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AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Welcome!

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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 Dolours

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,

The Liturgical Season of Christmas comes to a conclusion this Sunday with the celebration of the Baptism of our Lord. Christmas is the feast of God's Self-revelation to the Jews, and Epiphany celebrates God's Self-revelation to the Gentiles. At His Baptism in the Jordan, Christ reveals Himself to repentant sinners. The Baptism of the Lord Jesus is the great event celebrated by the Eastern churches on the feast of Epiphany because it is the occasion of the first public revelation of all the Three Persons in the Holy Trinity, and the official revelation of Jesus as the Son of God (this is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased), to the world by God the Father. It is also an event described by all four Gospels (Mt 3:13-17; Mk 1:9-11; Lk 3: 21-22; Jn 1: 29-34), and it marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.

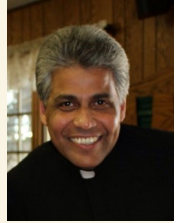
The Baptism of the Lord is the day for us to remember the graces we have received in Baptism and to renew our Baptismal promises. On the day of our Baptism, as Pope St. John Paul II explains: "We were anointed with the Oil of Catechumens, the sign of Christ's gentle strength, to fight against evil. Blessed water was poured over us, an effective sign of interior purification through the gift of the Holy Spirit. We were then anointed with Chrism to show that we were thus consecrated in the image of Jesus, the Father's Anointed One. The candle lighted from the Paschal Candle was a symbol of the light of Faith which our parents and godparents must have continually safeguarded and nourished with the life-giving grace of the Spirit."

By Baptism we become the adoptive sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus, members of his Church, heirs of Heaven, and temples of the Holy Spirit. We become incorporated into the Church, the Body of Christ, and made sharers in the priesthood of Christ [CCC #1279]. Hence, "Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other Sacraments" [CCC #1213].

This is also a day for us to renew our Baptismal promises, consecrating ourselves to the Holy Trinity and "renouncing Satan and all his empty show," which our profane world is constantly offering us through its mass-media of communication. Let us ask Our Lord today to make us faithful to our Baptismal promises.

Have a Blessed Weekend.

Fr. George



BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 14th:

8:30 am Sacred Heart, Urbank

†† Clemens & Cecilia Suchy

Wednesday, January 15th:

8:30 am Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

† Alice Thoennes

9:00 am St. James, Maine Twp.

† M Carolita Mahoney

Thursday, January 16th:

8:30 am St. Ann, Brandon

† Shirley Wagner

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

† Corrine Matson

Friday, January 17th:

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

† Ella Steidl

8:30 am St. Edward, Henning

Protection for the Unborn Babies

Saturday, January 18th:

4:00 pm Sacred Heart, Urbank

People of the Parishes

5:00 pm St. James, Maine Twp.

Holy Souls in Purgatory

7:30 pm St. Ann, Brandon

Special Intention of Mark & Carol

Sunday, January 19th: Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 am Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

† LaVerne Shea

8:30 am St. Edward, Henning

People of the Parishes

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

†† Merle & Idelle Wilts

10:30 am St. William, Parkers Prairie

† Annela Reineke

CONFESSION

Tuesday:

9:00 am Sacred Heart, Urbank

6:30 pm Our Lady of the Lake, 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

8:00 - 9:00 am 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



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

First Reading:

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Psalm:

O bless the Lord, my soul.

Second Reading:

He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

Gospel:

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.

Gospel Meditation:

In my second year of theology studies, I went to confession to a priest visiting the seminary for a three-day retreat. My heart wasn't in it. I was going through the motions. I confessed my sins and waited for his response. The priest said, "For your penance, I'd like you to go into the chapel and repeat the words '**You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased**' (Luke 3:22) until they mean something to you." Easy penance, I thought.

But to my surprise, I struggled to say those words. I sensed a strong interior resistance blocking them. How could God be well-pleased with *me*? He couldn't be, I thought. A battle within me ensued. Two hours later, the resistance vanished, and I found myself able to speak, and claim as my own, those marvelous words. I emerged from the chapel with a new, deep, peaceful conviction that I was indeed God's beloved son.

Those words are a precious gift from heaven to all of us. Jesus' baptism, which we celebrate this week, offers them to us. Are we willing to receive these words anew? Many things can block this deepening of our baptismal identity: failings, sins, disappointments, traumas, problems, and so on. Yet God's love is always greater. This week I challenge you to prayerfully repeat these words over yourself — or perhaps over someone you're struggling to love — until those words find a home in your heart.

— Father John Muir

Daily Readings

Monday, January 13: Weekday

Hebrews 1:1-6; Psalm 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 14: Weekday

Hebrews 2:5-12; Psalm 8:2, 5-9; Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 15: Weekday

Hebrews 2:14-18; Psalm 105:1-4, 6-9; Mark 1:29-39

Thursday, January 16: Weekday

Hebrews 3:7-14; Psalm 95:6-11; Mark 1:40-45

Friday, January 17: St. Anthony

Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Psalm 78:3-4, 6-8; Mark 2:1-12

Saturday, January 18: Weekday

Hebrews 4:12-16; Psalm 19:8-10, 15; Mark 2:13-17

Sunday, January 19: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 96:1-3, 7-10;

1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11



JOURNEY TO THE HEART OF THE FATHER

Ecclesia Domestica Women's Retreat

Ecclesia Domestica will be hosting a women's retreat ***Journey to the Heart of the Father***, January 31 to February 2, 2025 at the Sisters of St. Francis Retreat Center in Hankinson, ND. Join us for a weekend of dynamic speakers, worship, prayer ministry and more. Open your heart and grow closer to the Lord. For details please go to www.ecclesiadomestica.net or contact Deacon Thane Barnier at ecclesiareretreats@ecclesiadomestica.net. Register online at www.ecclesiadomestica.net or scan the QR Code.



Ecclesia Domestica Men's Retreat

Ecclesia Domestica will be hosting a men's retreat ***Defend us in Battle: Basic Training for Spiritual Warfare***, March 14 to March 16, 2025 at the Sisters of St. Francis Retreat Center in Hankinson, ND. Join us for a weekend of dynamic speakers, worship, prayer ministry and more. Open your heart and grow closer to the Lord. For details please go to www.ecclesiadomestica.net or contact Deacon Thane Barnier at ecclesiareretreats@ecclesiadomestica.net. Register online at www.ecclesiadomestica.net or scan the QR Code.



DISCIPLES OF THE MISSION AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH FORMATION

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

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

OLL: Edge/Life Teen Jan 15 , 5:30 pm meal, class 6:00-7:30. Sunday School Jan 19, 9:15-10:15am.

SJ: Class Jan 18, 6:15-7:30 pm following the 5:00 pm Mass.

ST. WILLIAM

Please keep the family of Gilbert Marso in your prayers, his funeral was last week. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

Kristy Fyhrie will be receiving her Confirmation and First Communion on Jan 26th during Mass, please join us after Mass at Vogrin Hall for a reception to welcome her into our parish.

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

OUR LADY OF SEVEN DOLORS

Please keep the family of William Suchy in your prayers, his funeral was last week. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

Please keep the family of Corrine Thoennes in your prayers her funeral was last week. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

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.

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. EDWARD

As we continue with Sunday morning fellowship after Mass, volunteers are needed to provide goodies, serve and clean up. There is a sign up sheet next to the Parish Office. Thank you for volunteering.

ST. JAMES

A thank you to the SJ community members who are the "Arts & Environment Committee" for their work to make our church home so welcoming. Their efforts to celebrate the seasons are appreciated! Blessings, MJ Hay President, SJ CCW

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

We are looking for more people to usher at Mass. If you are interested in becoming an usher, please contact Darrell Trumbauer at 701-361-6089.

Pro-Life Games Party tickets will be available to purchase through January after Mass. Tickets are \$2 each or a book of 10 for \$20.

Hospitality Sunday will be January 19. Everyone is welcome to join us for food and fellowship in St. Joseph's Hall after Mass.

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

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 Dolors 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.

DISCIPLES OF THE MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

KC Pro-Life Games Party will be on Sunday, Feb 2 at 1:30 in St. Ann's Church. Bingo prizes would still be appreciated. Raffle tickets will be available after the January Masses.

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.

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'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.

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

RALLY for LIFE

SAVE THE DATE!

WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 22, 2025

Ride with us in a heated comfy Hart Travel bus (with a bathroom) down to St Paul for a short day of lobbying for the unborn, the elderly, and those whose lives are at risk just because they're not "convenient or affordable."

Speak up for those that can't!

We'll leave around 7:00 am and be back by 5:00 pm, You'll be outside from approx 11:30am-2:00 pm ...and it might be cold, but that's a small price to pay to convince the government of MN that **ALL HUMANS HAVE AN EQUAL RIGHT TO LIFE...** old, unborn, or those with special needs.

The cost of the bus is \$1350.00. If you can pay \$20.00 per rider that would be fine, but there will be a Free Will Offering so no one is left behind. The Knights of Columbus from Millerville and Alexandria will pay the balance. You must call for reservations so we have room for you. Jim Korkowski 320-219-7470 If no one answers, leave a message.

The bus will leave from Aagard(Old Kmart) parking lot, south Broadway, around 7:00AM

2025 DIOCESAN MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK-IN
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SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT YOUR PARISH YOUTH MINISTER TO REGISTER FOR THE EVENT!

PRAYER LIST

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Keith Klett, JoAnn Volker, Anne Koep, Fr. Jeff Ethen, Kathy Pauls, Brian Volker, Josh Reger, Ron Christianson, Dennis & Randi Hockert, Chris Arndt, Mark Thoennes, Deb Perreault, Savanna Shepard, Patty Kenaley, David Burgoyne, Joe Hellerman, Laura Lowe, Pat McNelly, 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

- 12-Rev. Aaron Nett
- 13-Rev. Jeremy Theis
- 14-Rev. Nickolas Kleespie, OSB
- 15-Rev. Gabriel Walz
- 16-Rev. Matthew Langager
- 17-Rev. Douglas Liebsch
- 18-Rev. Isaiah Frederick, OSB

Calendar of Events



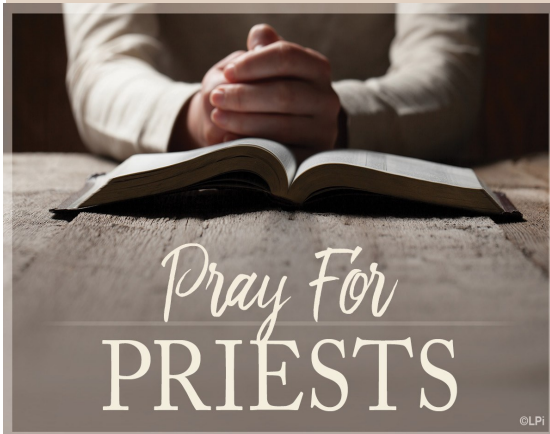
January

- 14-Sacred Heart Finance Council Meeting at 7:00 pm at St. William Living Center, Parkers Prairie
St. William Finance Meeting Council at 8:00 pm at St. William Living Center, Parkers Prairie
- 16-Finance Council Meeting at 6:00 pm at St. Edward, Henning
Parish Life 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 Life Meeting at 7:00 pm at St. James, Maine Twp.

Financials *Thank you*

	12/22/24	12/25/24	12/29/24
Our Lady of the Lake	\$4,213.00	\$7,514.00	6,645.07
St. James	\$1,079.00		
St. Edward	\$4,161.00	\$4,605.81	\$6,109.00
St. Ann	\$2,213.00	\$4,985.00	\$3,163.82
Seven Dolors	\$2,304.22	\$6,299.52	\$2,025.90
St. William	\$3,957.18	\$3,712.00	\$4,041.60
Sacred Heart	\$9,258.38	\$3,377.30	\$ 821.55
	1/1/25	1/5/25	
Our Lady of the Lake		\$3,769.12	
St. James			
St. Edward	\$1,275.00	\$2,941.20	
St. Ann		\$ 852.40	
Seven Dolors	\$ 530.32	\$2,172.77	
St. William		\$1,609.75	
Sacred Heart	\$1,321.00	\$1,073.11	

**missing financials will be in next weeks bulletin.





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:

Like Jesus, you are called God's beloved. Renew your baptismal commitment and pray for those discerning a call to priesthood or religious life. (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22)

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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