



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
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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

Greetings,

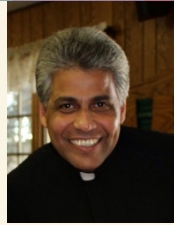
Love your enemies (LK 6: 27): There is no commandment of Jesus which has caused so much discussion and debate as the commandment to love our enemies. Jesus orders us to love our enemies and to be merciful as God our Father is merciful. Jesus is giving us the revolutionary moral teaching about correct choices in our human relationships, placing special emphasis on the Golden Rule, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." (LK 6:31) This Golden Rule, is amplified by a particular command: "Love your enemies...Do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you."

Before we can obey it, we must discover what it means. In Greek there are three words for love. There is eros, which describes passionate love, the love of a man for a woman (love between spouses). There is philia, which describes our love for our nearest and dearest, our own family, the warm affection of the heart. Neither of these two words is used here; the word used here is agape.

Agape is the love that describes an active feeling of benevolence towards the other person; simply because he is created in God's image, and wishes him well because that is what God wishes; it means that no matter what that person does to us, we will never allow ourselves to desire anything but his highest good; and we will deliberately and of set purpose go out of our way to be good and kind to him. No matter what a man does to us, even if he insults, ill-treats and injures us, we will seek nothing but his highest good. *Agape* is the love that cares deeply for others. We speak of falling in love; it is something which happens to us. The love we bear to our dear ones is something we cannot help. But this love towards our enemies is not only something of the heart; it is something of the will. It is something which by the grace of God we may will ourselves to do. Jesus not only commanded us to love our enemies, he also gave us the most vivid example of this type of love in action. For Jesus, love is a fundamental attitude that seeks another's good. While hanging on the cross, he prayed for all of us human beings, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." (LK 23:34)

Have a Blessed Weekend,

Fr. George



7TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

"Give, and gifts will
be given to you."
- Lk 6:38

Sunday February 23, 2025

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Bulletin Deadline — Tuesday 11 am

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tuesday, February 25th:

8:30 am Sacred Heart, Urbank Living & Deceased members of Christian Mothers

Wednesday, February 26th:

8:30 am Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville † George Dickey
9:00 am St. James, Maine Twp. † Til Anderson

Thursday, February 27th:

NO MASS St. Ann, Brandon
8:30 am Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake † George Morgan

Friday, February 28th:

NO MASS St. William Living Center, Parkers Prairie
8:30 am St. Edward, Henning † Alma Smith

Saturday, March 1st:

4:00 pm St. William, Parkers Prairie † Gil Marso
5:00 pm St. James, Maine Twp. † Mike Toso
7:30 pm Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville † Nick Bitzan

Sunday, March 2nd: Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 am Sacred Heart, Urbank † Darrin Koep
8:30 am St. Edward, Henning Mass for the People
10:30 am Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake Special Intention
10:30 am St. Ann, Brandon Mass for the People

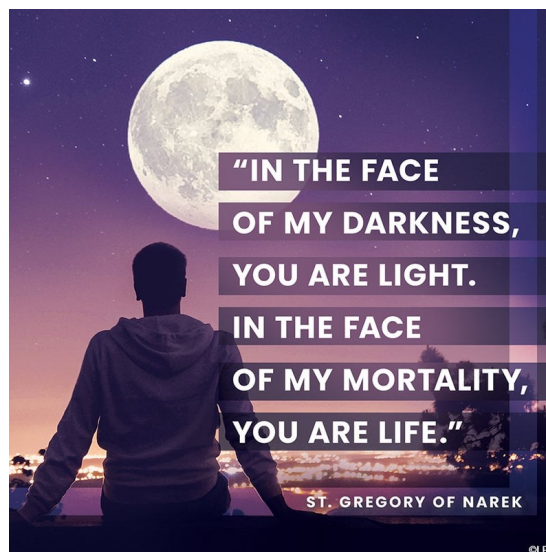
CONFESSION

Tuesday: 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
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 pm St. James, Maine Twp.
9:00 - 10:00 am Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville
Thursday: 9:00 - 10:00 am Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake
Friday: 9:00 - 10:00 am St. Edward, Henning



CLP

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

First Reading:

“Today, though the LORD delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the LORD’s anointed.”

Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading:

Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one.

Gospel:

“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”

Gospel Meditation:

One of my favorite new singers/songwriters is Noah Kahan. I’m a little biased because, like me, he is originally from Vermont. In a fine song entitled “Stick Season,” he sings of his hope to “cancel out the darkness I inherited from dad.” This lyric articulates his painful recognition of a dark spiritual “inheritance” from his father, and his hope to be free of it. We all inherit some degree of evil from our earthly forebears. It’s easy to feel doomed to repeat their darkneses.

But we’re not so doomed, thank God. This week’s Gospel proclaims this. Whatever good or bad we received from our parents, we have a more definitive and perfect inheritance in God. Jesus commands us, **“Be merciful just as your Father is merciful”** (Luke 6:36). We have a perfect Father in heaven and are destined to inherit and reflect *that* perfect and merciful love. We have an inheritance of light, not darkness, and thus a whole new possibility of magnanimous love. Like any inheritance, this is a free gift to us.

What are we destined to repeat? Not the darkness of our earthly parents. We are destined to be a reflection of *God’s* life. Jesus liberates us from the inevitability of repeating whatever evils and imperfections are in our familial or cultural upbringings. It’s time to claim that perfect inheritance.

— *Father John Muir*

Daily Readings

Monday, February 24: Weekday

Sirach 1:1-10; Psalm 93:1-2, 5; Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday, February 25: Weekday

Sirach 2:1-11; Psalm 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mark 9:30-37

Wednesday, February 26: Weekday

Sirach 4:11-19; Psalm 119:165, 168, 171-172, 174-175; Mark 9:38-40

Thursday, February 27: St. Gregory of Narek

Sirach 5:1-8; Psalm 1:1-4, 6; Mark 9:41-50

Friday, February 28: Weekday

Sirach 6:5-17; Psalm 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34-35; Mark 10:1-12

Saturday, March 1: Weekday

Sirach 17:1-15; Psalm 103:13-18; Mark 10:13-16

Sunday, March 2: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:4-7; Psalm 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45

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DISCIPLES OF THE MISSION AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPRING MASS SCHEDULE

Starting the weekend of March 1st–2nd

Saturday:

4:00 pm - St William, Parkers Prairie

7:30 pm - Our Lady of Seven Dolores, Millerville

Sunday:

8:30 am - Sacred Heart, Urbank

10:30 am - St Ann, Brandon

FAITH FORMATION

SW, SH, SD, SA: Classes on Feb 26 at 6:45 pm with optional meal at 6:15 pm.

SE: Class Feb 26 at 6:00 – 7:15 pm for K-12 grade students.

OLL: Edge/Life Teen Feb 26, 5:30 pm meal, class 6-7:30.

Sunday School Mar 2, 9:15-10:15 am.

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

ST. ANN

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Sunday after 10:30 a.m. Mass. We hope you will participate in this special Lenten devotion.

ST. WILLIAM

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

Laura will be out of the office Feb 25-Mar 7. Please contact Rose if you need something.

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

Please welcome our newest member Blair Christine Roers, daughter of Joe & Allison, who was baptized this weekend. May God Bless her and her family.

SACRED HEART

Sacred Heart Christian Mother's is having a spring raffle. If you would like to donate towards the raffle, please contact Connie at 218-639-4266 or Jess at 701-799-0467. Please let us know by February 24th. Thank you.

Mark your calendars for our Annual Fish Fry Suppers which will be held on the following Fridays during Lent ... Mar 7, Mar 21, & Apr 4. There is a signup sheet in back of Church. Please plan on helping out to make it another successful Fish Fry.

ST. EDWARD

Mark your calendars for our 29th Annual Lakes Area Fish Fry Suppers which will be held on the following Fridays during Lent ... March 14, 28, & April 11.

The Lenten Fish Fry Workers' Schedule is available for volunteers to sign up. The sheet is located next to the Parish Office. Let this Annual Lakes Area Lenten Fish Fry be as successful as the past 28 have been. Thank you for volunteering.

ST. JAMES

Please join us for a Fabulous Fat Tuesday Celebration at St James Church. Sign up today by texting Maureen at 507-327-3540. Deadline to sign up is February 23.

The Bible Study "Revelation" will be starting **SUNDAY FEBRUARY 02, 2025** at 12 noon. The study consists of an Introduction and 10 sessions. There will be a Potluck starting at 12 noon, with the Bible Study following. Sign-up sheet is in the entry. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

Congratulations to Ken Mauch-Morff who was the winner of the Pizza Cook-Off Contest. Thank you to everyone who participated and to those who assisted in any way. \$455 will be added to the statue fund.

Alms will again be collected each Sunday during Lent. Look for the flyer in next week's bulletin as some of the organizations have changed.

Cell Phone Ash Wednesday!

Wed. March 5th after Mass at St Williams and Seven Dolores - Stay after Mass to find out how to download and use **Formed** on your phone, TV, or your iPad.

Help make this your best Lent ever by listening to encouraging messages, videos, prayers, podcasts, audio books, & dramas that uplift and inspire you to grow closer to our Lord! Share this resource with others to help bring them closer to the Lord! Evangelize family and friends gently with inspirational material that can help answer questions and encourage them on their journey in faith. **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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The local Knights of Columbus Chesterton Council meets every second Tuesday of the month at Our Lady of Seven Dolores 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.

ANN'S HOUSE-BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to learn about God's plan of Salvation History, and how the Old Testament prophesies are fulfilled in the New Testament through Jesus Christ in the Gospel of Matthew. Join us on **Monday mornings, beginning March 3rd at 10:30 am at Ann's House in Brandon to begin this journey of discovery!** Each session will last about 1½ hours and we will conclude with a light lunch. Please call 320-766-5312 to register & inform us of any food allergies. There is no cost for these sessions To prepare for the first session read Matthew Chapter 1. Bring your bible!

DISCIPLES OF THE MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Reminder:

Registration is open and encouraged for our Women's Retreat coming up on Saturday, March 8. Please join us and invite a friend to come with you!

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 To Register and pay \$10 online:
 Scan the QR code or go to stmarysalexandria.org
 Or pay in person at the Faith Formation Office

Questions? Call Lori 320-760-3454 or catholicwomenstudy@gmail.com



THE SECRET OF THE HOLY FACE

LENTEN RETREAT
SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025

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SCHEDULE

8:45 A.M. – REGISTRATION / REFRESHMENTS
 (PARISH CENTER)
 9:30 A.M. – “THE LEAGUE OF ST. MARTIN”
 SPEAKER: CATHY MALONEY-HILLS, OSF
 10:30 A.M. – CHAPLET OF THE HOLY FACE
 11:00 A.M. – MASS
 12:00 NOON – LUNCH
 1:00 P.M. – “THE SECRET OF THE HOLY FACE”
 THE DEVOTION DESTINED TO SAVE SOCIETY
 SPEAKER: FR. ROBERT ALTIER
 2:00 P.M. – CLOSING PRAYER, DOOR PRIZES

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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a faith formation program that uses hands-on materials to guide children into deeper prayer with God. The method is rooted in Sacred Scripture, Liturgy, and respect for the child's rich relationship with God.

CGS Level 1 is offered for children ages 3-6 in the area!

Weekly sessions are 1.5 hours and will run from mid-February through mid-May; schedule to be defined based on registrations. The atrium is in the lower level of Our Lady of Seven Dolours.

For a tour of the atrium or more information, contact Sarah Schaffer at 701-403-3902. For background on CGS, visit cgsusa.org.

REGISTER



VOLUNTEER



How to Get Involved!

CGS looks to be a whole parish initiative allowing each parishioner to help, using their own unique gifts to form the youngest of our parish. We are looking for those called to volunteer with children, handiwork, and other resources. If interested, let us know through the volunteer QR code or by contacting Sarah.



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:

Al Retka, Sarah Wagner, Mary Ann Kuhn, Pat Kirscht, Norma Youngbauer, Keith Klett, JoAnn Volker, Anne Koep, Fr. Jeff Ethen, Kathy Pauls, Brian Volker, Josh Reger, Ron Christianson, 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, Seminarian & Deacon each day in February

- 23-Rev. Gerald Mischke
Dcn. Peter Bellavance
- 24-Rev. Kenneth Riedemann
Dcn. Mike Benda
- 25-Rev. Eberhard Schefers
Dcn. Bert Bliss
- 26-Rev. William Vos
Dcn. Charles Bobertz
- 27-Rev. Paul Folsom
Dcn. Jorge Carrillo Ambriz
- 28-Rev. Robert Harren
Dcn. Vincent Charles

Calendar of Events



March

5-Ash Wednesday

7:00 am St. William, Parkers Prairie

8:30 am St. James, Maine Twp.

5:00 pm St Edward, Henning

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

7:00 pm Our Lady of Seven Dolores, Millerville

7-Sacred Heart Fish Fry from 5-7pm, Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Urbank.

8-DCCW Lenten Retreat 9 am St. Michaels Parish, Buckman

8-Confirmation Retreat at 11:30 am, Our Lady of Seven Dolores, Millerville

14-Fish Fry Supper 5-7 pm, St. Edward, Henning

21-Sacred Heart Fish Fry from 5-7pm, Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Urbank.

23-Penance Service 1:00 pm Our Lady of Seven Dolores, Millerville

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

28-Fish Fry Supper 5-7 pm, St. Edward, Henning

April

4-Sacred Heart Fish Fry from 5-7pm, Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Urbank

6-Confirmation at 2:00 pm Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake

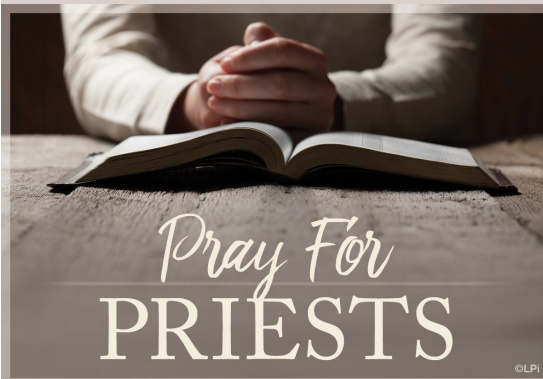
7-Finance Council Meeting at 6:00 pm Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake

Parish Life Meeting at 7:00 pm Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake

11-Fish Fry Supper 5-7 pm, St. Edward, Henning



Called and Gifted is **designed to help Christians discern the presence of charisms in their lives.** Charisms, or spiritual gifts, are special abilities given to all Christians by the Holy Spirit to give them power both to represent Christ and to be a channel of God's goodness for people. If you would like to discover God's mission for your life, join us at St. Edward in Henning on Monday, March 31 & Monday, April 7. Supper at 5:30 pm. Class from 6:00-8:30 pm. If interested please call.



	2/16/25	Weekly Budget	<h2>Financials</h2> <p>Thank you</p>
Our Lady of the Lake	\$4,227.11	\$4,410.00	
St. James	\$1,103.00	\$1,725.00	
St. Edward	\$3,052.50	\$2,650.00	
St. Ann	\$1,467.00	\$2,610.00	
Seven Dolores	\$2,747.90	\$3,115.00	
St. William	\$2,591.90	\$2,101.00	
Sacred Heart	\$1,545.00	\$2,135.00	



Pope Francis February Intention:
For vocations to the priesthood and religious life
 Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

A Vocation View:
 Jesus helps our faith be fruitful when we follow where he leads. Where is Jesus leading you today? (Luke 6:27-38)

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
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