



# Church of the Holy Childhood

1435 Midway Parkway † St. Paul MN 55108

August 30, 2020



## 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” - Mt 16:24b-25

# Pastor's Letter

## TURNING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF "CHURCH" INSIDE OUT: SHOULD WE BE TRYING TO FILL OUR EMPTY PEWS, OR FILL AN EMPTY SOUL?

From Pentecost Sunday on, the Church has been outward looking. Jesus had commissioned the Apostles and their successors: "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to the whole creation" (*Mark 16:15*), and "He who hears you, hears me" (*Luke 10:16*). So, throughout the Church's history since then we have been preaching and teaching to the world, striving to instruct and form in the ways of the Gospel and bring them into the Church.

Pope John Paul II, on the other hand, together with our current Pope, Francis, have asked us *to listen to the world*. After all, if we are going to preach to the world what it needs to hear, we have to know what that need is at any given time of history. Now, it's not about repeating the mistaken notion of "cafeteria Catholic" of the 1970s and '80s when there was a trend to pick and choose what you would listen to and what you would believe and still call yourself a Catholic. The best way to describe this approach is to take it from the perspective of a visit to the doctor. The doctor doesn't tell you what's wrong when you get to the office or give you an entire anatomy lesson on how the body is supposed to work, but asks you what's wrong. Once you've told him or her, only then can the doctor's medical knowledge come to bear on your condition and make a difference. So it is with the Church today.

Rather than simply telling people today what they should believe in order to become disciples of Jesus, which will still have its time and place, we need first to ask them, as Jesus himself, the Divine Physician did, "What do you want me to do for you?" (*Matthew 20:32; Mark 10:51*).

So, our model today needs to shift from the idea of filling up our church, to *becoming the church* to all those we meet. For that we need to know what it means to be "church" and what the Church offers to each and every individual: the light that scatters our inner darkness, the compassion that heals our wounded soul, the love that shatters loneliness, the welcome that overcomes isolation, and so forth. These are the things, and many more, that Jesus did and that he left us, his Church to do in our turns. That's a better and more effective program today than one that merely aims at "filling our empty pews," and a more difficult one as well, but it's one that can lift a heavy soul and comfort a hurting heart with the love of Christ so that they will then have a reason to join us in our pews.

### SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

**Ezekiel 33:7-9** Cain asked God in the *Book of Genesis*: "Am I my brother's keeper?" Here is God's answer.

**Romans 13:8-10** Whether we see the demands of our lives as Christians as an obligation or an opportunity, a burden or a blessing will determine our relationship with God through the one we have with our neighbor.

**St. Matthew 18:15-20** The best way to free our hearts from resentment and unshackle our lives from pettiness is to offer someone a way back to reconciliation with God bringing blessing on ourselves and showing that Jesus is truly in our midst.

### ONLINE STREAMING OF THE SUNDAY MASS

HOLY CHILDHOOD ON ZOOM AT 9:15 am - MATERNITY OF MARY ON YOUTUBE AT 10:30 am

Contact Jim Evanoff to be added to the Zoom email invitation. [evanoff.jj@gmail.com](mailto:evanoff.jj@gmail.com) or (651) 357-7613

Maternity of Mary - On YouTube through the Maternity of Mary website. Go to [www.maternityofmarychurch.org](http://www.maternityofmarychurch.org) and click on the link: Maternity of Mary YouTube page to watch live Mass. This link is under the Live Stream of Mass information.

### ONLINE STREAMING OF THE DAILY MASS

The 7:45 am is now being live streamed on Zoom. Contact Jim Evanoff to be added to the list.

### COMMUNION AT HOLY CHILDHOOD

Communion will be available at door # 5 (lower level church entrance off of parking lot) at approximately 8:20 am, Monday - Saturday and 10:00 am, on Sunday for those not attending Mass in the church building.

## LIVE STREAM OF MASS

The livestream of the Holy Childhood Mass will not be available on Saturday, August 29, Sunday August 30 and Saturday, September 5 through Monday, September 7.



## INVITATION TO JOIN

The Holy Childhood Rosary Group is still gathering during this challenging time. Please join us on Thursdays at 6:00 pm. Weather permitting, we pray before the Blessed Mother's statue in the parking lot. Otherwise in the church. Bring your petitions and a lawn chair. We practice social distancing.

## "FEAST FOR ALL FAMILIES" COOKBOOK



Orders are now being taken for this classic HC cookbook reprint. Payment of \$30 must accompany your order placed no later than Sunday, October 3. For additional information, call the Parish Office.



## SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION RESPECT FOR THE PLANET'S RESOURCES

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

## HC TIDBIT OF THE WEEK

Along with the August 11, 1946 bulletin there was a flyer detailing who and what zone was responsible for heading up the workers and bakers each day of Fair Week, August 22 - September 2. Pies and cakes would be served in the Dining Hall. The next week's bulletin announced that the 1946 Fair had been cancelled due to the Polio epidemic. A loss of revenue to the parish then as it is now.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August	29	Ann Perez
September	1	Joyce Gulner
	2	Michael Vogel

## TELEVISED SUNDAY MASSES

7:30 am - Heart of the Nation (Channel 23.1)  
 11 am - Diocese of St. Cloud: on KSTC-TV/45  
 11:30 am - Diocese of Winona-Rochester  
 Noon - Our Lady of Grace, Edina  
 Both on Fox 9+ (Channel 29)

## RADIO BROADCAST OF THE MASS

Relevant Radio 1330am: Weekdays and Sundays at noon, and Sundays at 9 am.

## 2<sup>ND</sup> HALF WITH LYNGBLOMSTEN WELCOME BACK!

After five+ months on hold, we're excited to let you know we're offering 2nd Half with Lyngblomsten opportunities *virtually* in September! We've adapted a few of our popular offerings—including **Books-Cheese-Wine** and **Armchair Traveler**—into online gatherings, and we'll be hosting new opportunities too, including **Can We Talk?** discussion groups and **Learn How to Use Zoom** classes.

Visit [www.lyngblomsten.org/2ndHalfRegister](http://www.lyngblomsten.org/2ndHalfRegister) to see what is being offered and for registration information. Space is limited, so register early! And if you think a friend, family member, or neighbor would like to participate, share this info with them.

## SEPTEMBER OPPORTUNITIES AT A GLANCE

- 9/1: Can We Talk? (discussion group begins)
- 9/9 and 9/10: Learn How to Use Zoom
- 9/17: Books-Cheese-Wine with Author Ron Rabinovitz
- 9/24: Armchair Traveler—Travel Down Under to Australia & New Zealand
- Caregiver Services
- Memory Loss Caregiver Support Groups
- 9/21: Giving Care to YOU! Caregiver Educational Series (series begins)
- Juniper online classes (ongoing)

## Maternity of Mary Parish News & Notes

The MMSA Annual Holiday Bazaar has been canceled for this year due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Praying for better times ahead in 2021!

## FAITH FORMATION AT MATERNITY OF MARY

Registration for the 2020 school year is now open! All information can be found on Maternity of Mary's website under the respective pages and registration can be found at: <https://www.maternityofmarychurch.org/faith-formation-registration>. If there are any questions that you are unable to find the answer to online please reach out to Austin at the Maternity of Mary Parish Office, 651-489-8825.

Adoration: Thursdays 8:30 am - 8:00 pm in the Holy Family Chapel. Enter at door #5.

### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, August 29**

7:45 am † Nadean Larson

5:00 pm † Rev. Robert Keane

**Sunday, August 30**

9:15 am Parishioners

**Monday, August 31**

7:45 am Len Jacobsen (Healing)

**Tuesday, September 1**

7:45 am Steve Wickstrom (BD)

**Wednesday, September 2**

7:45 am †† Alvin &amp; Stefanie Clasemann

**Thursday, September 3**

7:45 am † Judy Wall

**Friday, September 4**

7:45 am † Madeleine Olender

**Saturday, September 5**

7:45 am † Jenny Rein Kohls

5:00 pm Parishioners

**Sunday, September 6**

9:15 am † Sister Thelma Vetsch

### Parish Support

August 23, 2020 Fair Share \$ 2346.00

If you are in need of Fair Share envelopes please call Mary in the parish office.



### Parish Information

Pastor, Fr. Timothy Cloutier

Parochial Vicar, Fr. Joseph Fink

Weekend Assistant, Fr. James Reidy, Ph. D.

Parish Office 651-644-7495

Buchanan Hall 651-647-0689

### Our Current Services

Confessions - Saturday.....4:00-4:30 pm

Door #6 - in the bell tower entrance to Buchanan Hall

Saturday Anticipatory Mass..... 5:00 pm

Sunday Mass.....9:15 am

Weekday Masses....Monday - Saturday..7:45 am

Holy Day of Obligation as announced.

Rosary - Thursday ..... 6:00 pm

Prayer Chain.....Peggy - 651-645-4955

Website.....www.holychildhoodparish.org

Email.....contact@holychildhoodparish.org

Victim Assistance Program.....651-291-4497

## NEEDS OF THE KAREN COMMUNITY

Some of you may know that the Franciscan Brothers of Peace minister to the Karen Community of the East Side of St. Paul. A large number of these children attend St. Jerome School in Roseville. There are many ways we could assist them in their school and home lives. There will be a box in the narthex marked "Karen Community." Below is a list of items they are in need of for the coming school year.

School Supplies: notebooks, book covers, folders, glue, markers, crayons, water paints, pencils, scissors, protractors, calculators (for middle school).

Thermometers, as they will need to check their temperatures before coming to school in the morning.

Water Bottles as each child will need to have their own personal bottle or cup since they will not be allowed to use the drinking fountains.

Tennis shoes in sizes 10 for kids all the way through 8 for men/women.

Self Care items like shampoo, soap, deodorant.

As winter approaches there will be a need for winter jackets, pants and boots, and eventually Christmas presents.

Gently used and new items will be greatly appreciated. For additional information call the Parish Office.



## SPREADING THE MESSAGE OF HOPE & MERCY

If you are interested in ordering a Divine Mercy lawn sign contact Mary in the parish office by Friday, September 4. The sign will feature the Original Image of Divine Mercy which was painted in Vilnius, Lithuania in 1935 by a Polish artist Eugeniusz Kazimirowski under the very close direction of Saint Faustina Kowalska. The wording "Jesus, I Trust in You" is on the right of the picture. The cost for the sign and metal stand is \$10.00. Please make checks payable to Holy Childhood.







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