

Church of the Holy Childhood

1435 Midway Parkway † St. Paul MN 55108

January 16, 2022



2nd SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." - Jn 2:4

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Pastor's Letter

WE'RE BEGINNING A RETREAT

Jesus often "retreated to a secluded place alone to pray" (see *Matthew 14:23; Luke 5:16; 6:12; John 6:15*).

The word "retreat" may have vastly different meanings to different people. For some, it's the weekend hideaway in the country. For others, it may suggest the strategy of pulling back from an issue that has become too "hot" to handle. For still others, it may mean giving up, "retreating" from a problem.

I was recently on my yearly retreat - priests are required to make a spiritual retreat once each year. It is something I look forward to. It isn't a vacation in the usual sense of the word. In fact, it involves focused effort and an intellectual and spiritual application to the "moment" the entire time it lasts. St. Ignatius of Loyola even entitled his classic on the subject the "*Spiritual Exercises*", and with good reason. I once made the *30-day silent retreat* following that method. Enough said.

One of those reasons was articulated by the Saint himself as applicable to all spiritual retreats: *Enter fully; Proceed solely; Exit differently*. The idea is to first take one's bearings on one's own life, not the ensemble of things that make it up, but the gift of God that is life itself that I may routinely take for granted, then, set it all aside and focus on the inner self, the "Who am I really?", or the "What kind of person have I become?", with the purpose of discovering or rediscovering *the person I know I can be* with God's help and my own recommitment to becoming that person.

We have begun a new Liturgical Season, the 34 weeks of "Ordinary Time". I propose to you that you look at each Sunday, or Saturday evening when you attend the Eucharistic celebration, as a mini-retreat with the Lord, and this entire time as a *Season of Discipleship*.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 The joy of the people at the finding of the *Book of the Law of Moses* and hearing its reading went beyond those facts alone; it was a deeper joy at the fact of hearing their God speak to them again.

I Corinthians 12:12-30 The question begs itself with today's teaching by St. Paul on the various functions and gifts of each member of the Body of Christ, the Church: have I asked the Spirit to make known to me what my function is, and what my gifts are to carry out God's work?

St. Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 The "narrative of the events" given us by the Gospel of St. Luke of the life and earthly ministry of Jesus Christ that we now begin in this new cycle begins appropriately enough with "introducing" us to the Lord Jesus, an introduction completed in the words of the Lord himself, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."



FAIR SHARE PLEDGE DRIVE KEEP THOSE CARDS COMING!

In the second week of 2022, 63% of households have responded with pledges for 2022. If you have not already sent in your Fair Share pledge card please do so as soon as possible. If you have misplaced your card call the parish office for a replacement.

FAIR SHARE ENVELOPES AND 2021 STATEMENTS

Your new supply of envelopes and your 2021 contribution statement are available in the narthex. If you would like them mailed to you please call Mary in the parish office. Statements not picked up by January 31 will be mailed out.

WELCOME TO HOLY CHILDHOOD

If you are new to our community, or if you have been attending Holy Childhood, but have not yet become a member of our parish, we invite and encourage you to register. For more details call Mary in the parish office. 651-644-7495.

ONLINE STREAMING OF THE MASS ON ZOOM

Contact Jim Evanoff to be added to the Zoom email invitation. Email Jim at evanoff.jj@gmail.com or call (651) 357-7613.

More Capitalists, More Capital: Why We Want a (Holy) Nation of Owners.

Tuesday, Jan. 25, 5:30-9pm

Come hear Dr. David Deavel talk about why the greatest figures in the Church from Saint Thomas Aquinas to Leo XIII and John Paul II have advocated for ownership of property—indeed, widespread ownership!—as a “sacred” and “inviolable” thing. Learn why ownership is both a bulwark against tyranny and, far from being selfish, the way that God has ordained for us to be stewards of the world’s resources and care for those around us—especially those in need.

The event, sponsored by the St. Joseph Business Guild, will be held at St. John the Baptist in New Brighton and begins with a social hour at 5:30pm, followed by dinner, the program, and Night Prayer. Registration is \$10 for members, or free for guests, clergy, students, and the unemployed. RSVP at www.sjbusinessguild.com.

2022 WINE: Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday, February 26, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church, Saint Louis Park
The WINE: Catholic Women’s Conference with emcee Alyssa Bormes begins with Mass, followed with music by Caroline Metzinger and inspirational talks by Kelly Wahlquist (WINE founder); Liz Kelly (Catholic author and retreat leader); Leah Jacobson (the Wholistic Feminist); and Alicia Donovan (Biblical beekeeper). The day includes prayer with prayer teams, confession, adoration, laughter, lunch, shopping, CHOCOLATE, and a fun raffle! Register at wineconference.org by **February 1** for \$55 for the Saturday conference or \$100 for the Saturday conference plus a special Friday Gathering (open to 200 ladies)!



Please join us in praying for those who have recently died and for their families.
January 4 - Katie Purcell (95)

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

21, Pat Hasse



JANUARY HC EVENTS

18, 7:00 p.m. - Parish Life Committee Mtg. (BH)
26, 6:30 p.m. - Finance Committee Meeting (BH)

**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.

MORNING COFFEE

Join fellow parishioners in the Conference Room weekdays following the 7:45 am Mass for coffee, sweets and conversation. All are welcome!

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for the
2022 FEAST OF THE GOLDEN FORK
Saturday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. in Buchanan Hall.
This is the annual fundraiser and social event in support of the Holy Childhood Schola Cantorum.

JAN. SAINT ANDREW KIM SCHEDULE

16, 10:30 a.m. - Confession (Pastors Office)
11:15 a.m. - Mass (CH)
21, 7:00 p.m. - Mass

MMSA SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Looking Ahead: OPEN HOUSE: MMSA will be having a Pre-K through 8th grade open House and Information Night on Wednesday, January 19, 2022. Save the date and come and find out all that our great school has to offer. Details to come in the weeks ahead!



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 15

7:45 a.m. † Lorraine Quinn

5:00 p.m. † Beth Wollerman

Sunday, January 16

9:15 a.m. Parishioners

Monday, January 17

7:45 a.m. † Joseph Doan Ai

Tuesday, January 18

7:45 a.m. † Bob Squillace

Wednesday, January 19

7:45 a.m. † Oliver Kullman

3:30 p.m. † Fr. Ralph Huar

Thursday, January 20

7:45 a.m. † Jim Burt

Friday, January 21

7:45 a.m. †† Milt & Dorothy Nelson

Saturday, January 22

7:45 a.m. † Beth Wollerman

5:00 p.m. Parishioners

Sunday, January 23

9:15 a.m. † Tom Schraad

Parish Support January 9, 2022

Fair Share \$ 6,795.00

Heat Fund \$ 100.00

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

Office Hours 6:30am -1:30pm, Monday-Friday

Our Current Services

Confessions - Saturday.....4:00-4:30 p.m.

Thursday.....7:10-7:25 a.m.

Conference Room

Saturday Anticipatory Mass.....5:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass.....9:15 a.m.

Weekday Masses - Monday - Saturday.7:45 a.m.

Wednesday -Lyngblomsten Chapel.....3:30 p.m.

Holy Day of Obligation as announced.

Rosary - Thursday6:00 p.m.

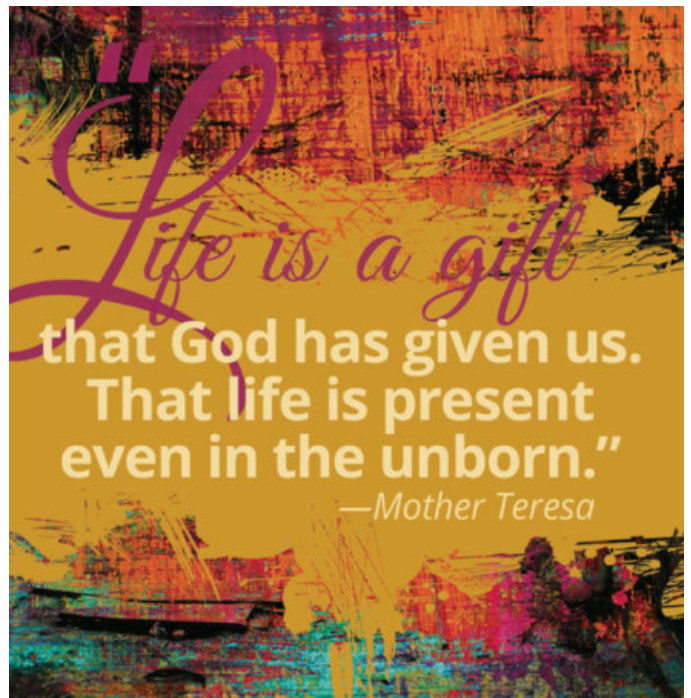
Holy Hour - Sunday.....2:00 p.m.

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

Website.....www.holychildhoodparish.org

Email.....contact@holychildhoodparish.org

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



**Prayer Service for Life
Saturday, January 22, 10:30 a.m.,
Cathedral of Saint Paul**

This prayer service commemorates the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by abortion's aftermath. All are invited and welcome. Saint John Paul II Champions for Life Awardees will be recognized during the prayer service. This event is sponsored by the Office of Marriage, Family and Life. For more information visit archspm.org/prayer-service-life or call 651.291.4488

**Equipped for Life: A Fresh Approach
to Conversation about Abortion
Saturday, February 5,
University of Saint Thomas, Saint Paul**

This day of training, provided by National Pro-Life Leader Emily Albrecht through the Equal Rights Institute, will equip attendees with a large, successfully tested set of practical tools to use in future conversations. The morning program runs from 9 a.m.-noon, followed by an afternoon program from 1-4 p.m. Participate in both or just a partial day. Cost is \$15 for half-day, \$20 for full-day and \$10 per session for students (high school and college). Tickets are available at mncatholic.org/equippedforlife.





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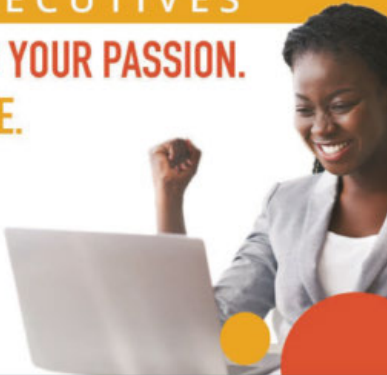
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