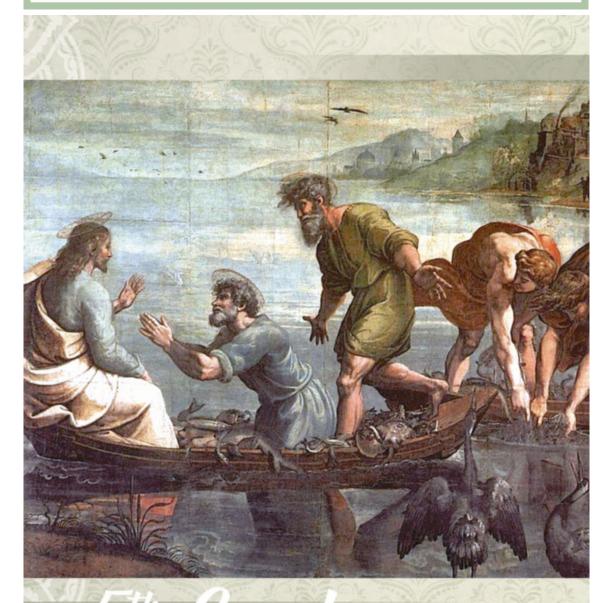
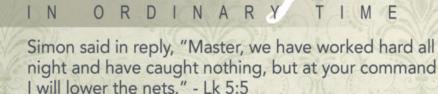


Church of the Holy Childhood

1435 Midway Parkway † St. Paul MN 55108

February 6, 2022





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Pastor's Letter

THE ROLE OF MUSIC IN THE LITURGY: WITNESS TO FAITH AND JOY

As our choir returns following their winter break, I thought it would be helpful to shed some light on the value of music in our lives of faith and in our worship together.

Music solemnizes a moment like nothing else. That's why there's a concert on the National Mall in Washington, DC for our country's annual Independence Day celebration. It's a way of literally giving voice to our pride and joy as free Americans.

Music has always been a hallmark of Christian worship for basically the same reasons. It's enough to cite the antiquity of Gregorian Chant, the roots of which go back to the first century A.D. when Christianity first emerged out of the catacombs from being the religion of the persecuted to becoming the religion that, through its faithfulness to God overcame the might of the Roman Empire. Just imagine *that* joy!

Anyone can appreciate good music and be uplifted by it, even if they don't understand the words, such as with an Italian, German, or French opera, *Adeste, Fideles*, or Mozart's *Ave, Verum Corpus* in Latin. But, music becomes even more effective for our spiritual growth when the words *are* understood. The songs chosen for our weekend Masses are chosen for that very reason: they are to be a part of our prayer, a means for the expression of the otherwise inexpressible faith and joy within us.

St. Augustine coined the phrase in the fifth century that "The one who sings prays twice."



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 totaled \$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 **this weekend.** Let us all be mindful on how we can help reduce costs here at HC. Your suggestions are welcome.

PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE MINUTES Tuesday, January 18, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

The book *Rebuilt* is available to be picked up in the narthex. Pick up a copy today.

- Discussion was held on the following topics: • Ice Cream Social
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- Landscape The future of our gardens.
- Greeters
- Stations of the Cross and Soup Suppers

The next Parish Life Committee meeting is Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Hall. All are welcome to attend. If you would like something added to the agenda, contact chair, Larry McMahon no later that Friday, February 11.

Committee Members: Judd Berthiaume Mary Ellen Clasemann Tom Imhof

John Jacobsen Larry McMahon Joyce Nevins

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.

I 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 service of the Lord.

A DAY OFF FOR OUR PRIESTS In the month of February, Fr. Cloutier will be off on February 7 and Fr. Fink February 10. Thus no 7:45 am Mass at HC on February 10.

BLESSING OF RELIGIOUS ARTICLES



This weekend at the end of Mass Fr. Fink will bless religious articles (rosaries, chaplets, medals, etc.). The article does not need to be in church, but the person desiring the blessing does need to be present. Water is an exception and does need to be present for the blessing.

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!

SOCIAL SUNDAY

Join fellow parishioners for donuts, coffee and conversation next Sunday, February 13, in Buchanan Hall following the 9:15 a.m. Mass.

Please join us in praying for those who have recently died and for their families.

January 31 - CarolAnn Becvar (80)

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2022 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 5:15 P.M., TRANSFIGURATION, OAKDALE

All are invited to attend Mass, especially the sick, caregivers, chaplains & healthcare workers, with celebrant Archbishop Hebda. Reception and talk to follow. Deacon Najarian will speak on the Christian meaning of human suffering. Visit transfigurationmn.org.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Bev Mertz
- 7, Mary Billadeau, Jacob Clemens, & Colleen Nelson
- 8, Ginny Davini
- 9, Bob Kroona, Hope Thill & Tim Twohy
- 11, Justine DuBruil

FEBRUARY HC EVENTS

- 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
- 22, 7:00 p.m. Women's Club Council Mtg. (BH)
- 26 & 27 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!

FEBRUARY SAINT ANDREW KIM SCHEDULE

- 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



MMSA is participating in the Catholic United Financial Catholic School Raffle. Since Catholic United underwrites ALL expenses for the Raffle, MMSA will keep every penny of each \$5 raffle ticket sold. Approximately \$40,000 in prizes are given away in the Raffle, including the grand prize: a brand new Ford Escape. Contact the school office to arrange to purchase tickets. 651-489-1459 Thank you for supporting MMSA.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 5 7:45 a.m. † Jack Weimer 5:00 p.m. † Mark Harrington Sunday, February 6 9:15 a.m. Parishioners Monday, February 7 7:45 a.m. † Mike Kush Tuesday, February 8 7:45 a.m. † Annella Clasemann Wednesday, February 9 7:45 a.m. † Fr. Dennis Dempsey 3:30 p.m. † Kulzer Family Thursday, February 10 - NO MASS Friday, February 11 7:45 a.m. † Karen Merth Saturday, February 12 7:45 a.m. Joseph & Lila Clasemann (72nd Annivrsary) 5:00 p.m. Parishioners Sunday, February 13 9:15 a.m. Intentions of Dave Fait

PARISH SUPPORT JANUARY 30, 2022

Fair Share Heat Fund \$ 4824.00 \$ 70.00

PARISH INFORMATION

LYNGBLOMSTEN NOTES

Lyngblomsten (our ministry partner) seeks board and committee members

Want to use your skills to make an impact in our local community (or know someone else who does)? Explore the opportunity to serve on a committee or the Board of Directors for Lyngblomsten, a local Christian nonprofit organization providing healthcare, housing, and community-based services for older adults. People with experience in finance, human resources, organizational development/ organizational change, housing or facilities management, or fundraising/advancement are needed. We especially encourage people with racially diverse backgrounds to consider serving. Inquiries and nominations preferred by March 3, 2022. For more information, see the Board Director posting

at www.Lyngblomsten.org/

BoardOpenings and contact Jeff Heinecke– President & CEO of Lyngblomsten–at (651) 632-5308 or jheinecke@lyngblomsten.org.

Our congregation is a member of Lyngblomsten. Learn more about Lyngblomsten at <u>www.Lyngblomsten.org</u>.

2nd Half with Lyngblomsten online programing available for February!

The February Programming eBulletin for 2nd Half with Lyngblomsten is now available! Participate in a variety of online opportunities for older adults that will have you learning, laughing, and discovering with others from across the Twin Cities. Upcoming offerings include our popular Author! Author! series featuring Jeffery B. Burton, author of **The Keepers**, and John Sweeney Teaches: PowerPoint for Travel Pictures. View offerings and sign up today at

www.lyngblomsten.org/2ndHalfRegister.

Save the date for the Lyngblomsten Foundation Spring Gala!

Join the Lyngblomsten Foundation on Friday, April 22, 2022, for a special evening to raise funds to support 2nd Half with Lyngblomsten community services. Details will be posted at <u>www.Lyngblomsten.org/</u> <u>SpringGala</u>.

