

# July 16, 2023 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are excited to announce the date for Spirit Fest is September 16th. Save the date!

Our raffle ticket sale and volunteer sign-up kickoff will begin after all Masses on July 22 and 23. Please feel free to stop by the Spirit Fest tables after Mass to purchase some raffle tickets and/or sign up for a volunteer slot for our Fall Festival!

This year, we have two cash raffles: a \$10 Raffle and the Lucky \$100 Raffle.



Prize raffle tickets are also available for the following: \* \$500 Gas & Groceries Gift Cards \* 1-Hour Airplane Tour over Faribault Area for 3 \* 5 Cu. Ft. Chest Freezer & Half-a- Hog \* Yeti Cooler Party Package (Donated by Ace Hardware) \* Drone with a Built-In Camera \* Premium Wooden Yard Games (Donated & Hand-Crafted by Ron Karels) \*

Tickets are on sale now at the church reception desk and at the DMCS Office. Check out www.spiritfest.cc and stay tuned for more details.

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 St. Lawrence Cemetery

 2830 Second Ave NW - Faribault, MN

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>16</b> Is 55:10-11 Rom 8:18-23 Mt 13:1-23	Ex 1:8-14, 22 Mt 10:34-11:1	<b>18</b> Ex 2:1-15a Mt 11:20-24	<b>19</b> Ex 3:1-6, 9-12 Mt 11:25-27
<ul> <li>8:00 am Mass DMCC</li> <li>Bishop Donald DeGrood</li> <li>10:00 am Mass (ASL interpreted) DMCC</li> <li>James Bahe *</li> <li>11:15 am Baptism DMCC</li> <li>12 pm (noon) Spanish Mass DMCC</li> <li>Santo Mata/Jose Ediberto Mata *</li> <li>1:00 pm Altar Server Training (Spanish) DMCC</li> <li>5:00 pm Mass DMCC</li> <li>Parish</li> <li>6:00 pm High School Youth Group DMCC-SFC</li> </ul>	12:00 pm Bulletin an- nouncements due to Bul- letin Editor. Occasional- ly deadlines vary due to holiday schedules. 5:00 pm Reconciliation IC 5:30 pm Mass IC NOTE - Mass is not at DMCC Mary Jean Malecha ↓ 6:00 pm Community Night IC	<ul> <li>8:00 am Reconciliation DMCC</li> <li>8:30 am Mass DMCC Louie Jeno ↑</li> <li>2:00 pm FCTV Mass from previous weekend: Consolidated Communi- cations channel 10, Char- ter channel 181</li> <li>7:00 pm Sons of Thunder DMCC-Farmhouse</li> </ul>	<b>8:30 am Mass DMCC</b> Fr Clayton Forner 10:00 am Grief Support Group DMCC- Farmhouse

DMCC—New Site (SFC—St. Faustina Commons; BDR—Bishop Dudley Activity Room; JP II—John Paul II Portico; NAR-Narthex); HOG—House of Gratitude; DMCS—Divine Mercy Catholic School; GYM—DMCS Gym; IC-Immaculate Conception; KC—KC Hall; MSB—Mother Samuel Building; TC—Tomlinson Center (youth room) MCF—Minnesota Correctional Facility PLM—Pleasant Manor

Locations Key



## Message from Father Cory Rohlfing

"No disciple is above his teacher," our Lord says in Mathew's Gospel 10: 24-33. However, He does make a qualification: "It is enough for the disciple that he become like his teacher." For the Apostles and for us, this is the essence of our Christian lives—transformation into other Christs. We are transformed when we go about doing good, suffering, loving, and blessing as he did despite obstacles. Our Lord had many enemies, so we might also, right? Christ simply tells us, "Therefore do not be afraid of them." Instead, we pray, "Jesus I trust in you."

Christ tells us two sparrows are practically worthless from an earthly perspective, yet "not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge." Everything that happens to us, everything we do, happens under the loving gaze of God the Father. What an enduring source of comfort! Nothing in our life is meaningless because the Lord knows and loves us—he knows the number of hairs on our heads and promises we are "worth more than many sparrows."

The relationship Jesus offers transforms us to the degree that we open ourselves to his love. As we are filled with his love, our hearts can't help but love reciprocally! And what person who truly finds himself in love keeps that love hidden? It seems unthinkable. Jesus tells us when we acknowledge our love for him before others, he acknowledges us before the Father. May we be evangelists—souls so in love with Christ that we share his truth without fear or hesitation.

God bless, Fr. Cory Rohlfing

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
20       Ex 3:13-20 Mt 11:28-30         8:30 am Mass DMCC LaVonne Erickson *         7:00 pm Prayer Group DMCC	21 Ex 11:10-12:14 Mt 12:1-8 8:00 am Reconciliation DMCC 8:30 am Mass DMCC Geri Ableman †	22 Sgs3:1-4b Jn 20:1-2, 11-18 S:00 am Reconciliation DMCC Sue Savoie $\uparrow$ 9:00 am Reconciliation DMCC 10:00 am Baptism (Spanish) DMCC <b>4:00 pm Mass DMCC</b> Scott Clark	23 Wis 12:13, 16-19 Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43 S:00 am Mass DMCC Parish 10:00 am Mass (ASL in- terpreted) DMCC Debbie Hora + 12 pm (noor) Spanish Mass DMCC Mariano de Santiago + and Idel fonso de Santiago + and Idel fonso de Santiago + S:00 pm Mass DMCC Carol Drewitz +

**PreK-Grade 12 Education** 

**Positions open for 2023-2024**: Bethlehem Academy is hiring a part-time math support position in the middle school, a kitchen assistant, and a part-time van driver. Contact Mindy Reeder at 507-334-3948 or mreeder@bacards.org for more information.

**Registration open: July SMART Ride & Aug 4 Cardinal Golf Classic** – Join us for two great summer events: the annual SMART Ride July 27-29 where bicyclists will ride from BA to New Ulm and back. Sponsor a rider or join for single or multiple day rides. The Cardinal Golf Classic is Friday, August 4 at the Faribault Golf Club – sponsor this great event and/or golf with us! See the Events page at bacards.org or contact events@bacards.org for registration and sponsor links.

## **Message from Parish Executive Administrator**

#### Greetings,

We here at Divine Mercy Catholic Church and School have much to be grateful for. With heartfelt joy we can sing God's praises. God's grace and mercy is boundless.

We will publish a detailed report regarding fiscal year 2023, along with the annual tithing letter in November, but now we reflect on the accomplishments of our parish and school over the past 12 months, despite some serious challenges. We planned the fiscal 2023 budget as a balanced budget, but the year did not go as planned. Early in fiscal 2023, revenue was less than projected, while monthly expenses increased--primarily utilities, supplies, and additional staffing costs. Midway into fiscal 2023 we were projecting a \$180,000 shortfall. Through some adjustments in controlled expenses, we were able to reduce a portion of the potential shortfall. With diligence and determination, we qualified for a COVID fund called the Employee Retention Credit (ERC). Because of this credit, we ended fiscal 2023 with a net gain and ultimately did not have to touch any long-term investment funds to make up for a potential loss. Please keep in mind, we reached many of our capital campaign goals during this same timeframe.

In preparing the 2024 budget, we analyzed evidence of some successes and failures in our planning over the past fiscal year and set a goal for a budget that is grounded in the needs of our Catholic community, pragmatic in goals and sensible in numbers, while focused on growth. Without unusual revenues, like the ERC funds, we are currently projecting a potential \$124,000 shortfall, primarily because of increases in utilities and supplies. To maintain the programs and needs of our Catholic community we ask for your continued generous support as we look to meet our funding needs without touching long-term investment funds, while still achieving the continued goals of our capital campaign. This type of long -term planning is critical to our continued success and growth.

As a community, we have two capital expenditure needs to address. The first is replacing our hymnals, which would give parishioners access to Mass parts, readings, and current music. At the same time, we would reduce our weekly printing costs and licensing fees. In addition, our current sound system is failing, and the best financial option is to replace it.

Please prayerfully consider making a small increase in your weekly offering to help us reach our financial goals. Another impactful gift is to volunteer within the parish and school; helping with building upkeep and liturgical support has a direct impact on our financial success.

We are all called to bring others to Christ, please consider inviting someone to participate in our Catholic community and Mass. Remember all are welcome, no matter where they are in their faith journey.

By God's grace and mercy, and through prayer and perseverance, we will continue to grow together and be good stewards of God's gifts.

Many blessings, Phillip Parrish Parish Executive Administrator

## **Ministry of Mission and Outreach**

## **Pastoral Care/Mission and Outreach**

<u>Milestone Assisted Living</u>: We have an opportunity for you to be part of a team that leads prayer services at Milestone Assisted Living. The services are Mondays at 10:30 a.m. Training will be provided. It may be helpful if you have some experience with people with some memory issues. This is not a requirement, so please don't let that stop you from inquiring and shadowing someone who will lead prayer so you can see what it is like. Our hope is you will be on a rotating schedule with 2 and ideally with 3 other people which means you would lead prayer about once a month. Please give this some prayerful thought and contact Bernadette Tatge at 507-331-7253 or email at btatge@divinemercy.cc.

 $\underline{\textbf{Retreat}}$  **Possibilities**: Think about refreshing your spirit with a retreat

# Franciscan Retreat Center–Prior Lake: Belonging: Connections of the Heart

August 10-12: Silent Retreat for Men and Women

Register online at www.franciscanretreats.net or by calling at 952-447-2182.

#### Christ the King Retreat Center-Buffalo

August 4-8: Silent Retreat for Men and Women Call 763-682-1394 to register or for more information.

<u>Grief Support Group</u>: No matter where you are on your journey in grief, you are always welcome to join Healing Circle which meets on Wednesday mornings from 10 to 11 a.m. at Divine Mercy Farmhouse, 22689 Albers Ave., Faribault, MN.

<u>A thought on taking a faith filled break in silence</u>: If you face God in prayer and silence, God will speak to you. ~*Mother Teresa* 

## CCW

The National Council of Catholic Women asks us to pray for a return to holiness and virtue in our country by praying the Patriotic Rosary in the month of July. It includes prayers for every state in our country and the various branches of government. http://www.patrioticrosary.com

Next meeting is August 7 at 6:15 pm in the St. Faustina Commons. All women of the parish are invited!

## **Respect Life**

"The beauty of an infant in the womb is not dependent upon being wanted or unwanted. At every age the beauty is proper to that age."  $\sim$ C.S.Lewis.

Children in the womb have been dehumanized by those who want to use their power against the powerless. Never has there been a crime so heinous in Minnesota that allows the dismemberment of a human child right before birth.



Pregnancy Options Life Care Center is always in need of donations; call the center for more information! Diapers are always needed! www.pregnancyoptionsfbo.org - (507-332-7644)

## **Community Nights**

All are invited to Divine Mercy Community Nights at IC Church! 5:00 pm Confessions

 $5:30 \mathrm{~pm} \mathrm{~Mass}$ 

6:00 pm Pizza Dinner (bring a lawn chair or blanket for dinner) 6:30-8:00 pm Outdoor Activities for Youth and Adults July 17 and 24

#### \*Please note there will be no Mass at Divine Mercy Church these dates.\*

Volunteers needed to help with youth activities. Contact Dana Pemrick or Katie Opsal to volunteer.



## **Knights of Columbus**

•On Sunday, July 23 after all three morning Masses, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting its monthly KC

Donut Sunday. Feel free to stop by the St. Faustina Commons after Mass to enjoy some time with our parish community and a fresh donut or roll, coffee, and juice. Freewill offerings will be accepted, and any proceeds will be used for the ongoing charitable giving of Council #889 in our parish and community.

•Bingo Knights! Join us at the American Legion every Wednesday starting at 6:00 PM for KC Bingo. The Legion also serves dinner starting at 5:00 PM. All bingo proceeds are used for the ongoing charitable giving of Council #889 in our parish, local Catholic Schools, and community.

•The next meeting of Council 889 is Monday, August 14 at 7:00 pm at the Divine Mercy Farmhouse. We will be discussing upcoming community activities and events, charitable giving opportunities, and future fundraising efforts.

•Please join us in prayer at the Adoration Chapel on Fridays from 7:00-8:00 PM.

## **Sons of Thunder**

Men of the Church,

You are invited to join us Tuesdays at 7:00 PM at the Farmhouse for the Sons of Thunder Men's Group. This group was formed to help us to grow in our walk with God, to answer His call, and to give us an opportunity for fraternity with our Brothers in Christ.



What to expect:

**†** Opening Prayer **†** Reading of Daily Mass Readings & Listening to a Daily Reflection **†** Closing Prayer **†** Refreshments (dinner once per month) **†** Fraternity **†** 

Please plan on joining us for about an hour or so. After closing prayer, we will have refreshments and social time.

## St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, we hear the story of the sower and we know that "some seed fell on rich soil, and produce fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirty fold."

This week by your prayers and gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, know that it will produce fruit a hundred fold. SVdP, a nonprofit and all volunteer organization that helps local families in need during difficult times with food, clothing and financial aid, is participating in the Hunger Solutions 2023 Open Your Heart Summer Challenge Grant. All monetary donations received in July 2023 will count toward a proportional match.

Sister Kathleen will be away from the office at Divine Mercy Church the week of July 17-21.

•Phones will be answered. If no one is able to answer at the time of your call, please leave a message and your call will be returned. That is important to do anytime someone is not immediately available to answer the phone

•If you wish to schedule a Mass intention, the Mass dates that are available are January 2024-July 2024. Please email srkathleen@divinemercy.cc with names and if you have specific dates you wish, or just soonest possible.

 $\bullet If$  you want to buy Spirit Fest tickets, please go to the main office at 15 S.W. 3rd Avenue.

## **Ministry of Communion**

## **Adoration Chapel**

Mother Samuel Building 104 Second Ave SW

Current open hours:

Day hours: Thursday 1-2 p.m., Saturday 1-2 p.m., Saturday 2-3 p.m., Saturday 9-10 p.m.

Night Hours: Sunday 1-2 a.m., Monday 2-3 a.m., Monday 3-4 a.m., Wednesday 12-1 a.m., Wednesday 3-4 a.m., Thursday 2-3 a.m., Saturday 1-2 a.m., Saturday 2-3 a.m.

Call Libby at 331-0860 to sign up. Any hour that works for you is fine too. All are welcome in this place!



"Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us." ~*Saint Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1787)* 

# **Ministry of Administration**

Want an easier way to donate? Please use this QR code to simply give electronically to Divine Mercy Church.



Thank you in advance for your support.

#### Part-time Janitor Divine Mercy Church and School 15 3rd Ave SW, Faribault, MN, Minnesota

#### DESCRIPTION

Divine Mercy Catholic Church and School is seeking a part-time janitor. Duties will primarily include floors, restrooms, dining areas, classrooms, office spaces, and other duties as assigned by the head of buildings and grounds. The position is 5 hours per day 5 days per week. The preferred candidate would be able to start their shift between 3PM and 5PM.

### QUALIFICATIONS

Čandidate must be at least 18, able to lift 50lbs, pass a background check, have a driver's license, and comply with all safe environment requirements. Janitor experience is preferred.

#### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please contact Phillip Parrish, Parish Executive Administrator Email: pparrish@divinemercy.cc https://careers.archspm.org/job/part-time-janitor/





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