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Church of St. Ann • Church of St. Edward • Church of St. William
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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
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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.
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(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 most holy Virgin Mary was, in the first moment of her conception, by a unique gift of grace and privilege of almighty God, in the view of the merits of Jesus Christ the Redeemer of mankind, preserved free from all stain of original sin.”

These words were declared by Pope Pius IX in 1854 as he defined and confirmed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. It is a belief that had long been held but was declared in an official way and thus requires our belief. Simply put, it means that the Virgin Mary was conceived without original sin and thus preserved from all sin. She was saved by Jesus, but in a way very different than you or I can be saved. An example that I have borrowed is as follows. There are two ways to be saved from a pit. The first, is that once we have fallen into the pit, someone comes along and pulls us out. The second, is that one can be protected from falling into the pit in the first place. We are the ones who need to be saved by being brought out of the pit. Mary is the one who was saved by not being allowed to fall into the pit in the first place.

Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of the U.S. That means that she has a special role in guardianship over our nation. This is why this feast is a solemnity in the U.S., as well as, **a Holy Day of Obligation.**

I would like to encourage everyone to ask the Immaculate Conception to intercede for us and for our nation in these very challenging times. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, pray for us.

Blessings,

Fr. Theis



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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 8th: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil

4:00 pm St. Ann, Brandon

People of the Parishes

Monday, December 9th: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 am St. William, Parkers Prairie

† Kenny Benzinger

8:30 am St. Edward, Henning

People of the Parishes

5:00 pm Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

†† Roger & Marge Hockert

7:00 pm Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake

† Terry Kambel

Tuesday, December 10th:

8:30 am Sacred Heart, Urbank

† Kathy Koep

Wednesday, December 11th:

8:30 am Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

† James Klimek

9:00 am St. James, Maine Twp.

†† Ed & Carter Casey

Thursday, December 12th:

8:30 AM St. Ann, Brandon

† Elphege Webskowski

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

† Joanie Gronso

Friday, December 13th:

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

† Bernadine Kamphake

8:30 am St. Edward, Henning

† Bob Bolland

Saturday, December 14th:

4:00 pm Sacred Heart, Urbank

† Florian Lenarz

5:00 pm St. James, Maine Twp.

People of the Parishes

7:30 pm St. Ann, Brandon

Sister Parish in Barbacoa

Sunday, December 15th: Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

People of the Parishes

8:30 am St. Edward, Henning

† Annela Reineke

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

Family of Bob & Ruth Zinken

10:30 am St. William, Parkers Prairie

† Rick Klimek

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



Penance Service: December 15th

1:00 pm at Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

4:00 pm at Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading:

“For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God’s worship.”

Psalm:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading:

So that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ.

Gospel:

“The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

Gospel Meditation:

In the year 1995, in the seventeenth year of my life, when Fife Symington was governor of Arizona, Bill Clinton was president of the United States, Chuck Keiffer was pastor of St. Theresa parish in Phoenix, Arizona, and Ron and Mary were my parents, the word of God came to my youth minister Eric and through him I started to see the salvation of God. Soon, Christ came into my life never to leave. I’m thankful beyond words.

Why am I being so specific, you ask? Because in the Gospel this week we hear the specific names of people holding civic and religious authority in first century Palestine when “**the word of God came to John the Baptist:**” Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, Herod, Philip, Lysanias, Annas, Caiaphas, and Zechariah. All this is meant to help us see that God breaks into our *history*, into real human events. Jesus is no mere myth. He is the Word-which-breaks-in, in concrete moments, you might say. And now we anticipate his coming once again in our specific situations.

Advent challenge: Name as many civic and religious leaders who are in authority currently in your life. Now, name who the potential John the Baptists may be. A spouse? A friend? A podcaster? A work colleague who brings God’s word to you? Spend a moment considering that this comprises the concrete, historical setting into which Christ wishes to come. Then, with these specifics in mind, pray: “Come, Lord Jesus. Come.”

— Father John Muir

Daily Readings

Monday, December 9: *Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity*

Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Psalms 98:1-4;
Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 10: *Advent Weekday*

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalms 96:1-3, 10-13; Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 11: *Advent Weekday/St. Damasus I*

Isaiah 40:25-31; Psalms 103:1-4, 8, 10;
Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday, December 12: *Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast*

Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19; 12:1-6, 10;

Judith 13:18-19; Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47

Friday, December 13: *St. Lucy, Virgin*

Isaiah 48:17-19; Psalms 1:1-4, 6; Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday, December 14: *St. John of the Cross*

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Matthew 17:9-13

Sunday, December 15: *Third Sunday of Advent*

Zephaniah 3:14-18; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7;
Luke 3:10-18



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DISCIPLES OF THE MISSION AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH FORMATION

SW, SH, SD, SA: Class Dec 11 6:45 pm with optional meal at 6:15 pm.

SE: Class Dec 11 at 6:00 – 7:15 pm for K-12 grade students.

OLL: Edge/Life Teen Dec 11, 5:30 pm meal, class 6:00-7:30.
Sunday School Dec 15, 9:15-10:15am.

SJ: Class Dec 14, 6:15-7:30 pm following the 5:00 pm Mass.

ST. WILLIAM

Collection envelopes and calendars are available in the back of the church. If you don't have a box of envelopes please contact Laura in the office.

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

OUR LADY OF SEVEN DOLORS

Please pick up your collection envelopes, they are in the back of the church. Calendars are also available.

2024 Calendar winners:

Dec 2 \$75 David Dickey

Dec 3 \$50 Sue Bitzan

Dec 4 \$75 Kathy & Jack Bitzan

Dec 5 \$100 Adella Klimek

Dec 6 \$50 Richard Johnson

Dec 7 \$50 Brett Koep

Dec 8 \$100 Nicole Bitzan

SACRED HEART

We will be decorating the church after Mass on Dec 21.

The Last Supper image has been fixed and repainted. You can see here the before and after pictures. The couple who repaired and painted the image did not ask for anything in return but prayers for them and their family. A big thank you to Don and Diane!



Before

After



ST. ANN

Welcome to new member: Tina Marie Eichers

ST. EDWARD

A big thank you to everyone who made our 13th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner possible. For those who were so generous in donating their time in setting up, preparing food, serving the dinner and cleaning up; we are grateful to you. We served around 200 guests including take outs on Thanksgiving Day; those in attendance really enjoy this annual event.

Marilyn will be on vacation from December 14 – 23.

The gifts from the Christmas Giving Tree and the snacks for the College Care Packages need to be return by Sunday, December 8th. Thank you for your generosity and making Christmas a little brighter for those who are less fortunate.

ST. JAMES

Circle 3 will meet on Monday, December 9, 2024 at **10:00 am. Please note change of time for this month only because of Mass at Henning.** We will be putting together our Christmas boxes. Please bring wrapped box and goodies. See minutes for details. This will be followed by lunch at Quick Stop in Underwood at 1:00 pm.

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

It's time to think about our Christmas Program Potluck on Dec 15th Tree. Checks should be made payable to OLL. after Mass. Please bring a dish to share. Last name A-G Dessert, H-S Casserole, T-Z Salad. Hope you can join us.

The Angel Tree is in the Gathering Space. The tags are on the tree and have an item written on the back of the tag indicating something that an area child is wishing for this Christmas. Select a tag from the tree, shop for the item, wrap the gift, attach the tag to the gift and return your wrapped gift to Our Lady of the Lake Church by Friday December 13th. We will collect the gifts here and deliver them to the school for you. We will also be buying gift cards at Larry's so that each family can purchase groceries for a holiday meal. If you would like to make a contribution to that, there will be a donation box provided near the Angel

SE, SJ, OLL

The Little Blue Books for Advent and Christmas have arrived and are available for pick up in the Narthex. These wonderful books have daily prayers and reflections to assist in your Christmas preparations.

DISCIPLES OF THE MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

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

Millerville KC's are seeking Raffle or 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.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Schedule

December 8

4:00 pm St. Ann, Brandon

December 9

7:00 am St. William, Parkers Prairie

8:30 am St. Edward, Henning

5:00 pm Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

7:00 pm Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake



Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24 Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

4:00 pm Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake

6:30 pm St. Edward, Henning

7:00 pm St. William, Parkers Prairie

December 25 Christmas Day

8:30 am St. Ann, Brandon

8:30 am St. James, Maine Twp.

10:30 am Sacred Heart, Urbank



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.

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:

Brian Volker, Josh Reger, Ron Christian-son, Dennis & Randi Hockert, Chris Arndt, Jim & Carol Grotheer, Kathy Wardlow, Mark Thoennes, Deb Perreault, Savanna Shepard, Terry Pauls, 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 December

- 8-Rev. Jose Chettoor, VC
- 9-Rev. Albert Holmes
- 10-Rev. Peter Kirchner
- 11-Rev. Gregory Mastey
- 12-Rev. Oswaldo Roche
- 13-Rev. George Michael, VC
- 14-Rev. Jimmy Joseph, VC

Calendar of **EVENTS**

December

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Schedule Holy Day of Obligation

December 8

4:00 pm St. Ann, Brandon

December 9

7:00 am St. William, Parkers Prairie

8:30 am St. Edward, Henning

5:00 pm Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

7:00 pm Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake

15-Penance Service at 1:00 pm at Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

15-Penance Service at 4:00 pm at Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake

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December 24 Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

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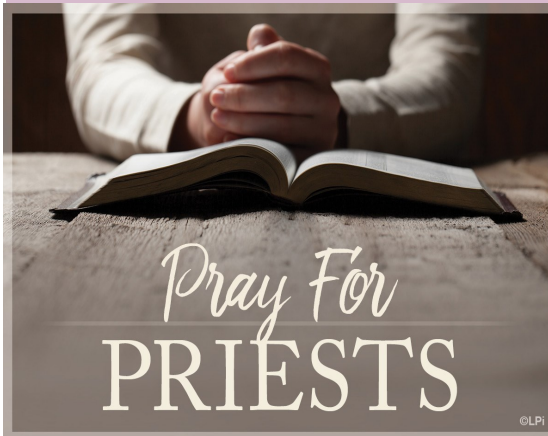
10:30 am Sacred Heart, Urbank



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St. Edward	\$1,790.00	\$2,047.87	\$3,116.38
St. Ann	\$2,251.00	\$2,436.50	\$1,044.00
Seven Dolors	\$1,724.90	\$1,245.22	
St. William	\$1,587.90	\$5,968.95	\$4,412.15
Sacred Heart	\$ 916.74	\$1,677.52	\$1,490.76

**missing financials will be in next weeks bulletin





Pope Francis December Intention:

For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

A Vocation View:

John the Baptist cried out and made ready for the Lord. Promote the gospel in our community (Luke 3:1-6)

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

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RCIA

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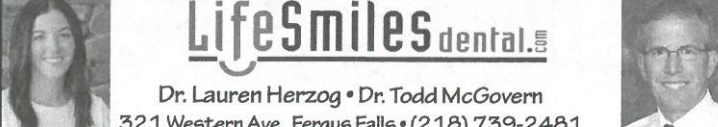
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