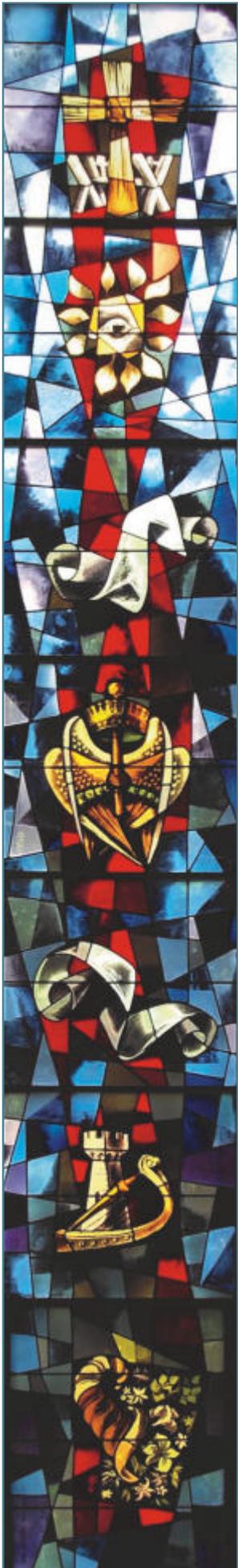


# Church of the Holy Childhood

1435 Midway Parkway † St. Paul MN 55108

January 17, 2021



## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will  
make you fishers of men." - Mk 1:17

# Pastor's Letter

## EIGHT DAYS OF PRAYER FOR THE UNITY OF CHRISTIANS

Jesus had prayed in the course of the Last Supper with his Chosen Twelve: "Holy Father, keep them in your name whom you gave me, that they may be one as we are one ... so that the world might believe that you sent me" (*John 11, 17:23*). Beginning this coming Monday, January 18, and running through January 25, the Feast Day of the *Conversion of the Apostle St. Paul*, the Catholic Church addresses the Lord in prayer in a special way for the unity of all believers in Jesus Christ, "so that the world might believe" that it was the Father who sent his Son, Jesus into the world for its salvation and eternal life (*see John 17: 20-21*).

Unfortunately, last year and this year my own plans to reach out to neighboring non-Catholic congregations with an invitation to share in prayer and perhaps other activities have obviously had to be put on hold. That doesn't mean, however, that we are no longer able to strive to fulfill that prayer of the Lord Jesus Christ for the perfect unity of his disciples for which he prayed. On the contrary, we should pray perhaps with all the greater intensity and fervor. It is God's will that we be associated with his work on earth, but it remains *God's work*, not ours, and so, "Unless the Lord build the city, in vain do the builders toil" (*Psalms 126:1*), and "It is God who accomplishes both the willing and the doing, by our good will" (*Philippians 2:13*).

Throughout the COVID-19 crisis last year, Christians, and indeed all people of good will, in much needed and varied ways bound together their efforts and resources to reach out to others in need. Christians are bound by a still deeper and more enduring bond, that of grace expressed through mutual love: "By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (*John 13:35*). This is an opportunity to build yet further towards a greater unity.

While full unity cannot be achieved until all profess "*one faith, one Lord, and one Baptism*" (*Ephesians 4:5*), unity in grace and in love among us can grow in the meantime and move us closer to that ultimate goal.

I was notified by members of North Heights Lutheran Congregation about two years ago that they had decided to adopt us in prayer to support us in our mission of spreading God's kingdom. I relayed that initiative to you at the time, and have periodically asked you to hold them also in prayer to the Lord Jesus whom we both profess as Savior. I do so again. Everything relating to God's kingdom begins small, as Jesus himself said, "like a mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds" (*see Matthew 13:32*), but blessed by God's grace continues to grow into a mighty tree.

### SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

**Jonah 3:1-5, 10** This story of the preaching of Jonah to the pagan Ninevites and of their subsequent conversion is intended to show God's unbounded mercy and plan of universal salvation.

**I Corinthians 7:29-31** Detachment from the things of this world, as opposed to not having anything, is necessary to lay hold of the promise of eternal life God offers us.

**St. Mark 1:14-20** The call of the first disciples should remind us that we, too, have received a call to share in the spreading of the kingdom of God.

### 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)

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.

## SAINTED & TAINTED

In case you missed it there is a copy of the January 9, St. Paul Pioneer Press, Sainted & Tainted on the narthex bulletin board.

Anne McNeill Gattman, Principal of St. Jerome School included Holy Childhood in her Sainted article.

Additional thanks has been sent to the parish from the Franciscan Brothers of Peace who are ministering to the KaRen community.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the collection for the KaRen Community and to Judy Jacobsen who worked with Dah Poe the KaRen liaison to get the donations delivered.



Thank-you to everyone who expressed their kindness and well wishes to me during the Christmas season. May the Lord reward your thoughtfulness. Fr. Cloutier

## HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION SUNDAYS AT 2:00 PM

Join us as we adore our Eucharistic Lord, and draw down God's abundant grace for our loved ones, our Church, our nation, and our world.

All are welcome to attend and spend some quality time with Our Lord.

## JOIN US - ALL ARE WELCOME

The Holy Childhood Rosary Group invites you to join them to pray the rosary Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm. Enter at door number 3 (handicap entrance) on Midway Parkway.



## DIVINE MERCY DAILY EMAILS

As we start off the New Year, we often make (and break) our resolutions. The past week marked our return to "Ordinary Time" in the Church calendar, and you can take a simple, ordinary step to

grow deeper in your faith and relationship with Jesus, the Divine Mercy.

Join tens of thousands of Catholics receiving FREE, brief, daily reflections every morning by email from the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*. Join today and make the simple resolution to *prayerfully read these short meditations daily*.

Go to [www.thedivinemercy.org](http://www.thedivinemercy.org) and scroll down to and click on Divine Mercy Daily to subscribe to the daily inspirations.

## WELLNESS MATTERS!

Watch anytime courtesy of St. Joseph, New Hope

COVID-19 has created an unprecedented upheaval in the American culture, with over 245,000 fatalities, skyrocketing unemployment, and countless changes to education, daily routines, and social interaction. As more data becomes available, the pandemic's effects now reflect its enormous toll on mental health and an exploding demand for new treatment options. Engage with a favorite psychologist and priest, Fr. Matthew Malek (LPCC) as he discusses mental health in COVID-19 times. The presentation is online and free to all at [stjosephparish.com/wellness](http://stjosephparish.com/wellness).



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January 21 Pat Hasse  
23 Jerry Mertz



## VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

Maternity of Mary - St. Andrew School  
Preschool/Prekindergarten/Kindergarten  
Thursday, January 19, 2020  
Preschool/Prekindergarten - 6:00 p.m.  
Kindergarten - 7:00 p.m.

To register for this event, scan the QR code or go to [mmsaschool.org](http://mmsaschool.org) and click on the link in the red bar at the top of our homepage.



The GOOGLE MEET link will be emailed to you on January 19.

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### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, January 16**

7:45 am † Tom Schraad

5:00 pm Parishioners

**Sunday, January 17**

9:15 am † Lee Galvin

**Monday, January 18**

7:45 am † Anna Vu Nhuan

**Tuesday, January 19**

7:45 am † Richard Newlin

**Wednesday, January 20**

7:45 am † Joan DeMars

**Thursday, January 21**

7:45 am †† Milt &amp; Dorothy Nelson

**Friday, January 22**

7:45 am † Tom Schraad

**Saturday, January 23**

7:45 am † Robert Rudie

5:00 pm William Hill (Healing)

**Sunday, January 24**

9:15 am Parishioners

### Parish Support

January 10, 2021 \$ 5120.00

Thank you for your faithful support of HC.

Fair Share envelopes and statements are available for pickup in the narthex.

### 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

Thursday.....7:10-7:25 am

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



### PRO-LIFE NEWS

Maternity of Mary and Holy Childhood have joined forces to strengthen the parishes' pro-life initiatives. Please visit <https://www.maternityofmarychurch.org/prolife-corner> for more information, resources, and ways to get involved in this critical effort.

### PRO-LIFE EVENTS

Friday, January 22nd is the 48th anniversary of Roe v. Wade legalizing abortion in our country. Following are a couple of ways to remember the little lives lost and pray for those involved.

**Pro-Life Prayer Service**, Tuesday, January 21, 7:00 - 8:30 pm at St. Rose of Lima, Roseville. The service will include music, Pro-Life Rosary, scripture, and a presentation by the Women's Life Center. Join in prayer, in person or via livestream at <https://saintroseoflima.net/>

**Prayer Rally**. Friday January 22, 8:30-9:30 am at the Planned Parenthood at 671 Vandalia St., St Paul. Sponsored by Pro-life Action Ministries

**Prayer Service for Life**. Friday, January 22 10:30 am at The Cathedral of Saint Paul. You can also watch via The Cathedral Facebook page at: [facebook.com/cathedralsaintpaul](https://facebook.com/cathedralsaintpaul).

This year's **MCCL March for Life**, a "Virtual March" planned for Jan. 22, 2021. We do not encourage people to come to the Capitol building, which is shut down. Some MCCL chapters will hold local in-person gatherings, and we encourage everyone to view our Virtual March for Life at noon on Jan. 22—you can watch on The MCCL website, <https://www.mccl.org/march> or the MCCL Facebook page as we commemorate the lives lost to abortion.

**Memorial Mass**. Friday, January 29 at 6 pm, St Charles Borromeo Church in St Anthony. Commemorating the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion Sponsored by Prolife across America.

Join us as we pray and recommit ourselves to promoting life and ending abortion.



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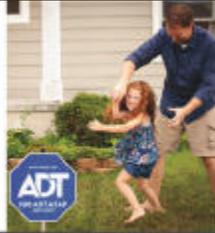
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