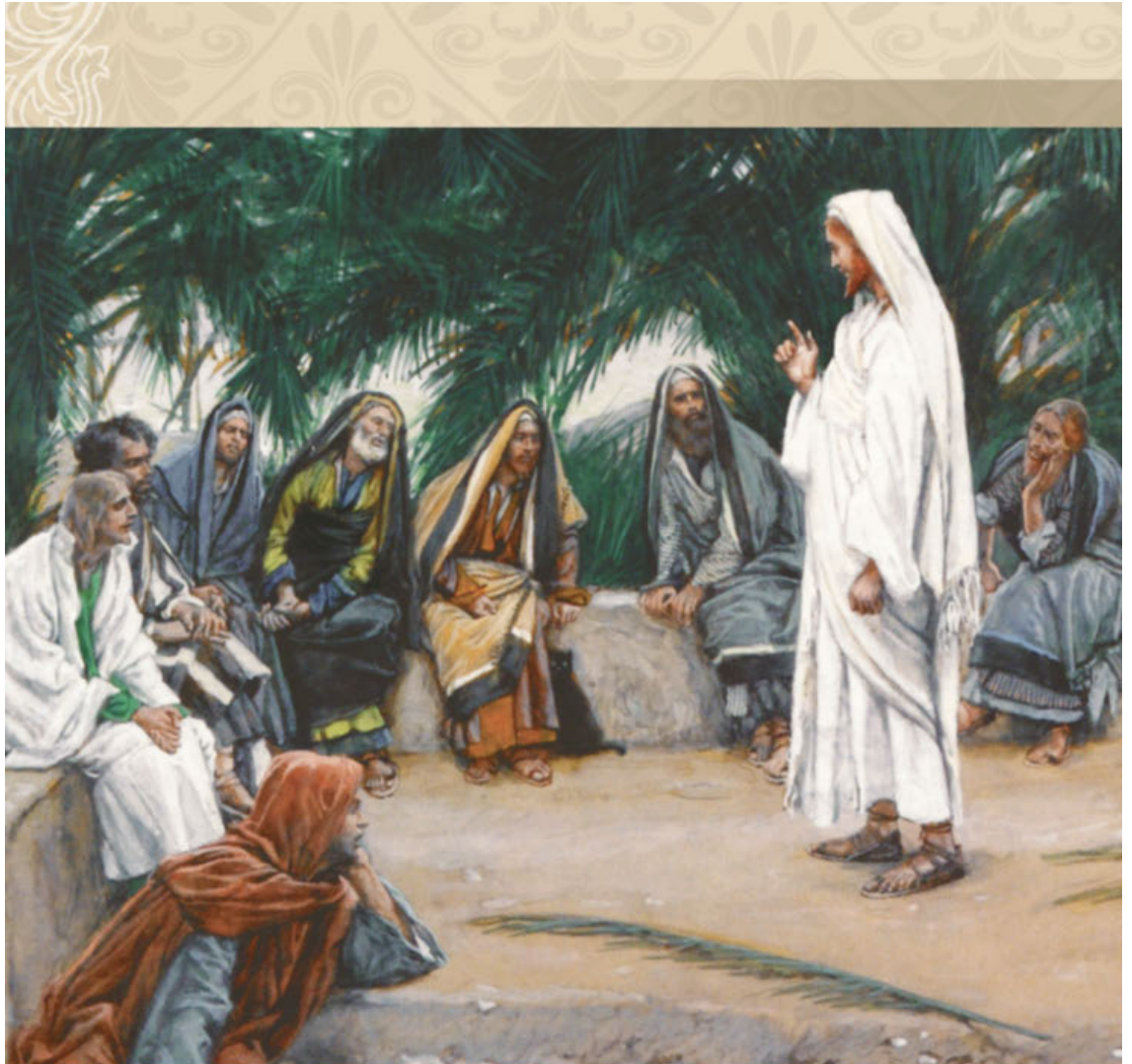




# Church of the Holy Childhood

1435 Midway Parkway † St. Paul MN 55108

February 13, 2022



## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday

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

"Blessed are you when people hate you,  
and when they exclude and insult you,  
and denounce your name as evil  
on account of the Son of Man." - Lk 6:22

# Pastor's Letter

## FEAST DAY OF THE BISHOP AND MARTYR, ST. VALENTINE (*Mon., Feb 14*)

Together with All-Hallows Eve, the Birth of Christ and the Resurrection of the Lord, St. Valentine's feast day is yet another Christian Holy Day that has been hijacked by secular culture and made a mere "holiday," just another excuse for a meaningless party. From days given us to strengthen our faith, inspire our action, and provide depth and meaning to our Christian lives, these celebrations have been turned into trite, self-serving occasions for childish and often irresponsible self-indulgence.

St. Valentine was a Bishop during one of the many Roman persecutions of Christians in the first centuries of our Era. He had defied a ban by the Emperor on celebrating marriages, was arrested and subsequently martyred. His defense of the natural right to marry, and his willingness to expose himself to death for the sake of the *Sacrament of Christian Marriage* has made him an authentic icon of true love: love of God and neighbor, love of faith, and of Christian life and virtue.

All of that has been degenerated by contemporary culture - or real *lack* of culture - into an occasion to "celebrate" sinful relationships - heterosexual or homosexual, hedonistic indulgence, vice and infidelity, and the idolization of superficial puppy-love masquerading as that love which is intended by God to ennoble and to elevate the human person, to enrich and to enliven human existence and the beautiful relationship meant by the Creator to bond a man and a woman in fruitful union of body and soul for life. Christian Marriage, that is the marriage of Christians as a Sacrament, is intended by God to be a visible sign of God's own love for the Church and of the Church for the Lord, and, so, a sign to the world of God's loving plan for humanity.

Are we Christians partially to blame for this cultural confusion and skewing of the understanding of love? There's absolutely nothing wrong with romantic love. It's even necessary to "keep the fire alive" in a relationship, but that's in a healthy and normal relationship as God intended it, and not as a cheap substitute for one. So, let the roses express your love based on faith and respect, and let the chocolates represent your commitment and the standard of virtue on the part of both of you needed to bond your marriage unbreakably together.

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

**I Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23** David could have taken his personal revenge on King Saul, but realized that God alone has the right to judge and to mete out justice. For this, David would remain at true peace both with God and with himself.

**I Corinthians 15:45-49** Nature has determined the mode of our present life, our brief sojourn in this world with all of its limitations and its challenges. Jesus Christ is the pattern we are offered for the promise of eternal life, one that begins in this world with our necessary cooperation, but will come to its fullness only in the next.

**St. Luke 6:27-38** The Lord Jesus isn't teaching us here to let ourselves become doormats. Rather, his teaching is focused on our learning both to leave *judgment* in God's hands who alone knows our heart and the full circumstances of our life. This will set the criterion of our own judgment one day by God.

We ask you to pray the Synod prayer daily (provided below) and a Novena to the Holy Spirit February 18-26

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.  
With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.  
We are weak and sinful;  
do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.  
Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey  
together to eternal life and  
not stray from the way of truth and what is right.  
All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.*

*Mary, Mother of the Church, Pray for us.*

## 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 TODAY

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

#### *Letter Writing Campaign to Legislature*

Join us the weekend of February 19-20<sup>th</sup>.

Our focus will be a letter to President Joe Biden for him to prayerfully support and encourage policies that save the lives of the most vulnerable - **the unborn**.

Printed letters, envelopes and stamps will be supplied. We encourage everyone to stop at the table in the narthex to sign and address a letter accordingly. Sealed envelopes will be mailed to the White House and prayers will continue to be said for him and the leaders of our country.

An alternative method of sending the letter can be done online through this link here: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/>. Copy and paste the text of the letter or write your own into the email body of the comment section of the page.

For a downloadable copy of the letter, visit the ProLife Corner on the MOM website.

### NOW HIRING

Leaflet Missal is looking for a young man out of high school or college for an entry-level full-time warehouse position.

Duties would include scanning packages, packing, local deliveries, receiving deliveries, collecting orders, picking up supplies, general maintenance and some grounds-keeping, etc. Come into Leaflet and ask an application, or call 651-487-2818 and ask to speak with John or Keevin.

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 13 Lucy Schmitz  
15 Leo Scroggins  
Bridget Swanberg  
16 Jim Evanoff

## FEBRUARY HC EVENTS

13, 10:00 a.m. - Social Sunday (BH)  
13, 20, 27, 2:00 p.m. Holy Hour  
15 7:00 p.m. - Parish Life Committee Mtg (BH)  
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

## FEBRUARY SAINT ANDREW KIM SCHEDULE

13, 10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. - Confession (Pastors Office)  
11:15 a.m. - Mass  
1:30 p.m. - Korean Language School  
18, 7:00 p.m. - Mass

## THANK YOU

"On behalf of all retired men and women religious, brothers and religious order priests, I thank you for your support of the annual Retirement Fund for Religious Appeal. Your generosity, especially during these unprecedented times, is a real blessing in support of all those who have witnessed to a lifetime of dedicated service.!"

The above note of gratitude comes from the RFR coordinator, Sister Lynore Girmscheid, SSND, who thanks our parish for our contribution of \$2023.00 to the annual RFR Appeal.



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**


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**Saturday, February 12**

7:45 a.m. Joseph & Lila Clasemann  
(72nd Anniversary)

5:00 p.m. Parishioners

**Sunday, February 13**

9:15 a.m. Intentions of Dave Fait

**Monday, February 14**

7:45 a.m. † Beth & Ed Wollerman

**Tuesday, February 15**

7:45 a.m. † Nash & Kaluza Families

**Wednesday, February 16**

7:45 a.m. † Dawn Squillace

3:30 p.m. † Rev. Richard Villano

**Thursday, February 17**

7:45 a.m. † Annella Clasemann

**Friday, February 18**

7:45 a.m. † Maria Nimh Kim Nhung

**Saturday, February 19**

7:45 a.m. †† Jack & Agnes Weimer

5:00 p.m. † Mary Moosbrugger

**Sunday, February 20**

9:15 a.m. Parishioners

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**PARISH SUPPORT FEBRUARY 6, 2022**


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Fair Share	\$ 6856.10
Heat Fund	\$ 4466.00

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**PARISH INFORMATION**


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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 - Thursday .....6:00 p.m.

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

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

Website.....www.holychildhoodparish.org

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If you did not receive a direct mailing to your home from CSAF, call Mary in the parish office to make arrangements to make a donation to the CSAF. Envelopes are available at the usher tables in church.

**Our 2022 Holy Childhood Parish goal is \$16,787.00** Thank you for your generous support for these important ministries!



**A Journey Through the Bible  
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**Tuesdays, March 1-April 26,  
7-9 p.m. at Holy Family, Saint Louis Park  
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Cost is \$100 for in person attendance, or \$75 via live stream. The course includes lectures, small group discussion, Bible Timeline chart, workbook, bookmark, and supplemental Catechetical Institute materials. For more information, live stream satellite parish locations, and to register, visit [www.CIstudent.com](http://www.CIstudent.com).



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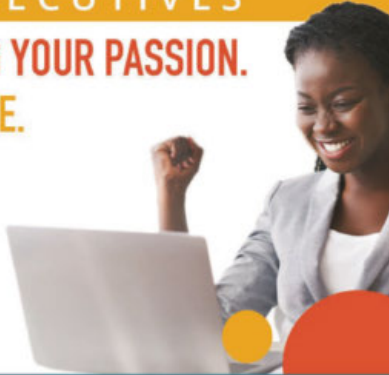
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