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25th, 2021

Sunday Mass

Saturday 4:30 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Daily Mass

Monday & Wednesday 5:30 PM
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 AM

Confessions

Saturday 3:00 PM
Monday & Wednesday 4:30 PM

Parish Office

Mon.-Thurs. 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Fr. Brandon Moravitz

Pastor

Dan Schultz

Deacon

Hannah Milani

Evangelization & Catechesis

Ben Frost

Adult Evangelization

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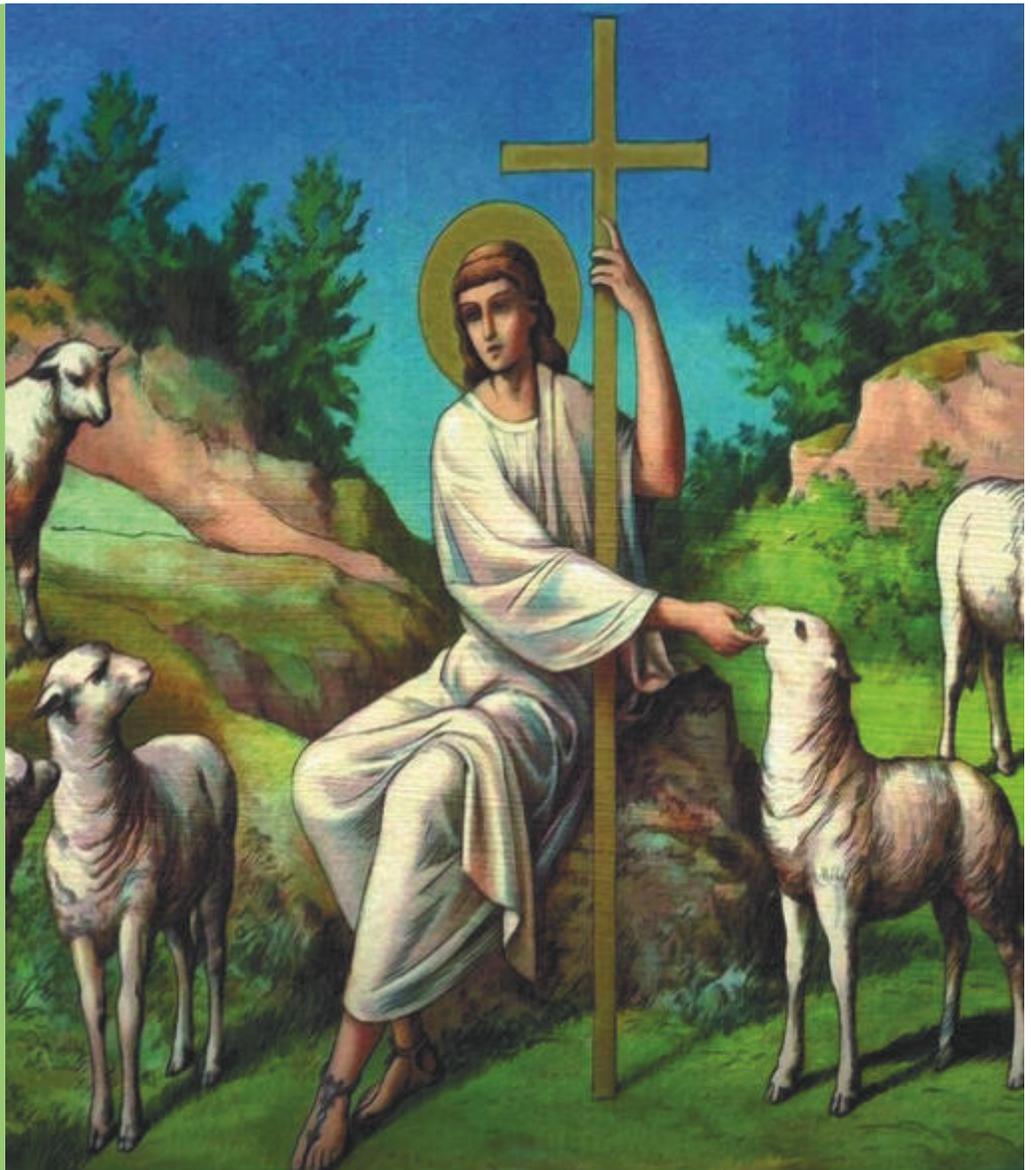
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Jessica Haverkamp

Parish Secretary

Josh Milani

Director of Music



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.” - Jn 10:14-15

Marquette Catholic School

www.marquettecatholicschool.com

741-6811

Lisa Kvas, Principal

Julie Kingsley, Secretary

Testimony of Faith

Sacraments

Marriage

Contact parish office as soon as possible and at least **6 months prior** to desired wedding date.

Baptism

Infant baptism during Mass or privately. Call parish to arrange pre-baptism parent session or request information. Forms available on the parish website.

RCIA

Adults interested in becoming Catholic, please speak with Fr. Brandon or Ben Frost for more information.

Anointing of the Sick

Call the Parish office to schedule Sacrament or Communion calls for the homebound.

Prayer Warrior Team

Please call Donna Strumbell at 218-290-3767.

Stewardship of Treasure

Ordinary Income

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Annual
Goal\$497,200
Income Received to
Date.....\$359,610
Average Weekly
Goal.....\$10,542
Collected Last Week.....\$9,041

*Includes online ☺ autodraw giving

United Catholic Appeal Update

2020
Goal.....\$69,421
UCA Total
Received.....\$66,113
UCA Balance
Due.....\$3,308

Marquette Catholic School Endowment Fund Balance:

\$106,642

Greetings Holy Spirit Parish and Marquette School!

Last weekend I spoke about the Great Saint John Paul II's quote, *"Let us remember the past with gratitude, live the present with enthusiasm, and look forward to the future with confidence."* I have always been drawn to this dynamic of the past, present and future of our Catholic life. Like any family, we have a "past" of joys, sorrows, blessings and crosses. This involves both our Universal Catholic Faith through the ages and our local Catholic life in Virginia and Mt. Iron! The FAITH always remains – buildings, pastors and generations change, but what remains is the PEOPLE OF GOD, the TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH, and the TABERNACLES throughout the world! How blessed we are to be Catholic!

Yet, we must not be a people that are "entrenched" in the past – we must always be on "mission" in the present. We must live the present with enthusiasm! In the short amount of time we have in this life to live our Faith, we must strive to make an impact and lead others to the depths and beauty of our lived relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. Here at our parish and school this has been happening in so many incredible ways. Our parish continues to grow, our school is exploding with the addition of new grades and more enrollment, we have welcomed close to 100 converts into the Church over the last 7-8 years, our baptism numbers continue to rise, our First Communion numbers are rising, our giving has sustained and increased significantly over the last five years, we have grown our Adoration hours, more and more are attending daily Mass, our high school faith formation program becomes more dynamic every year, our volunteer base continues to grow, we have done unbelievable work in regards to outreach in our community, the list goes on and on! Friends, we are blessed in the "present" life at Holy Spirit Parish and Marquette Catholic School.

Now, we are entering into a phase of looking to the future with confidence! Here is what I know – we need to start looking at exciting options for our parish and school life. We need to dream, and we need to act. I often think of my patron Saint John Bosco – he was a man that was a "dreamer." He desired to give more and more people the opportunity for Catholic education and formation in Italy. He had nothing but a dream and a desire to help the kids on the streets come to know the Lord and the gift of the Catholic Faith. Over the course of his life – through the goodness of God and the generosity of people, John Bosco built MANY schools and churches and started a whole new educational system that led to renewal and revival in the life of the Church. I now ask Saint John Bosco to intercede for us, that we might dream and act on this incredible opportunity we have to do something great for our Catholic life now and for generations to come!

This week, the "nets" already started to fill! I am amazed how the Lord is already stirring hearts in generosity and vision. We are closing in on some substantial donations and ideas. If you have ideas, please share them, if you have land, buildings, investments, or thoughts that might help us in our planning process, please contact me or one of our Trustees. This week things started moving fast, and the nets are already being filled! I pray we will continue to fill the nets and do something GREAT for our Catholic life! In the meantime, pray... and I will keep you all informed as we move forward with ideas, possibilities and plans!

"Let us remember the past with gratitude, live the present with enthusiasm, and look forward to the future with confidence."

Pray, Pray, Pray!
Fr. B

Parish News



Hello Holy Spirit Parish! This week I invite you to meditate on these words from Musicam Sacram, instruction on music in the liturgy.

The faithful, fulfill their liturgical role by making that full, conscious and active participation which is demanded by the nature of the liturgy itself and which is, by reason of baptism, the right, and duty of the Christian people. This participation:

(a) Should be above all internal, in the sense that by it the faithful join their mind to what they pronounce or hear, and cooperate with heavenly grace.

(b) Must be, on the other hand, external also, that is, such as to show the internal participation by gestures and bodily attitudes, by the acclamations, responses, and singing.

The faithful should also be taught to unite themselves interiorly to what the ministers or choir sing, so that by listening to them they may raise their minds to God.

-Josh

Sacristan Training

For those of you who signed up to be sacristans, thank you for stepping up.

A brief sacristan training will be held on Sunday May 2nd at 11:30 (shortly after the 10:00 Mass) and again on Monday evening at 6:15 (shortly after the 5:30 Mass.)



FORMED.org Feature

"St Francis De Sales: Character of a Christian (4-Part Series)" Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Christopher O. Blum discuss St. Francis de Sales, his best known work *The Introduction to the Devout Life*, and the character of a Christian revealed through his life's witness and writings. You'll enjoy this new series on an incredible counter-reformation saint who truly is a gift of God to the universal Church and from whom we can learn much today.

Augustine Institute Kiosk Feature

"Talking With God, the Importance of Prayer and Study" (CD) Have you ever struggled with prayer? Lack of time, focus, or understanding of what to do can all be a challenge. Dr. Michael Barber explains prayer is critical to our relationship with God, just as good communication is critical to our relationships with our loved ones. Citing biblical insights and humorous personal stories, Dr. Barber offers practical suggestions for how we can better approach the practice of prayer.

Sacrament Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturdays @ 4:30pm
Sundays @ 8am & 10am

Weekday Masses:

Mondays and Wednesdays @ 5:30pm
Tuesdays and Thursdays @ 8:30am

Confessions:

Mondays @ 4:30pm
Wednesdays @ 4:30pm
Saturdays @ 3pm

Adoration:

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am-9pm
Wednesdays 7am-9pm

Website: www.holyspiritvirginia.com and find us on Youtube: "Holy Spirit Catholic Church Virginia MN"

Mass Intentions

Monday	April 26
5:30 PM †	Tony Lucarelli
Tuesday	April 27
8:30 AM †	Toni Phelps
Wednesday	April 28
5:30 PM †	Our Parish Family
Thursday	April 29
8:30 AM †	Ben Kaiser
Friday	April 30-No Mass
Saturday	May 1
4:30 PM †	Marc Westerbur
Sunday	May 2
8:00 AM †	Helen Grigg
10:00 AM †	Chad Sandnas

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Confidence in Princes

Have you ever confided your problems to a friend, only to get the answer, “have you prayed about it as much as you’ve talked about it?”

Like all good advice, it can really irritate the recipient at first. Here I am, vulnerable and wounded, unloading my problems, and this joker tries to load them right back up and ship them off to Someone with a higher pay grade.

But again, like all good and irritating advice, it rings true if you sit and think about it.

Sure, venting is helpful. We all need that friend or family member who can listen to our problems. But if we ever start to think that person can solve them, it’s a good sign that we’re losing perspective.

Are you looking to the world for an answer? Are you looking in the mirror, expecting to find a solution to your problems? Are you expecting happiness, peace, contentment or justice to come from any place other than God?

“It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes,” the Psalms tell us. Well, I’ve never put much confidence in princes. But when it comes to problems, I often find myself telling God to take a step back — “I’ve got this.”

It’s tough to pray about any problem as much as you talk about it. We want so badly to tackle the issue ourselves. But I’ll let you in on a secret: it doesn’t matter what the question is, we don’t have the answer. Take it to the One who does.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, *MTS*

Altar Server Schedule Weekend of May 1-2		
Sat. 4:30pm	Sun. 8:00am	Sun. 10:00am
AJ Seeber	B. Hafdahl	J. Berlin
J. Seeber		I. Flatley
E. Sandquist		L. Flatley



Top Selling School

David Lanari, our local account representative for Catholic United Financial, presents a \$3,000 check to Fr. Brandon, Lisa Kvas, principal, and the 6th and 7th grade students at MCS. MCS earned the grant for being the top seller in this year's Catholic Schools Raffle.

MCS ranked 1st out of 82 schools by selling 111 tickets per student and raising \$64,976!



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