



Church of the Holy Childhood

1435 Midway Parkway † St. Paul MN 55108

January 30, 2022



4th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away. - Lk 4:28, 30

Pastor's Letter

WHAT IS HOLINESS?

Here's a word that means widely different things to different people. For some it's "the Presence of God", for others it means "what saints are", for yet others it is "what I am not", and for still others it is the very meaning of life as a follower of Jesus Christ. All are true.

One by one, then, our ideas of holiness need to be examined more closely. Perhaps the most difficult to define is the holiness of God's presence. It can more easily be described by what it is not than by what it is. For example, we can say that holiness is everything this world is not. God is entirely "Other", so much so that there can be no natural meeting or meeting place of the world and God. Once sin had entered the life and condition of Adam and Eve God placed a cherub with a flaming sword at the entrance to Eden, the earthly paradise where God dwelt, to prevent human kind from reentering it and approaching the tree of life (*see Genesis 3:24*). The Lord told Moses as he drew close to the burning bush, a mere sign and symbol of God's presence: "Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you stand is holy ground" (*Exodus 3:2*). Eventually, the very Name of God was considered so holy that it could not be pronounced except by the High Priest, once each year, in the Holy of Holies of the Temple, on the Day of Atonement (*see Exodus 30:10; Hebrews 9:3*), lest God's holiness be profaned by being spoken among a sinful people (*see Isaiah 6:5*).

We also speak of the saints as holy because they lived fully in God's friendship as Jesus tells us: "You are my friends if you do what I command you" (*St. John 15:14*). They courageously answered the call of God: "You shall be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy" (*Leviticus 19:2; 1 Peter 1:16*). The holiness of the saints, however, is not a natural property or quality as it is of God. It is rather the reflection of God's own holiness manifest in them.

"Holy is something that I am not." Yes, and no. St. Paul often referred to the early Christians as "saints", or "holy ones" (*see for example Acts 26:10; Romans 8:27; 16:15*), not because they were necessarily perfect, but because they were found "in Christ Jesus" (*see 1 Corinthians 1:2*), the holy one of God (*see St. Luke 4:34*). Saints are not born, nor are they made. Saints - holy ones - are those whom God draws near to himself because they correspond to the gift of his grace, have "put on Christ" (*see Galatians 3:27*), and strive to live a life "worthy of their calling" (*see Ephesians 4:1; Colossians 1:10*).

Holiness, however, in the sense I have just attempted to describe it is not an option; it is an imperative for the Child of God and follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is the greatest and most important pursuit of the Christian to draw closer to God, in Christ. It is the goal of one's Christian life to reflect within oneself the light and the life of the Lord, to be able to say with St. Paul: "Christ lives in me" (*see Galatians 2:20*). It is more important than any other pursuit or the acquisition of anything in this world (*Philippians 3:8*). Answering the invitation of Christ to his friends to "come aside by yourselves and rest a while" (*St. Mark 6:31*) is the response that will lead to holiness of life.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 "Here I am, send me!" is not merely an answer to an invitation, but the response of a life touched by "the King, the Lord of hosts," and an irresistible desire to share such news.

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 The foundation of our faith is that Jesus "died for our sins" and "was raised on the third day." Faith placed anywhere else would be "in vain."

St. Luke 5:1-11 It isn't necessary literally to leave all things behind in order to follow the Lord Jesus, but rather to take all things - our gifts, opportunities, our generosity of heart - and dedicate them to the Lord's service.

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.

WINTER WOES

Our January Xcel energy bill totals \$9134.04. No doubt your own energy bill is also high. To help offset these high heating bills we will be having a second collection following communion next weekend. Let us all be mindful on how we can help reduce costs here at HC. Your suggestions are welcome.

WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

DEANERY MEETING

Holy Childhood Women's Club will be hosting the Third Quarterly Meeting for the St. Paul Deanery CCW here, in Buchanan Hall, on Thursday, February 17th. All women are invited to attend. Registration begins at 8:15 am, the meeting starts at 9:00 am followed by a program, Mass at Noon and lunch. The program by Jan Storms from St. Odilia will discuss "Icon History and Painting" and there will also be an opportunity to swap/exchange clothes and accessories. Cost for the day is \$15.00 which will be paid for by Women's Club. Please call Joan Connolly, by Sunday Feb. 14th, to make your reservation. We hope you can come!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

CATHOLIC TODAY SERIES
LED BY FR. TIMOTHY CLOUTIER
THURSDAYS, JANUARY - APRIL 2022
6:30 - 7:30 p.m., MATERNITY OF MARY,
SIRBA HALL, Enter at Door # 5

THE RICHNESS OF CATHOLIC FAITH, IDENTITY, LIFE, AND WORSHIP

Current Presentation:

The Church Defines Herself for Our Times:
The Sixteen Documents of the Second Vatican Council

Future Presentations:

The Church at Prayer:
The Development and Forms of the Liturgical Prayer and Worship of the Catholic Church

Pulling Back the Veil on The Church's Code of Canon Law

See the Adult Faith Formation posters at the church entrances for additional upcoming talks.

JAN./FEB. BIRTHDAYS

- 29 Tom Bedard
Teresa Vitali
- 30 Fr. Timothy Cloutier
- 31 Barbara Bendel
Kathleen Marier
- 5 Bev Mertz



FEBRUARY HC EVENTS

- 2, 9, 16, & 23 - 7:30 - Choir Rehearsal (CH)
- 16, Deanery Meeting set up. (BH)
- 17, 8:15-2:00 - CCW Deanery Meeting
- 19 & 20 - Our Lady of Peace Supplies Collection

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.

MORNING COFFEE

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

POSTPONEMENT

2022 FEAST OF THE GOLDEN FORK

This annual fundraiser and social event in support of the Holy Childhood Schola Cantorum is being postponed at this time.

JAN./FEB. SAINT ANDREW KIM SCHEDULE

- 30, 10:30 a.m. - Confession (Pastors Office)
11:15 a.m. - Mass
- 4, 7:00 p.m. - Mass
- 6, 10:30 a.m. - Confession (Pastors Office)
11:15 a.m. - Mass
- 9, 7:00 p.m. - Legion of Mary (CR)
- 10, 10:00 a.m. - Legion of Mary
- 11, 7:00 p.m. - Mass
8:00 p.m. - Legion of Mary

FOR RELIGIOUS SISTERS AND CONSECRATED WOMEN.

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women: thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 29

7:45 a.m. † Ellen Muelegger

5:00 p.m. † Mark Harrington

Sunday, January 30

9:15 a.m. Parishioners

Monday, January 31

7:45 a.m. † Beth and Ed Wollerman

Tuesday, February 1

7:45 a.m. †† Bob & Jane Squillace

Wednesday, February 2

7:45 a.m. †† Terry Sheele & Sharon Duffy

3:30 p.m. † Fr. Dennis Dempsey

Thursday, February 3

7:45 a.m. † Lorraine Quinn

Friday, February 4

7:45 a.m. † Paulette Rein

Saturday, February 5

7:45 a.m. † Jack Weimer

5:00 p.m. † Mark Harrington

Sunday, February 6

9:15 a.m. Parishioners



PARISH SUPPORT JANUARY 23, 2022

Fair Share \$7467.00

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

MEMORY COLLECTIVE—A NEW CLASS OFFERED THROUGH 2ND HALF WITH LYNGBLOMSTEN

The Memory Collective is an eight-week online enrichment class for adults living at home and experiencing memory loss. Each class session features a variety of educational topics and activities, as well as time for participants to share life experiences as they learn from one other and build a social group. Upcoming classes scheduled for February and March 2022 on Thursday afternoons and Friday mornings. For more information and to register, visit www.lyngblomsten.org/MemoryCollective or contact Carolyn Klaver at (651) 414-5292 or cklaver@lyngblomsten.org.

**DISTRICT 10
Como Park Hosting Winter
Weather Donation Drive**

February 12 & 13, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

D10 Como Community Council is hosting a donation drive to help the unsheltered community this winter. We will be set up **in the parking lot of the Como Historic Streetcar Station (1224 Lexington Pkwy)** on Saturday and Sunday, February 12 & 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

We will be collecting **NEW**:

- Gloves/Mittens
- Socks
- Fleece Gaiters
- Hand Warmers
- Cough Drops
- Travel Tissues



[View an Amazon.com 'wishlist' of accepted items](#)

Donations will go to [Minnesota Community Care](#) and its partner organizations.

Want to get involved? Community members are welcome to volunteer during our drive to help collect, sort or deliver items. Email organizer@district10comopark.org to get involved. We also welcome [financial donations to the Neighborhood Relations Committee](#) so that we can continue to run this and other community events!

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