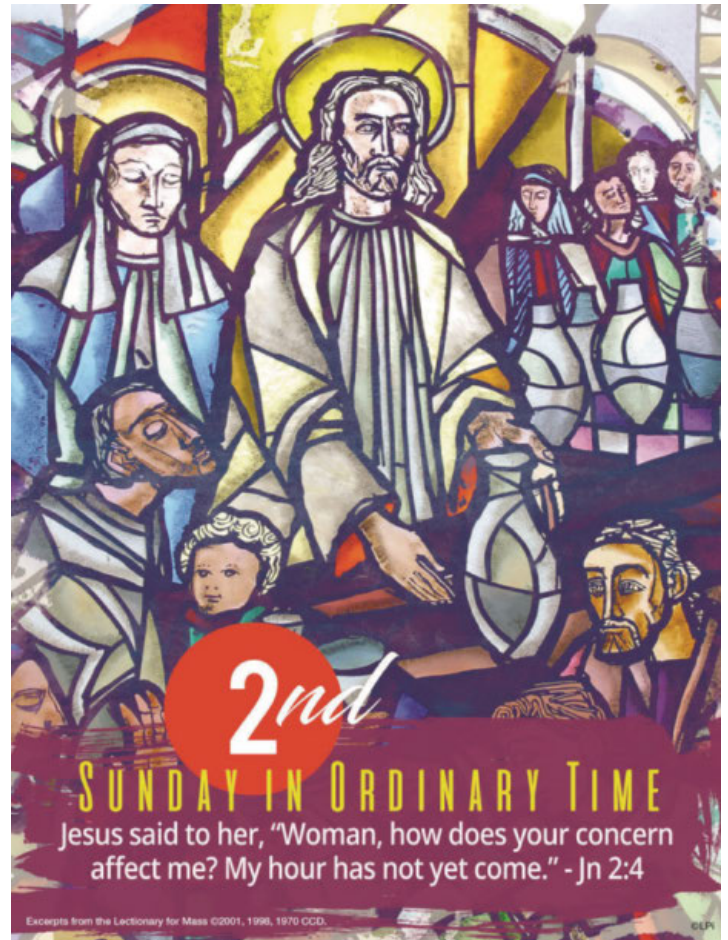




to our
**Parishes on the Prairie
Area Catholic Community**

St. Donatus, Brooten
St. Alexius, West Union
St. Francis de Sales, Belgrade
Sts. Peter & Paul, Elrosa
Our Lady of the Angels, Sauk Centre
St. Paul's, Sauk Centre



Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm St. Donatus, Brooten
Saturday 4:00 pm....St. Paul's, Sauk Centre
Saturday 5:00 pm....Our Lady's, Sauk Centre
Saturday 8:00 pm....St. Paul's, Sauk Centre
Sunday 8:00 am....St. Paul's, Sauk Centre
Sunday 8:15 am....Ss. Peter & Paul, Elrosa
Sunday 8:30 am....St. Alexius, West Union
Sunday 10:00 am....St. Paul's, Sauk Centre
Sunday 10:15 am....St. Francis de Sales, Belgrade
Sunday 10:30 am....Our Lady's, Sauk Centre

Reconciliation Schedule

Thursday 4:00 pm....St. Paul's
Saturday 3:00 pm....St. Donatus
Saturday 3:00 pm....St. Paul's
Saturday 4:00 pm....Our Lady's
Sunday 8:00 am....St. Alexius

Websites

www.parishesontheprairie.org
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Priest Emergency Number 320-429-5429

JANUARY 16, 2022



“Do whatever He tells you!”

~ John 2:5 ~

Dear Jesus,

Help me to understand that my parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

It will be holy, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will be prayerful, if I pray.

It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring others into worship, if I invite and bring them in.

It will be a place of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity, and mercy, if I, who help make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, I beg you, Jesus, for the grace I need to dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be. Amen.

~ Author Unknown ~



One of our Stewardship Committee members brought this prayer to our last meeting. It is a beautiful prayer that gets at the heart of stewardship and parish life. Our parish is a gift from the Lord. Each of us have been given the gift of belonging to a parish, a fold of Jesus’ flock.

And because we are grateful for the many gifts God has shared with us throughout the week, on Sundays (or Saturday evenings) we gather at church around the Eucharist to tell Him “Thank You!”

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South Office

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and Sts. Peter & Paul

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St. Francis de Sales.....320-254-3305
Sts. Peter & Paul.....320-697-5537
OLA.....320-352-3192
St. Paul’s.....320-260-8478

ST. DONATUS

301 EASTERN AVE, BROOTEN, MN 56316



Ministry Schedule
Saturday, January 22
4:00 pm

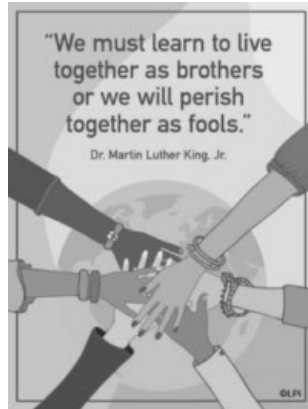
Lector: Scott Jacobson
 EMs: Carol Sanders, Jessica Rademacher,
 Scott Jacobson
 Ushers: Paul Weller & Gregg Weller
 Servers: Faith & Lilly Rademacher
 Counters: Bonita Rademacher &
 Terry Weller

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Wednesday
 8:45 am-6:00 pm
 Everyone Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 19
 8:15 am Family Members of
 Cap Weller
Saturday, January 22
 4:00 pm †Sandy Schmitz



FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

January 9, 2022

Adult	\$1,630.00
Loose	72.00
Fuel	150.00
Maintenance Fund	220.00
Votives.....	72.25
Solemnity of Mary.....	50.00
Total.....	<u>\$2,194.25</u>



ST. ALEXIUS

11 OAK STREET, WEST UNION, MN 56389



Ministry Schedule
Sunday, January 23
8:30 am

Lector: Mark Whalen
 Gift bearers: Chad & Darla Marthaler
 Family
 EMs: Teresa Bulet, Christina Rousslang,
 June Messer
 Rosary: Maria Minette
 Sacristan: Marlys Marthaler
 Servers: Silas & Zander Borgerding
 January Ushers: Tom & Blake Rousslang

MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 19
 8:30 am †Rory Dunn
Sunday, January 23
 8:30 am †Millie Gans

Group 3 is scheduled to clean the church basement on Thursday, January 20, at 6:30 pm.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

January 9, 2022

Adult.....	\$1,397.00
Loose.....	122.00
Youth.....	10.00
Christmas	1,750.00
Masses.....	10.00
Rent	25.00
Total	<u>\$3,314.00</u>

- The Christian Mothers would like to have a memorial made in loving memory of all unborn and born children. The monument will be placed in St. Alexius cemetery. If you are interested in supporting this effort, please reach out to Laura Primus (H)- 320-352-3187 / (C)- 320-339-5463 or Cathy Winters (C) -320-293-2366. A special thank you from all the Christian Mothers.
- If anyone is interested in hosting a coffee and rolls social after Sunday Mass, a sign up sheet can be found in the church entry.





Ministry Schedule

Sunday, January 23

10:15 am

Lector: Brian Borgerding

EMs: Bob Zenner, Sue Betz,
Josie Dingmann

Ushers: John & Darlene Roelike,
Rick & Rose Tschida

Servers: Volunteers

Counters: Dan & Sue Betz

Rosary Leader: Irma Borgerding

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, January 17

8:00 am Communion Service

Tuesday, January 18

8:15 am †Alma Von Wahlde

Friday, January 21

Belgrade Nursing Home

Not Open to the Public

10:00 am †Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, January 23

10:15 am †Sylvester &
Florentine Walz

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

January 9, 2022

Adult	\$1,865.00
Loose.....	21.00
Christmas	1,050.00
Mass Intentions	200.00
Votives	44.00
Central MN Catholic.....	20.00
Solemnity of Mary	50.00
Online Giving.....	100.00
Total	<u>\$3,350.00</u>

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
It Takes All Kinds**

“If every flower wanted to be a rose,” wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, “spring would lose its loveliness.”

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of “varieties of tongues” might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, “Do whatever he tells you,” her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God’s instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God’s word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

News for BBE Parishes

BBE BSA Scouts are hosting a Waffle Feed in honor of SCOUT SUNDAY

February 6, 2022 at the Belgrade VFW in the Back room from 9:00 am-12:00 noon.

Come and Join the Scouts for a Waffle Feed Fundraiser. If you come in Class B and are active in a troop, your waffle is on us. Adults- \$8, 6- 18 years old - \$6, 5 and under- Free. If you have questions, call Chris Jensen at 320-333-3865



Ministry Schedule

Sunday, January 23

8:15 am

Lector: Lois Wesbur

EMs: Cheryl Weller, Jim Weller & Theresa Zenzen

Ushers: Gary Deters & Ken Dold

Servers: Samantha & Katie Gregory

Counters: Ken & Diane Dold

MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, January 20
8:15 am †Laurie Frikken
Sunday, January 23
8:15 am For the People




FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

January 9, 2022

Adult	\$1,995.00
Loose	70.00
Youth.....	4.00
Christmas	1,300.00
Heating	600.00
Votives	42.00
Solemnity of Mary	155.00
Furnace/Parking Lot.....	1,000.00
Elevator Income	10.00
Online Giving.....	25.00
Total	\$5,201.00

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Adult Bible Study
Session 6 will be
Thursday, January 20
at 10:00 am in Elrosa.

Observances for the week of January 16, 2022

- Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: Martin Luther King Day; St. Anthony, Abbot
- Tuesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Thursday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
- Friday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
- Saturday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
- Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin



Readings of the Week

Readings for the week of January 16, 2022

- Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
- Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
- Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
- Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/ Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 22

5:00 pm

EMs: Sue Rick, Ella Froseth, Annette Kittelson
 Lectors: Cindy Sunderman, Janet Zenzen
 Servers: Ellen Rick, Tom Trutna, Rob Gruber
 Ushers: Bruce Westbrook, Mark Hintzen,
 Jason Kerfeld, Fred Massmann
 Rosary: Cindy Sunderman
 Gift Bearers: Paul Froseth Family

Sunday, January 23

10:30 am

EMs: Phil & Jacque Polipnick, Cele Gamradt
 Lectors: Maizie Jennissen, Audrey Roering
 Servers: Joshua Hansen, John Jordan,
 Sammy Klaphake
 Ushers: Scott Rutten, Tom Zwack,
 Duane Leukam, Richard Bertram
 Rosary: Scott & Whitney Rutten
 Gift Bearers: Isaac Uphus Family

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, January 17

7:00 am †Bob Hintzen

Tuesday, January 18

Lakeshore Assisted Living

10:00 am †Vic Wiener

Friday, January 21

7:00 am †Norma Karasch (Anniv.)

Saturday, January 22

5:00 pm †Kathy Woeste

Sunday, January 23

10:30 am †James Kinney

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

January 9, 2022

Adult	\$7,205.00
Plate	229.00
Children	3.69
Votive	118.21
Solemnity of Mary	625.00
Christmas	100.00
Religious Retirement	30.00
Total	<u>\$8,310.90</u>

Our Lady of the Angels Stained Glass Windows!

Repairs are set to begin early this year. The Rose Window located in the choir loft needs repairs. We will have it re-leaded along with some extensive repairs. A few of the other windows will need some slight repairs. Estimated cost is \$18,000. Parishioners will receive a new envelope in their contribution packet to use and support this project. Thank you!

News For SA/OLA/SP

- **Searching Souls** Join other searching souls every Monday at 6:30 pm at Centre for Christ for videos and small group discussions with a different topic each week to grow in our Catholic faith together! Call 320-761-3590 for more information or with questions! Like the Searching Souls Ministries Facebook page for more information.
 - January 17: Enthronements
 - January 24: Saint Paul's Conversion Story
 - January 31: Presentation of the Lord
- **Automatic Contribution Program:** If you would like information about making Offertory Contributions by automatic draft from your checking or savings account, please contact the Parish Office at 352-2196.
- **Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship** All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2021 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The competition will be held January 23 at the Sauk Centre High School Multi Purpose Room. Registration starts at 12:30 pm.
- **Hospice Volunteers Needed:** CentraCare Hospice volunteers share their gift of companionship and support to patients and families during their last stages of life. We are currently looking for hospice volunteers in communities where you live. We offer flexible options to fit your lifestyle. If you are inspired to give back, contact our Volunteer Specialists and they will help you find your niche to make your volunteer experience highly rewarding. Contact us at 320-259-9375 or 800-835-6610.



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 22

4:00 pm

EMs: John & Mary Klimek, Denise Rieland,
Dan Krousey

Greeters: David Weir, Jean Lahr, Mary Peterson

Lector: Hailey Hokanson, Kris Hokanson

Rosary: Jim & Carol Backes

Servers: Noah Cross

Gift Bearers: Ushers

Ushers: Chuck Klaphake, Jason Klaphake,
Mark Schaefer

8:00 pm

EMs: Lisa Lahr, Stacie Fletcher

Greeters: *Need Volunteers*

Lector: Carla Moritz

Servers: Jacob Lahr

Gift Bearers: Ushers

Ushers: Blake Bromenshenkel, Paul Reitsma,
Jim Klaphake

Sunday, January 23

8:00 am

EMs: Diane Landberg, Debra Tholl,
Julie Meyer, Nick Wheeler

Greeters: Mike & Cynthia Karasch

Lectors: Lorryne Traut, Ken Gieske

Rosary: Julie Meyer

Servers: Hayden Tschida

Gift Bearers: Kevin & Kelsey Hierckhoff Family

Ushers: Wayne Bromenshenkel, Derek
Bromshenkel, Jeff Nienaber, Jerry Kulzer

10:00 am

EMs: Denise Jennissen, Julie Beack,
Amanda Ritter, Helen Lassle, Jody Schirmers

Greeters: Gabe & Barb Gieske, Bob Deem

Lectors: Barb Uphus, Connie Sell

Rosary: Becky Eibesteiner or Charlotte Johnson

Servers: Amber & Bradley Groetsch,
Mary K. Meier

Gift Bearers: Adam & Shari Saltmarsh Family

Ushers: Paul Schmiesing, Chuck Reynolds,
Shawn Bromenshenkel



MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, January 18

8:30 am †Tina Kulzer

Wednesday, January 19

7:00 am †Laura Lee

Thursday, January 20

8:30 am †Bob Schmiesing

Mass at Nursing Home –

Not open to the Public

10:15 am †Hildegard Bromenshenkel

Saturday, January 22

4:00 pm †Irene Fussy

8:00 pm For the Protection of

the Unborn

Sunday, January 23

8:00 am †Tina Kulzer

10:00 am †Jeanette Orth

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

January 9, 2022

Adult.....	\$7,335.00
Plate.....	1,474.00
Votive.....	98.50
Debt Retirement.....	75.00
HFS.....	80.00
Bldg Maint Repair.....	45.00
Children.....	44.35
Christmas.....	320.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	305.00
Central MN Magazine.....	40.00
Centre for Christ.....	20.00
Total.....	<u>\$9,836.85</u>



PRAYER GATHEING

Come gather together for prayer every Monday at 4:00 pm, at St. Paul's Church. Let your intentions become a united prayer to the Lord. We hope to see you there!

ST. FAUSTINA CHAPEL OF DIVINE MERCY

CONTACTS: LINDA 352-0105, 320-491-8225 OR LINDAFRERICKS2@GMAIL.COM;
MARIA 320-267-3230 OR GRETCHEN 320-248-1778

COMMITTED ADORERS NEEDED FOR THESE HOURS:

Sunday- 2PM, Tuesday- 3 AM, Wednesday- 1AM, Thursday, -1AM
Friday- 1AM, 3AM, & 4AM, Saturday- 12AM (midnight) & 1AM

PRAYER PARTNER or PRAYER SUB REQUESTED for THESE COMMITTED ADORERS:

Wednesday- 2PM & Saturday- 3AM

We have updated the sign-in roster at the chapel for the coming year. If your contact number is not correct, please notify Linda. We have had several repositings already due to weather and need this information to be correct in order to contact you with announcements when we repose at the chapel. Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL & NEWS FOR ALL



Holy Family School Weekly Calendar Raffle

1/9	\$20	Kathrine Walter, St. Paul
1/10	\$20	Ron Klaphake, Sauk Centre
1/11	\$20	Joe & Jennie Frank, Burtrum
1/12	\$20	Christopher Borgerding, Osakis
1/13	\$20	Ron Klaphake, Sauk Centre
1/14	\$20	John & Alice Johnson, Plymouth
1/15	\$20	Bob & Nancy Middendorf, Sauk Centre

News for All Six Parishes

- **Bulletin News Deadline** Mondays at 12:00 Noon. Email Janae Nemmers at francisdesales@mediacombb.net or call her office and leave a message at 320-254-8218.
- **Schola**-Come and learn and practice (or just listen to) some of the rich treasures of the music of the Church with the schola in St. Paul's choir loft on Sunday, January 16, from 2:30-3:30 pm.
- **Baptism Instructional Class:** Monday, January 17, 2022 Time: 7:30 pm. Location: St. Paul's Church Meeting Room. If you are expecting your first child and/or it has been over 3 years since you have taken the class please call the parish office at 352-2196 to sign up.
- **Sauk Centre MCCL will be sponsoring a free bus to the State Capitol** on Saturday January 22. The bus will pick up at Sauk Centre Walmart at 9:15 am. This bus will also stop at St. Mary's in Melrose at 9:35 am and again at Charlies in Freeport at 10:00 am. We may be meeting in the Capitol with our Senators and Representatives after the Rally, but as of now I do not know for sure. To reserve a seat on this bus, please call Mary at 320-250-9904 or Jo Anne at 320-429-0074. Please dress warm and bring a bag lunch.
- **Sauk Centre Community Blood Drive** River of Life, 705 12th St. S, Sauk Centre. Monday, January 17, from 1:00-7:00 pm. Questions or to make an appointment: Call Debbie at 320-352-5380.

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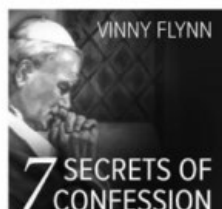
PICK OF THE WEEK

January 16, 2022

LISTEN

7 SECRETS OF CONFESSION
BY VINNY FLYNN

The Sacrament of Confession is the place where we get to encounter the Lord's mercy in a tangible way. In this talk, best selling author and Catholic speaker Vinny Flynn explores the incredible gift of mercy we encounter in Confession.



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To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

Parishes on the Prairie Area Catholic Community Prayer Corner

If you or someone you know in our ACC is sick or ill, please call our Parish Office at 320-254-8218 to add them to our Prayer Corner. Please pray daily for those in need of healing in our parishes.

All those in Nursing Homes, family of †Vic Wiener, family of †Joe Middendorf, family of †Molly Frank, family of †Bob Wessel, family of †Jerry Beuning, family of †Helen Banal, family of †Jane Meyer, family of †Eugene Jennissen, family of †Sue VanHavermaet, family of †Elmer Orth, family of †Donna Kuhlmann, family of †LeRoy Wolbeck



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FAITH FORMATION



BBE Faith Formation

January 26: Class for Grades 7-11 in Elrosa from 6:30-8:00 pm.

February 2: Grades K-6 Parent & Student Classroom Lesson in Elrosa from 6:30-8:00 pm.

High School Youth Group (9-12) will meet TONIGHT, Sunday, January 16, at the Elrosa parish house from 6:30- 8:00 pm. Come for some fun, prayer and snacks! A great way to start your week.

Middle School Youth group (6-8) will meet Wednesday, January 19 (this week!) at the Elrosa parish house from 6:30-8:00 pm. There will be snacks, prayer and some good times! A great way to enjoy a Wednesday evening!

Middle/High School Diocesan Rally on January 30-forms were due on January 12. If you are still interested, email or text/call Rachel.



**CENTRE
FOR
CHRIST**

"Go Make Disciples"

Elementary

First Reconciliation Retreat: Celebration of the sacrament of First Reconciliation takes place on Saturday, February 26 at St. Paul's Church, Refreshments: 8:30am; Lessons: 9-10:45; Reconciliation 10:45-noon.

Skating and Bon Fire with Friends: Join us for our annual family night Friday, January 21 at the Sauk Centre outdoor Skating rink. A bon fire, hot drinks and s'mores will be provided from 6-7:30pm. If you would like to help out, please contact Amy, 320-492-9539.

Offertory Gifts: Families are invited and encouraged to bring up gifts at spring Masses. To signup, follow this link www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4AACA72BABF94-offertory or contact Amy 320-492-9539.

EDGE: Jr. High Youth Group (6th-8th grade)

EDGE- Wednesday, January 19.

EXTRA EDGE- NEW DATE...January 21 (not January 14). We will be at the outdoor skating rink in Sauk Centre for Fire & Ice, from 6-8 pm.

Youth Rally for grades 6-12, Sunday, January 30 from 8 am – 5 pm, cost is \$20. Permission slips due back by Wednesday, January 19. Event is held at Cathedral High School. Day includes Mass with Bishop Kettler, speaker, games and discussion.

Gift Program

Wednesday, January 19 & Sunday, January 23 (students only)

Confirmation

Y1-Next class is Wednesday, January 26, at 7 pm.

Y2- Next class is Wednesday, January 19, at 7:45 pm.

MISCELLANEOUS

Continued from page 2...Priest Message

In our Gospel this weekend, we hear the story of the Wedding at Cana. The bride and groom must be delighted to have Jesus there with His mother and some disciples. But little do they know, the wine for their reception has run out.

That is where Mary steps in. She consults with her Son. Then she tells the servants (stewards) to "Do whatever He tells you." That is our job. Recognizing Jesus is in our presence, especially at Mass, we need to hear the words of Mary, "Do whatever He tells you." Because when we listen and heed what Jesus tells us, He will bless us and our efforts.

He blessed the stewards and the bride and groom by keeping them from being embarrassed because they ran out of wine - even more, He made them out like heroes of the reception because the new wine was better than the stuff served first. Jesus blessed the people with more wine, a symbol of joy. And Jesus blessed His mother Mary by honoring her request, her intercession.

What is our lesson? When we do what God is desiring from us, we will always be blessed and have cause for joy and thanksgiving.

It is my hope that a Stewardship Way of Life will be adopted by all of us in our six parishes and in our Catholic school. It is a beautiful and practical way to live for God.

In our Father's hands,

☺ Fr. Greg

P.S. I need to let the people of St. Alexius, Our Lady of the Angels, and St. Paul's know, the Stewardship Renewal we normally held in January is being moved to September. After discussion at the Stewardship Committee, it was determined it might work better at the beginning of the school year than at the beginning of the calendar year.

We are accepting Bids for a John Deere TRS27 Walk Behind Snow Blower

Includes Cab Cover
Engine Horsepower: 8
Stages: 2
Type of Intake: Auger
Self-Propelled: Yes
Auger Diameter: 16
Chute Adjustable: Yes
Degree of Chute Adjustment: 220
Weight: 290
Scoop Width inches: 27"



Submit your bid to any parish office in a sealed envelope. It will go to the highest bid. Bids are due by January 25.

St. Mary's Catholic School Breakfast

January 30, 8:30am-12:00 noon. St. Mary's School Gym/Cafeteria, 320 5th Ave SE, Melrose.
Pancakes, sausage, eggs, and more! \$9.00 adults, \$5.00 children (6-12, 5 and under are free)

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