



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
Brandon, MN 56315

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,

Speaking in the synagogue in Nazareth, Jesus used Isaiah's prophetic terms, (Is 61:1-3; Lk 4: 18-19), to describe his own mission "to bring Good News to the poor." The success of Jesus' mission, particularly with the poor who had no political power made Jesus a "dangerous" person to the religious authorities of Israel and eventually resulted in crucifixion. The Christian Gospel is still dangerous when its truth is really put into practice. This is clearly seen in the case of Archbishop Saint Oscar Romero of El Salvador, who was assassinated while he was celebrating Holy Mass. Like Jesus, he reminded people of the needs of the poor and the oppressed in El Salvador.

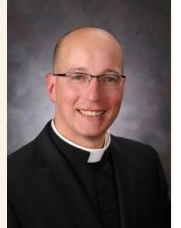
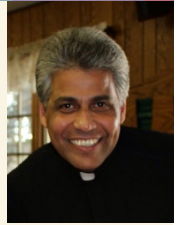
The story began in 1979 when a young priest, Father Grande, was shot and killed on the streets of El Salvador. His "crime" was that he spoke out against the government, which brutally suppressed all forms of protests and executed thousands of innocent people using its notorious "Death Squads." When Fr. Grande's great friend, Bishop Oscar Romero, was chosen to be the new Archbishop, the authorities thought he would keep quiet on the question of the oppressed poor in that country. Instead, Archbishop Oscar Romero became an outspoken defender of the poor and a critic of the state-supported "Death Squads." To honor the memory of his martyred friend, Romero refused to appear in any public ceremonies sponsored by the army or the government. He soon became the voice and conscience of El Salvador. His words and actions were reported throughout the whole world, so that everybody knew the atrocities happening in El Salvador. On March 24th, 1980, as the Archbishop was offering Holy Mass in a hospital Chapel, a shot from the back of the Church struck him in the chest, killing him instantly. Thus, Archbishop Oscar Romero died a martyr for the Gospel of Christ.

In 1997 Pope St. John Paul II bestowed upon Romero the title of Servant of God and a cause for his beatification was opened by the Church. He was beatified on May 23rd, 2015 by Cardinal Angelo Amato representing Pope Francis and canonized by Pope Francis October 14th, 2018, with the designation "Bishop and Martyr." During Romero's beatification Pope Francis declared that his ministry was distinguished by his particular attention to the most poor and marginalized. As we reflect on Jesus' words about his mission, let us

remember Saint Oscar Romero and continue to strive to live out faithfully in our world and in our daily lives the "dangerous" truths of the "Good News" which is Jesus' gift to us today.

Have a Blessed Weekend

Fr. George



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Spirit of the Lord
is upon me...
He has sent me to
proclaim liberty to
captives
and recovery of sight
to the blind,
to let the oppressed
go free.
- Lk 4:18

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 28th:

NO MASS Sacred Heart, Urbank

Wednesday, January 29th:

NO MASS Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

9:00 am St. James, Maine Twp.

Special Intention

Thursday, January 30th:

NO MASS St. Ann, Brandon

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

† George Morgan

Friday, January 31st:

NO MASS St. William Living Center, Parkers Prairie

8:30 am St. Edward, Henning

†† Clarence & Laura Cichy

Saturday, February 1st:

4:00 pm Sacred Heart, Urbank

5:00 pm St. James, Maine Twp.

7:30 pm St. Ann, Brandon

† Lucille Klimek

Mass for the People

Mass for the People

Sunday, February 2nd: Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 am Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

8:30 am St. Edward, Henning

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

10:30 am St. William, Parkers Prairie

† William Suchy

† David Trana

† Maribeth Bokinski

† Tim Steidl

CONFESSION

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

Wednesday: 8:00 am St. James, Maine Twp.

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

Friday: 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

Wednesday: 8:00 - 9:00 am St. James, Maine Twp.

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

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



Bulletin Deadline — Tuesday 11 am

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

First Reading:

Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read.

Psalm:

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

Second Reading:

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Gospel:

He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

Gospel Meditation:

A young couple in my parish told me they were expecting their second child, a baby boy. I knew that their five-year old only child Emma had been desperately wanting to be a big sister for years, so I said, "Emma must have been so happy when you told her the news." "Actually," they said, "she burst into tears. She wanted a baby *sister!*" How often in life God wonderfully fulfills our desires and we are sad because we don't approve of the way he does it. We want to control the gift and the delivery method.

The same thing occurs in the Gospel this week when Jesus announces in his hometown that the promise of an Anointed One bringing glad tidings to the poor is "**fulfilled in your hearing**" (Luke 4:21). After a moment of elation, his fellow townsfolk realize *this man* is the way God is fulfilling his promises, and they erupt into a violent outburst. So Jesus departs. How sad for them.

Every single Sunday at Mass, including this one, some version of this happens to many of us. God's word announces the fulfillment of God's promises in Christ, and we easily overlook or disdain it. His way is almost never according to our narrow expectations. What's required of us is to set these aside, and to embrace a new openness to God's gifts, no matter how he wishes to give them. God is fulfilling his promises the way He likes — why be sad?

— Father John Muir

Daily Readings

Monday, January 27: Weekday

Hebrews 9:15, 24-28; Psalm 98:1-6; Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 28: St. Thomas Aquinas

Hebrews 10:1-10; Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 10-11; Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 29: Weekday

Hebrews 10:11-18; Psalm 110:1-4; Mark 4:1-20

Thursday, January 30: Weekday

Hebrews 10:19-25; Psalm 24:1-6; Mark 4:21-25

Friday, January 31: St. John Bosco

Hebrews 10:32-39; Psalm 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mark 4:26-34

Saturday, February 1: Weekday

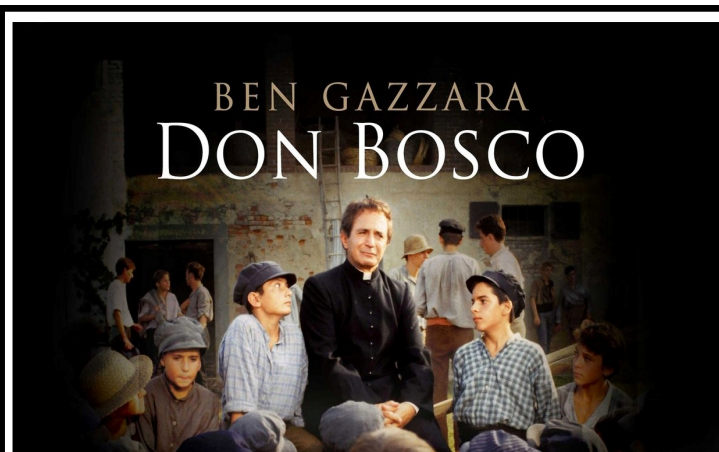
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 1:69-75; Mark 4:35-41

Sunday, February 2: The Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 24:7-10; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40



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DISCIPLES OF THE MISSION AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please keep the 23 youth and chaperones in your prayers as they attend the Winter Spectacular Lock-in in St. Cloud.

FAITH FORMATION

SW, SH, SD, SA: Classes on Jan 29 at 6:45 pm with optional meal at 6:15 pm.

SE: Class Jan 29 at 6:00 – 7:15 pm for K-12 grade students.

OLL: Edge/Life Teen Jan 29, 5:30 pm meal, class 6:00-7:30. Sunday School Feb 2, 9:15-10:15am.

SJ: Class Feb 1, 6:15-7:30 pm following the 5:00 pm Mass.

ST. WILLIAM

Laura will be out of the office from Feb 1-8. Please send any bulletin announcements to Rose.

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.

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

6:00 pm Mass will be celebrated Ad Orientem (to the East) and there will be incense at Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville. Blessings of the throats to follow Mass.

Laura will be out of the office from Feb 1-8. Please send any bulletin announcements to Rose.

The family of Corine Thoennes would like to thank you for helping make the funeral service for our Mom such a beautiful tribute. Thank you, Father Theis, the choir, those that brought and prepared food and those that said prayers and gave memorials. Corine loved being part of this amazing faith community.

ST. EDWARD

2024 Contribution Statements are available to pick up in the Fellowship Hall; this will help with the cost of postage. After February 2nd the statements that are not picked up will be mailed out.

I Banns of Marriage for John Hansen and Andrea Schmidt.

ST. JAMES

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.

Our next Bible Study is "Revelation". This one has been requested. Please look for the sign-up sheet in the foyer. There is an Introduction and 10 sessions. As before we would like your input on what day and time to have this. As soon as we get your input, we will get this Bible Study started.

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

Our 2nd Pizza Cook-Off Contest is planned for 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.

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.

Please pray for Evie Christensen, Lillian Christianson, Wesley Drusch, Jasper Everts, Claire Humann, Brooks Koep, Sloan Koep, Wyatt Soukup, Calvin Stramer, and Rhett Thompson who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, Jan 25th.

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

KC Pro-Life Games Party will be on Sunday, Feb 2 at 1:30 pm 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 Dolors 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.



The poster features two cartoon characters in winter gear tubing down a snowy slope. At the top, it says "Disciples of the Mission AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY" and "Come to the Water AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY". The main text reads "Youth Tubing at Andes Tower Hills" and "Friday, January 31, 6-8 pm Andes Tower Hills For ACC students in grades 6-12". A yellow circle says "\$10 per student!". A green circle says "Meet at Andes Tower Hills 4505 Andes Rd SW Kensington, MN 56343" and "Bring snacks or money to purchase snacks!". A QR code is labeled "Scan the QR code to register". A red "rescheduled!" stamp is in the bottom left.

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'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.

JOURNEY TO THE HEART OF THE FATHER

YOU ARE BEING CALLED TO JOIN US FOR A THREE-DAY RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN



JAN 31 - FEB 2, 2025
SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS
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WE NEED NOT COMPARE OURSELVES TO OTHERS

The Father's heart is bursting with love just for you. He loves you unconditionally and completely. God doesn't compare us to others, He just wants to offer you His Mercy and His Love. Unite your heart with the heart of the Father who will never fail to love us, never fail to pick us up when we fall. Let go of the world's unrealistic and arbitrary standards, stop listening to the lies of the enemy. You are enough, you are worthy, you are a beloved daughter of God the Father. Come join us and begin that journey, and in the glow of his heart for you, understand what it means to be His beloved daughter.



WALK BESIDE THE BLESSED MOTHER ON THE JOURNEY

Mary, our Mother, wants to show us the way to the Father's heart. Walk with Our Lady and let her help you experience the same love that she feels, flowing from God our Father. Come to understand how the beautiful heart of our Blessed Mother, can draw us ever closer to the heart of God our Father.



"All true children of God have God for their father and Mary for their mother."
— St. Louis Marie de Montfort

EXPERIENCE THE HEALING POWER OF PRAYER

Saturday evening is devoted to Prayer Ministry. This is an opportunity for you to experience firsthand the healing power of the Holy Spirit. Whether you are in need of spiritual, emotional or physical healing, our prayer teams will help you unlock the power of the holy name of Jesus. With healing and deliverance comes true freedom, allowing you to open yourself to the Lord in new and profound ways, and truly come alive in Jesus Christ.



Registration starts 8:30am Friday - First talk 9:30am - Ends about noon Sunday

Cost: \$300 - Includes accommodations and meals

To Register: Call (605) 929-2551

Email ecclesiaretreats@ecclesiadomestica.net

Or online at www.ecclesiadomestica.net or scan QR CODE



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 ecclesiaretreats@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 ecclesiaretreats@ecclesiadomestica.net. Register online at www.ecclesiadomestica.net or scan the QR Code.



DIOCESE OF SAINT CLOUD



FESTIVAL OF FAMILIES

Sunday Feb. 2 | 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

St. Francis Xavier Church, Sartell

Bringing families together to celebrate their Catholic faith. The day includes a free carnival, family games, service projects, breakout sessions, lunch, Mass and more!

COST: \$25 - per family (grants available)

Questions please contact Christine Pinto at Christine.Pinto@gw.stcdio.org or call (320) 258-7637

Deadline: January 27
Visit: stcdio.org/2025-Festival-of-Families

BREAKOUT SESSIONS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY:

- PARENT/CAREGIVER SESSIONS** - Designed to address the needs of parents today, with multiple topics to choose from, pick two that meet your needs.
- TEEN SESSION** - Intended to engage teens in a different way, this fast-paced session provides an opportunity to encounter Jesus anew and strengthens their connections with one another.
- CHILDREN SESSION** - Using the Vacation Bible School model, children will rotate through activities (bible story, snack, music, crafts, games, etc.) that bring to life their Catholic faith.

This event is partially funded by the BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

SCAN TO SEE MORE INFORMATION



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/February

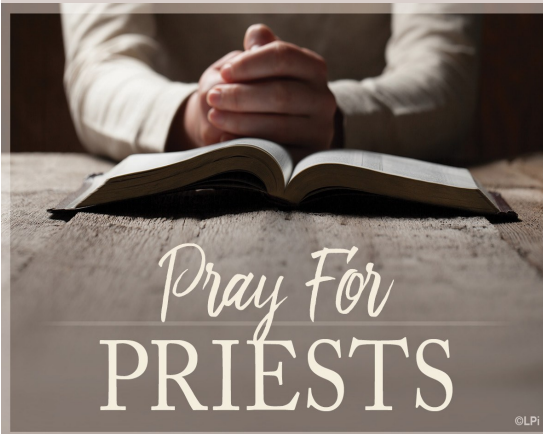
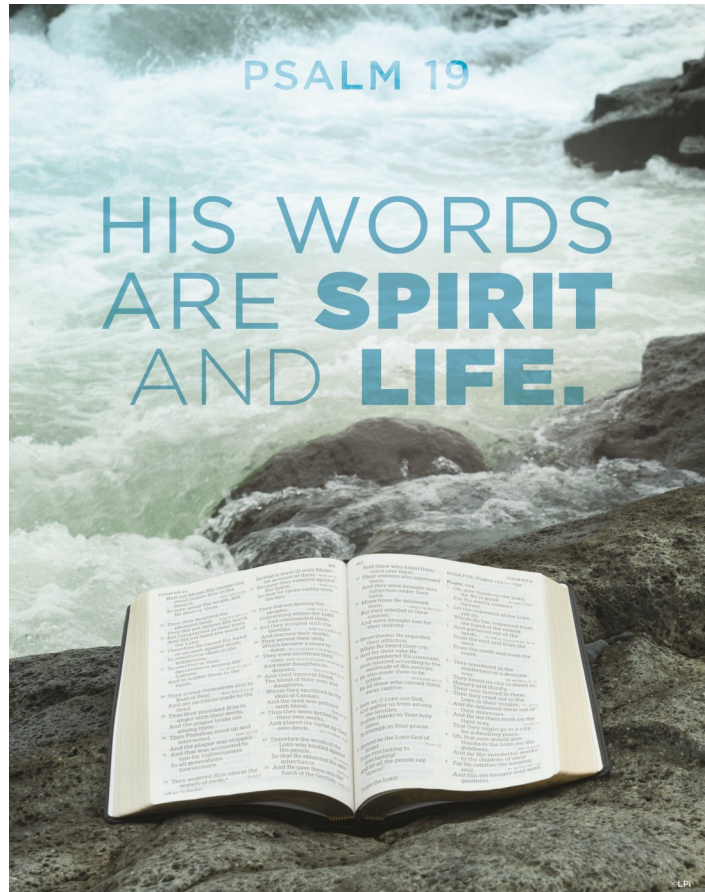
- 26-Rev. Jean Claude Duncan
- 27-Rev. Daniel Ruprecht
- 28-Rev. Kevin Soenneker
- 29-Dcn Nathaniel Daubner St. Louis Bertrand, Foreston
- 30-Dcn Joseph VanDenheuvel St. Joseph, Bertha
- 31-Tobias Ellis St. Mary's Cathedral, St Cloud
- 1-Scott Kahler Our Lady of Lourdes, Little Falls

Calendar of Events



February

- 2-KC Pro-Life Games Party 2 at 1:30 in St. Ann's Church.
- 3-6:00 pm Mass will be celebrated Ad Orientem (to the East) and there will be incense at Our Lady of Seven Dolours, Millerville. Blessings of the throats to follow Mass
- 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.



Financials

Thank you

St. James		1/19/25	Weekly Budget	
12/25/24	\$1,596.00	Our Lady of the Lake	\$3,476.50	\$4,694.00
12/29/24	\$1,150.00	St. James	\$1,050.00	\$1,725.00
1/1/25	\$1,094.92	St. Edward	\$2,166.25	\$2,650.00
1/5/25	\$1,603.00	St. Ann	\$1,568.50	\$2,610.00
1/12/25	\$ 940.00	Seven Dolours	\$1,621.42	\$3,115.00
		St. William	\$2,782.15	\$2,101.00
		Sacred Heart	\$ 948.44	\$2,135.00



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:

Through the power of the Spirit Jesus proclaimed his mission. How are you carrying on that mission today? Ponder the possibility of being a deacon, priest, brother or sister. (Luke 1:1, 4:14-21)

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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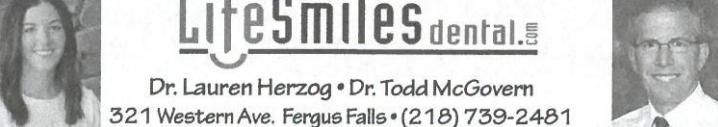
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