Blessed weekend.

Fr. George



31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.'" And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

- Mk 12:32, 34ab

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Monday, November 4th: Memorial Mass for the Deceased

7:00 pm St. Edward, Henning Poor Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, November 5th:

8:30 am Sacred Heart, Urbank † Kathy Koep

Wednesday, November 6th:

8:30 am Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville † Ursula Debilzen

9:00 am St. James, Maine Twp. † Rick Hulne

Thursday, November 7th:

8:30 am St. Ann, Brandon † Darlene Wagner

8:30 am Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake † George Morgan

Friday, November 8th:

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

8:30 am St. Edward, Henning † Ron Skudlarek

Saturday, November 9th:

4:00 pm Our Lady of Seven Dolors † Donna Carlson

7:30 pm St. William, Parkers Prairie † Kenny Benzinger

8:00 pm St. James, Maine Twp. † Joe McAllister

Sunday, November 10th: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am St. Ann, Brandon People of the Parishes

8:30 am St. Edward, Henning People of the Parishes

10:30 am Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake Peter & Margaret VanErp 60th Anniv

10:30 am Sacred Heart, Urbank †† Mary Ann & Dennis Thoennes

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: 3:00 pm Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville
7:30 pm St. James, Maine Twp.

Sunday: 8:00 am St. Edward, Henning

ADORATION

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

Wednesday: 8:00 - 9:00 am 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 - 5:00 pm 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



Celebrate our Priests!

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

First Reading:

“Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.”

Psalm:

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading:

But Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away.

Gospel:

“The second is this: *You shall love your neighbor as yourself.* There is no other commandment greater than [this].”

Gospel Meditation:

Americans have long been fascinated with public debates. Farmers stood in muddy fields for hours to hear Lincoln and Douglas dispute each other in the 1860 presidential run-up. The televised debate between Kennedy and Nixon in 1960 fascinated the nation. These days, cable news outlets and social media parse every word spoken by candidates. We still love seeing public, rational disputes in the service of our nation.

In his day, Jesus also captured attention as a public debater. Mark tells us, **“And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, ‘Which commandment is the first of all?’”** Jesus’ brief but all-encompassing response is the double command to love God and neighbor. Notice that he includes the importance of loving God with **“all your mind.”** Loving God is not simply a question of affection, loyalty, good deeds, and religious dedication. It demands honest and intense intellectual engagement — just like an accomplished debater.

How do we do this practically? One simple way is by embracing ourselves as life-long learners. Setting aside time for reading, book studies, online classes, and, perhaps most difficult, engaging in open, honest, and curious conversation with those who think differently from us. These are all great ways to love God with our minds. Our country and our Church depend greatly on souls who love God in this way with their minds. Let’s commit to loving God with all our minds in tireless pursuit of truth.

— Father John Muir

Daily Readings

Monday, November 4: *St. Charles Bishop*

Philippians 2:1-4; Psalm 131:1bcd,e,2,3; Luke 14:12-14

Tuesday, November 5: *Weekday*

Philippians 2:5-11; Psalm 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c, 31-32; Luke 14:15-24

Wednesday, November 6: *Weekday*

Philippians 2:12-18; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14; Luke 14:25-33

Thursday, November 7: *Weekday*

Philippians 3:3-8a; Psalm 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Luke 15:1-10

Friday, November 8: *Weekday*

Philippians 3:17—4:1; Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Luke 16:1-8

Saturday, November 9: *The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;

1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22

Sunday, November 10: *32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time*

1 Kings 17:10-16; Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b);

Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44 or 12:41-44



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FAITH FORMATION

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

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

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

SJ: Class Nov 9 6:15-7:30 pm following the 5:00 pm Mass.

ST. ANN

Do you like to decorate? Decorating our worship space is a very important ministry within our parish. Our current decorator would like to step down, and I am looking for others to step up to take over this ministry. Maybe you would like to decorate for a season, such as Advent, Christmas, Easter, Lent, or Ordinary Time. Maybe you would be willing to help someone else with the 'grunt work' for a season. Or maybe you would like to work as a team or committee with others. If you are interested in participating in the beautification of our church, please contact your parish secretary.

ST. WILLIAM



Please welcome Susie Hart who was confirmed into the Catholic Faith last weekend. May God Bless her.

Fellowship will begin on December 1st after the 10:30 am Mass. Sign-up sheets are in the entrance of the Church.

SACRED HEART

The Fall Raffle/Bingo is on Nov. 24th starts 1:30pm, please contact Gloria Bjerketvedt 320-766-6415 or Pam Reger 218-267-2483 for donations for the bingo prizes. Raffle books are in the back of church to pick up.

St. Ann, St. William, Sacred Heart, Seven Dolors
Thank you to all who donated to the Hurricane Relief, our parishes raised \$4,868.00.

Proclaiming God's Word

Many of us were taught in school that if you were a fast reader, you were a good reader. That may be true when reading silently to yourself, but when you are reading aloud, others can understand easier when the content is read slower.

“Ultimately, the Holy Spirit is the one who calls any person to any ministry...” This quote is taken from the 2025 *Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers and Proclaimers of the Word*.

Lectors from St. Ann, St. William, Sacred Heart, and Our Lady of Seven Dolors will find a copy of the 2025 Workbook with their name on it in the entrance of their home parish. Please pick up your copy and use it to prepare when it is your turn to *Proclaim the Word*. Be sure to read the introduction...lots of great information! Thanks for all you do!!

ST. EDWARD

The Parish Family of Saint Edward invites you to be our guest for Thanksgiving Dinner on November 28th, Thanksgiving Day. Turkey and all the trimmings will be served from 11 am until 1 PM or until food is gone. Dinner is free — Proceeds from free-will donations will be used for the benefit of our community. Join us for food and fellowship. In case of inclement weather the dinner will be held on Sunday, December 1st.

ST. JAMES

A special thank you to Kattie Meek and Pat Chermak for their many years of service to St. James Church and its parishioners!!

The Circle 3 November meeting will be changed to Monday, November 4 at 9:00 am. at church. Many wanted to attend Veterans programs on the 11th. This will be a one-time change.

There is a new email address for St. James Church. It is: churchofstjamesmaine@gmail.com. Please make a note of this in your email contacts. If you wish to continue receiving the bulletin via email or would like to start, please send your request in an email to this new address with your name and email address.

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

The next Parish Service Group Meeting will be Nov 6 at **9:30 am**. The special time will be for this meeting only. Notify Marlys to add any items to the agenda. Group 4 will lead the meeting.

Parish Service Group 4 will have a short meeting after Mass on Sunday, Nov 3 to plan activities for November.

RCIA classes will be starting soon. If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church, please sign-up by contacting the parish office. Classes will be Tuesdays at 7 pm.

The parish office will be closed each Wednesday from 1-3pm through Nov. 6 as Lori will be taking an online class.

SE, SJ, OLL

Everyone is invited to join us as we offer a Memorial Mass for the Deceased at St. Edward Church on Monday, November 4 at 7:00 pm.

My name is Jean Nowak, a member of OLL & I attend all the tri-parishes with my husband Jim. We are neighbors of the Swarts/Roger family, near Deer Lake in Battle Lake. On Oct. 13, they had a fire in the attached porch in front of their house, which received extensive damage, along with some smoke damage in the house. The family has had other serious medical issues recently & then this fire, so are quite overwhelmed. Please read the GoFundMe page titled "Support Battle Lake Family After Fire" for more of their story and prayerfully consider helping our neighbors out. Thank you.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Box of Joy Reminder – Deadline Coming Up!



The deadline for turning in your Box of Joy is approaching fast. To finish your shopping: 1) select an age and gender to shop for; 2) use the gift ideas list to do your shopping; 3) put all items in an assembled Box of Joy; 4) Leave in the church entry (or bring

to the Dropoff Center at Seven Dolores church hall in Millerville). Cross Catholic Outreach asks for a \$9 donation which is used to ship the Box of Joy gifts to the children and supports the overall mission work of the in-country priests, religious sisters and Catholic laypeople who help Cross Catholic Outreach deliver the gifts to children in their communities. Your donation can be sent directly to Cross Catholic Outreach by doing an online donation from boxofjoy.org, by using the postage-paid envelope, or by giving a check to your local Box of Joy leader. If you cannot fill a Box of Joy, donations to support this mission are appreciated. Please make checks out to Cross Catholic Outreach. The Box of Joy Dropoff Center is the Millerville parish hall (12327 Cty Rd 60, Millerville) and dates/times are:

Thursday, Nov 7, 1-4pm

Friday, Nov 8, 2-5pm

Saturday, Nov 9, 1-3pm

Sunday, Nov 10, 1-3pm

If you can help at the dropoff center on Nov 9 or 10, please contact your ACC Coordinator. Your ACC Box of Joy Coordinator may ask you to have your box(es) turned in prior to November 1st so they can deliver to the Dropoff Center on your behalf. Your ACC Box of Joy Contact is

Disciples of the Mission ACC:

Bonnie Jennen, 218-205-6730 (Henning, Battle Lake & Maine)

Sheri Streasick, slstreasick@gmail.com, 320-805-0010 (Urbank, Parkers Prairie, Brandon & Millerville)

Winter Mass Schedule:

Starting Nov 30/Dec 1 weekend

Saturday:

4:00 pm Sacred Heart, Urbank

7:30 pm St. Ann, Brandon

Sunday:

8:30 am Our Lady of Seven Dolores, Millerville

10:30 am St. William, Parkers Prairie

FROM THE DIOCESE

Stewardship as a Way of Life: *“And ‘to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself’ is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices.” (Mark 12:33)*

Of all the gifts that God gives us, the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of our love for Him, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it's more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through the Appeal. As of October 21, the Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2024 has raised total cash and pledges of \$1,345,284 toward our goal of \$1,450,000 (96.09%). This was made possible through the generous donations of 7,461 people throughout the 16 counties of our diocese. Will you help these ministries meet their funding needs? Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.



Ann's House in Brandon, MN

(St. Ann Catholic Church Parish House)

404 Nelson Ave. Brandon

5 Sessions beginning on

Monday, November 11 @ 3 p.m.

There is no charge for this workshop.

Sessions last about 2 hours

Grieving With Great Hope provides support for those who have lost a loved one. It is designed as a sharing session which includes discussion with others who are experiencing loss.

Grieving with Great HOPE is a **FIVE-WEEK** grief support workshop using a video-on-demand format. It offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. If you have lost a spouse, a child (including pregnancy loss), a grandchild, a parent, another family member or a friend, you are encouraged to attend. Presenters will include two priests, as well as John and Shandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a Catholic bereavement organization.

For more information, or to register call Rose at 320-766-5312 or email stanns@gctel.com.

PRAYER LIST

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Dennis & Randi Hockert, Chris Arndt, Jim & Carol Grotheer, Kathy Wardlow, Frank Zerr, Mark Thoennes, Hallie Weller, Deb Perreault, Ella Steidl, Savanna Shepard, Terry Pauls, LaVerne Shea, Tanner Wegscheid, Patty Kenaley, David Burgoyne, Joe Helleman, 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.

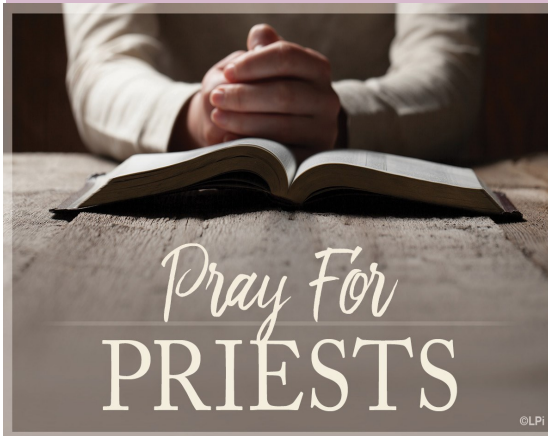
Please Pray for a Priest each day in November

- 3-Rev. Cletus Connors, OSB
- 4-Our deceased priests with November anniversaries
- 5-Rev. Robert Kieffer
- 6-Rev. Thomas Olson
- 7-Rev. Gregory Miller, OSB
- 8-Rev. Arlie Sowada
- 9-Rev. Joseph Korf

Calendar of **E****V****E****N****T****S**

November

- 3-Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 4-Memorial Mass for the Deceased 7:00 pm, St. Edward, Henning
- 9-Hunter's Mass 8:00 pm, St. James, Maine Twp.
- 21-Thanksgiving Mass at 8:30 am, Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake
- 21-Thanksgiving Dinner 11am-1pm or until food is gone, St. Edward, Henning



	10/27/24	Weekly Budget
Our Lady of the Lake	\$3,807.00	\$4,694.00
St. James	\$1,562.00	\$1,725.00
St. Edward	\$1,137.00	\$2,650.00
St. Ann	\$1,834.77	\$2,610.00
Seven Dolors	\$1,522.90	\$3,115.00
St. William	\$1,375.90	\$2,101.00
Sacred Heart	\$ 884.11	\$2,135.00

GOD'S SHARE FINANCIALS
Thank you!



Pope Francis November Intention:

For anyone who has lost a child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

A Vocation View: Vocation Awareness Week

Love of God and love of neighbor are not mutually exclusive, but rather are mutually enriching. Demonstrate the love you have for God by acting in service to your neighbor in Christ.

(Mark 12:28-34)

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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