

Welcome!

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Church of St. Ann

Brandon, MN 56315

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

Greetings,

On this January 22, there is scheduled a nation-wide Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. Over 60 million babies have been killed legally in this country since January 22, 1973. There have recently been some victories in different parts of the U.S. Through God's grace and mercy may they grow in number. We are all strongly encouraged to offer penance in the form of prayer coupled with fasting, almsgiving, or another form of personal sacrifice. Let us pray for the conversion and healing of all those who in any way have been affected by or support abortion. In particular, we pray for those responsible for legislating and allowing such a travesty to be legal.

How to Participate (From the US Conference of Catholic Bishops website) Not sure how to observe this day of prayer and penance? Pick from the ideas below or offer some other prayer or sacrifice that you feel called to do.

- Go to Mass
- Abstain from meat
- Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Fast
- Pray a decade of the Rosary
- Give up TV and movies for the day
- Offer A Prayer for Life to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament
- Sacrifice some of your free time to do a small act of service for someone else

There is another way to participate in a special way. Please see the Rally For Life invitation on page five (5) in this bulletin concerning participation in the March For Life on January 22nd.

Fr. Theis

FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN

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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: 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



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Bulletin Deadline — Tuesday 11 am

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 21st: 8:30 am Sacred Heart, Urbank † Kay Jarmoluk Wednesday, January 22nd: 8:30 am Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville † Ruth Byrne 9:00 am St. James, Maine Twp. Special Intention of A Craig Thursday, January 23rd: 8:30 am St. Ann, Brandon † Darlene Wagner † Robert Zinken Sr 8:30 am Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake Friday, January 24th: 7:30 am St. William Living Center, Parkers Prairie † Shirley Dropik Kluver 8:30 am St. Edward, Henning † Alma Smith Saturday, January 25th: 4:00 pm Sacred Heart, Urbank †† David & Irene Freske 5:00 pm St. James, Maine Twp. † Mike Toso 7:30 pm St. Ann, Brandon [†] Jim Lachowitzer

Sunday, January 26th: 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

CONFESSION

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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 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	
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DAY OF PRAYER

for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children



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† Alex Boesl

† John Saari

Mass for the People

Mass for the People

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

First Reading:

As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.

Psalm:

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Second Reading:

But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.

Gospel:

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

Gospel Meditation:

A friend invited me to an invitation-only wine-tasting event. There were over two hundred varieties of wine. Having no idea how to approach such a massive selection, I wandered aimlessly among the tables, sipping this and that. At the end of the evening my friend asked if I had tried some of the exceptionally expensive wines. I hadn't. "The really good stuff disappears first," he said. "My man, you missed out on some amazing vino." I was so disappointed. I wasted my chance for amazing once-in-a-lifetime wine. The wine I tasted was, well, *blah.*

Don't we often feel a similar disappointment in life? I missed this or that opportunity. If only I had known. Optimism sputters and fades. The glory days are gone. The chances, it seems, for the really great things in life come and go so quickly. Then they are gone forever. The good stuff goes first. Then life is just *blah*.

Not so with the Lord Jesus. In Jesus' miracle at the wedding at Cana, the steward of the feast says, **"Everyone serves good wine first, and then...an inferior one"** (John 2:10). That's the natural downward progression of life. The good stuff disappears quickly. But he says of the groom (who symbolizes Jesus), **"But you have kept the good wine until now."** This is the ever-improving trajectory of the realm of God's grace. With Jesus, the "good wine" of divine love, hope and peace gets better as our journey of faith progresses. Where are your greatest disappointments? Don't give in to the lie that the really good stuff is gone. Tell Jesus you've run out. Then learn how to taste *that* amazingly good wine, because he saves the best until now.

— Father John Muir

Daily Readings

Monday, January 20: Weekday Hebrews 5:1-10; Psalm 110:1-4; Mark 2:18-22 Tuesday, January 21: St. Agnes Hebrews 6:10-20; Psalm 111:1-2, 4-5, 9-10; Mark 2:23-28

 Wednesday, January 22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
 Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17; Psalm 110:1-4; Mark 3:1-6
 Thursday, January 23: Weekday
 Hebrews 7:25—8:6; Psalm 40:7-10, 17; Mark 3:7-12
 Friday, January 24: St. Francis de Sales
 Hebrews 8:6-13; Psalm 85:8, 10-14; Mark 3:13-19
 Saturday, January 25: The Conversion of St. Paul
 Acts 22:3-16; Psalm 117:1-2; Mark 16:15-18
 Sunday, January 26: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10; Psalm 19:8-10, 15;
 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21



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 <u>www.ecclesiadomestica.net</u> or contact Deacon Thane Barnier at <u>ecclesiaretreats@ecclesiadomestica.net</u>. Register online at <u>www.ecclesiadomestica.net</u> 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 <u>www.ecclesiadomestica.net</u> or contact Deacon Thane Barnier at <u>ecclesiaretreats@ecclesiadomestica.net</u>. Register online at <u>www.ecclesiadomestica.net</u> or scan the QR Code.



DISCIPLES OF THE MISSION AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH FORMATION

SW, SH, SD, SA: NO CLASS Jan 22

SE: Class Jan 22 at 6:00 – 7:15 pm for K-12 grade students.

OLL: Edge/Life Teen Jan 22, 5:30 pm meal, class 6:00-7:30. Sunday School Jan 26, 9:15-10:15am.

SJ: Class Jan 25, 6:15-7:30 pm following the 5:00 pm Mass.

First Reconciliation:

The following students received their First Reconciliation on January 11:

Lyza Arvidson, Zoey Arvidson, Ariel Boudin, Maple Evjen, Kreed Jesnowski, Wrenley Johnson, Lindy Kowalski, Avery Leard, Kinsley Messer, Leo Smith, Rebekah Wagner. Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare to receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time.

ST. WILLIAM

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.

OUR LADY OF SEVEN DOLORS

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

ST. EDWARD

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Pat Waskosky, who passed away recently. Her Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, January 17th. May Pat know eternal peace and joy in heaven and may God grant comfort to her family and friends.

Please pray for our 2nd graders, Henry Hoyhtya and Wrigley Weller, who received their 1st Reconciliation this weekend and continue to prepare for their First Communion in April.

ST. JAMES

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 <u>churchofstjamesmaine@gmail.com</u> 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.

Our 2nd Pizza Cook-Off Contest is planned for February 16th after Mass. Bring your favorite homemade pizza and compete for prizes.

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 and who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, Jan 25th.

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, selfdiscipline 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 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.

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...



If you are not in this age demographic, but would like to participate, your help is appreciated...call Darby Bradley 320-339-0686.





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

PRAYER LIST

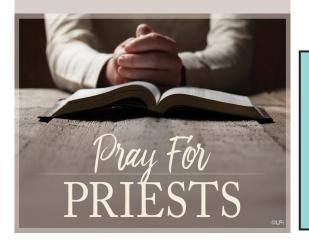
Please remember the following in your prayers:

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.

<u>Please Pray for a Priest each day in</u> <u>January</u>

19-Rev. Derek Wiechmann 20-Rev. Richard Aubol 21-Rev. Mark Botzet 22-Rev. Gregory Sauer 23-Rev. Patrick Hoeft 24-Rev. Brady Keller 25-Rev. Thomas Skaja



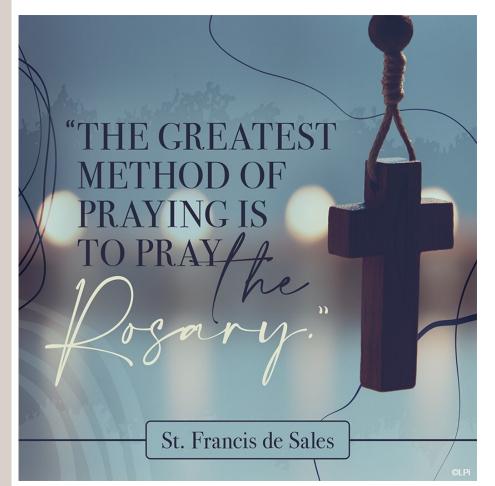


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- 20-St. Ann Finance Council Meeting at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of Seven Dolors Office, Millerville
 - Our Lady of Seven Dolors Finance Council Meeting at 8:00 pm at Our Lady of Seven Dolors Office, Millerville
- 23-Finance Council Meeting at 6:00 pm at St. James, Maine Twp. Parish Life Meeting at 7:00 pm at St. James, Maine Twp.



	1/12/25	Weekly Budget
Our Lady of the Lake	e \$3,251.00	\$4,694.00
St. James	\$	\$1,725.00
St. Edward	\$1,077.65	\$2,650.00
St. Ann	\$3,506.00	\$2,610.00
Seven Dolors	\$1,497.53	\$3,115.00
St. William	\$4,502.40	\$2,101.00
Sacred Heart	\$1,728.00	\$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:

God's Spirit is given to each person for the common good. What are your gifts? Be willing to share them for the good of others. (1 Corinthians 12:4-11)

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.







Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake, MN