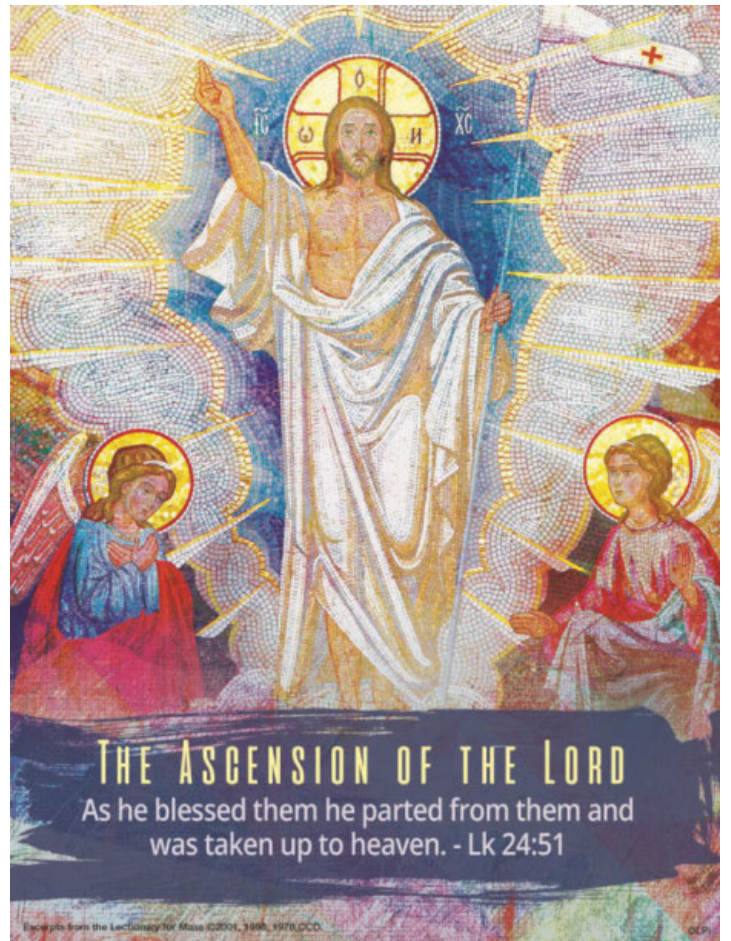




to our
**Parishes on the Prairie
Area Catholic Community**

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

Websites

- www.parishesontheprairie.org
- www.holyfamilysc.org
- www.centreforchrist.org
- www.stclouddiocese.org

Reconciliation Schedule

- Thursday 4:00 pm....St. Paul's
- Saturday 3:00 pm....St. Paul's
- Saturday 4:00 pm....St. Francis de Sales
- Saturday 4:00 pm....Our Lady of the Angels
- Sunday 8:00 am....St. Alexius

Fr. Greg Paffel, Pastor
 Fr. Jeremy Theis, Parochial Vicar
 Fr. Rick Aubol, Parochial Vicar
 Dcn. Tom McFadden

Priest Emergency Number 320-351-2631

Memorial Day



On May 30, America celebrates Memorial Day as a federal holiday. Memorial Day is set aside as a day to honor and mourn military men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation. We owe a great debt of gratitude to those who have given all, thus enabling us to enjoy the many freedoms we have.



As Catholics we understand well the power of prayer and the importance of praying for those who may be in Purgatory. Let us, in gratitude and charity, on this day of honoring and mourning these men and women, pray for their souls. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

Locations and times of local ceremonies:

The Brooten American Legion will host a Memorial Day program on Monday, May 30, beginning at 10 am at Memorial Park along Highway 55.

The Belgrade V.F.W. Saboe-Levorson Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1825 will host a Memorial Day program at Olson Auditorium, B-B-E high school in Belgrade on Monday, May 30 beginning at 11 am.

Sauk Centre will also host a Memorial Day service on Monday, May 30. This event begins at 11:00 am and will be held at the Greenwood Cemetery on the east end of town.

~Fr. Theis



South Office

St. Donatus, St. Francis de Sales and Sts. Peter & Paul
541 Martin Ave, PO Box 69
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8:00 am-3:00 pm**

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St. Alexius.....320-266-1909
St. Donatus.....320-346-2428
St. Francis de Sales320-254-3305
Sts. Peter & Paul.....320-697-5537
OLA320-352-3192
St. Paul's.....320-260-8478

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.

ST. DONATUS

301 EASTERN AVE, BROOTEN, MN 56316



Ministry Schedule

Sunday, June 5

8:15 am

Lector: Trisha Delhamer

EMs: Jessica Radermacher, Scott Jacobson,
Judy Detloff

Ushers: Ken Radermacher & Aaron Radermacher

Servers: Kylie Weller & Lilly Radermacher

Counters: Bonnie Winter & Tony Rooney

Eucharistic Adoration

First Saturday

10:00 am-12 noon

Every Wednesday

8:45 am-6:00 pm

Everyone Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, June 1

8:15 am †Willie, Ken & Melvin
Rooney

Sunday, June 5

8:15 am †Travis Radermacher

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

May 22, 2022

Adult	\$855.00
Loose	56.50
Mass Intentions.....	20.00
Votives.....	56.05
Online Giving	545.00
Total.....	<u>\$1,532.55</u>

Happy Birthday, Martin! All are welcome to help Martin Schmitz celebrate his birthday on Sunday, May 29, from 1-4 pm at his home.

Lawn Mowing As no one has stepped forward yet for the Lawn Mowing Coordinator, Tony Rooney will assume the position until someone does. So you may be getting a call/reminder from Tony when your group is scheduled to mow lawn. Also note, we have purchased a used lawnmower for the church that may be used at the church or cemetery if needed. If you wish to use it for your month please call Tony (320-424-0508) to make arrangements. Extra copies of the Lawn Mowing Schedule can be found in the back of church.

ST. ALEXIUS

11 OAK STREET, WEST UNION, MN 56389



Ministry Schedule

Sunday, June 5

8:30 am

Lector: Karen Deters

Gift bearers: The Hinnenkamp Family

EMs: Jim Bottelberghe, Kelly and Maryls
Marthaler

Rosary: Maria Minette

Sacristan: Marlys Marthaler

Servers: Silas and Zander Borgerding,
Brody Laven

May Ushers: Harvey Neubauer &
Phil Pittman

MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, June 1

6:30 pm †Sr. Mary Lou Eltgroth

Sunday, June 5

8:30 am †Anna Hinnenkamp

**Note! Mass time on Wednesday,
June 1, is at 6:30 pm.**



Vacation Bible School

June 6 -9 from

5:30 pm-8 pm. A

giving tree can be

found in the church entry with a list of food items needed for VBS. Thank you! Please bring children down to the church basement to start out with supper each day. Sunday, June 12, the children will sing a couple songs at the end of Mass.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

May 22, 2022

Adult.....	\$3,263.00
Loose	260.00
Youth.....	24.25
Votive	10.00
Cemetery	160.00
Peters Pence.....	20.00
Catholic Home Missions	10.00
Catholic Magazine.....	25.00
CRS	100.00
Total	<u>\$3,872.25</u>





Ministry Schedule

Saturday, June 4

5:00 pm

Lector: Sue Disrud

EMs: Josie Dingmann, Christina & Paul Rooney

Ushers: Matt Dingmann, Bob Dingmann, Roy Lensing, Lionel Radermacher

Servers: Volunteers

Counters: Doug & Teresa Winter

Rosary Leader: Rita Walz

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, May 30

8:00 am No Communion Service

Tuesday, May 31

8:15 am †Corinne Bahe

Friday, June 3

First Friday

8:15 am †Dave Braegelman

Belgrade Nursing Home

Not Open to the Public

10:00 am Family Members of Cap Weller

Saturday, June 4

5:00 pm †Living & Deceased Members of CUF

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

May 22, 2022

Adult	\$1,199.00
Loose.....	121.00
Online Giving.....	<u>1,065.00</u>
Total	<u>\$2,885.00</u>

First Friday Adoration

Friday, June 3, 8:45-11:30 am.

All are welcome!



Stewardship as a Way of Life:

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end" (Revelation 22:13).

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week: putting God first in all that we do — not only when we are at Mass and parish activities, but when we are in the world, at work or at school. Living grateful-

ly and generously is an intentional lifestyle. Every decision you make either moves you closer to God or farther away. Choose wisely!



News for BBE Parishes

- **St. John's - St. Andrew's Catholic School** in Greenwald offers an all-day Wednesday preschool. Kindergarten is Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. If you are looking for a small, faith-based, community school- check out SJSA! Call the school at 320-987-3133 for more information. Check out our school website at sjsaschool.org and our St. John's - St. Andrew's Facebook page. Scholarships are available!
- **Ecumenical Gathering** Residents Encounter Christ will be the topic for this year's Ecumenical Gathering on June 15 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis de Sales Parish Center in Belgrade. Jerald Quarfot will speak regarding his prison ministry with Residents Encounter Christ(REC). REC is a two day retreat weekend centered on the Paschal Mystery, the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Central Minnesota REC through the guidance of the Holy Spirit provides the incarcerated (those in jail or prison) to personally encounter Jesus Christ within themselves and others by witnessing and experiencing Christian community, the sacraments and Paschal Mystery. Maggie Harp will be the accompanist for the singing. A free will offering will be taken.



Ministry Schedule

Sunday, June 5

10:15 am

Lector: Katie Gregory

EMs: Joe Heinze, Aimee Huston,

Cheryl Weller

Ushers: Art Marthaler & Jeff Zenzen

Servers: Teresa Heinze & Darin Huston

Counters: Roxane Kampsen &

Linda Hieserich

MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 2

8:15 am †Jim Kampsen

Sunday, June 5

10:15 am For the People



FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

May 22, 2022

Adult	\$565.00
Loose	162.17
Votives	84.00
Breakfast Tickets	36.00
Window Project	920.00
Mass Intentions	110.00
Cemetery Income	95.00
Online Giving.....	175.00
Total	<u>\$2,157.17</u>

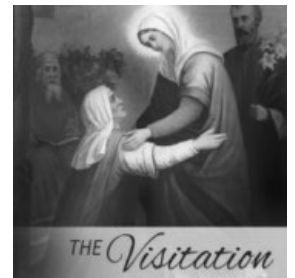


If anyone would like to go to the FFF day in Melrose on June 16, contact Toni Borgerding, 320-290-3677, by June 8. Your registration will be paid by the Elrosa PCCW.

Thank you to the ladies who put the "Women of Sts Peter & Paul Church Yearbook" together. Please pick up your copy from the back of church. There should be one for every woman of the parish.

Observances for the week of May 29, 2022

- Sunday: 7th Sunday of Easter; The Ascension of the Lord; St. Paul VI, Pope; World Communications Day
- Monday: Memorial Day
- Tuesday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Wednesday: St. Justin, Martyr
- Thursday: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
- Friday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
- Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday; St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr



Readings of the Week

Readings for the week of May 29, 2022

- Sunday: *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53
Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 7:55-60/Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26
- Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56
- Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26
- Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday: *Morning:* Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25
- Next Sunday: *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/
Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/ Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, June 4

5:00pm

EMs: Cindy Sunderman, Lola Welle,
Tom Trutna

Lectors: Janet Zenzen, Deb Holt

Servers: Need Volunteers

Ushers: Pat Robischon, Gerald Haskamp,
John Weimerskirch, Bruce Westbrook

Rosary: Cindy Sunderman

Gift Bearers: Paul Froseth Family

Sunday, June 5

10:30 am

EMs: John & Linda Klein, Deb Bosl

Lectors: Becky Wolbeck, Melinda Doubek

Servers: Phil & Christopher Polipnick,
Tyler Herickhoff

Ushers: Duane Leukam, Richard Bertram,
James Bosl, Steve Zenzen

Rosery: Mike & Melinda Doubek

Gift Bearers: Norb & Rita Hendricks Family

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, May 30

7:00 am †Evelyn & Ferdinand Stepan,
Lylan Stepan

Tuesday, May 31

5th Tuesday-No Assisted Living Mass

Friday, June 3

7:00 am †Shirley Schirmers

Saturday, June 4

9:00 am †Lambert Nathe,
Verena Nathe, Tracy Winter

5:00 pm †Dennis Berns

Sunday, June 5

10:30 am †Bob Schmiesing

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

May 22, 2022

Adult	\$4,634.00
Plate	382.00
Votive	84.90
Build. Repair/Maint	80.00
Cemetery.....	255.00
Ascension.....	80.00
Good Friday.....	30.00
End of Fiscal Year	<u>50.00</u>
Total.....	<u>\$5,595.90</u>

First Saturday Devotions at Our Lady of the Angels

Saturday, June 4, 2022

7:45 am Confessions

8:00 am Adoration

8:30 am Rosary

9:00 am Mass



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. "Like" the Searching Souls Ministries Facebook Group!
-May 30: Pentecost with a Bonfire, BBQ, and Rosary
-June 6: Vatican II Gaudium et Specs (at St. Paul's Church at 6:30 pm)
- **Please join us for our Annual Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday, June 19, 2022!** We will begin immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of the Angels and process to St. Paul's and back. It will take approximately one hour. First Communicants are invited to especially participate and be dressed in their First Holy Communion clothes. You will be walking in the front of the Procession with baskets of flower petals to drop for Jesus as our Priests carry the Monstrance with the Blessed Sacrament! Something new this year! Bring a picture or small statue of your favorite saint especially those devoted to the Eucharist such as: St. Francis, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Alphonse Liguori, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, St. Clare or St. Gemma. This is such a beautiful occasion to honor Jesus so please plan to join us for the procession!
- **Parish Office closed on Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day. Have a safe and enjoyable weekend!**



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, June 4

4:00 pm

EMs: Becky Winters, Mary Peterson,
Dennis Boeckers, Kate Uphus
Greeters: Mark Haskamp, David Weir,
Linda Frericks
Lectors: Kris Hokanson, Becky Winters
Rosary: Jim & Carol Backes
Servers: Isaiah Hokanson, Need Volunteer
Gift Bearers:
Ushers:

8:00 pm

EMs: Lisa Lahr, Tiffany Klaphake
Greeter: *Need Volunteers*
Lector: Olivia Uphus
Servers: Jacob, Grant, & Jaden Lahr
Gift Bearers:
Ushers:

Sunday, June 5

8:00 am

EMs: Nick Wheeler, Jean Zwilling,
Bernie & Linda Herickhoff
Greeters: Virgil & Jean Zwilling, Ruth &
Shannon Pohlmann
Lectors: Carla Moritz, David Tholl
Rosary: Julie Meyer
Servers: Hayden & Sophia Tschida,
Aiden Middendorf
Gift Bearers:
Ushers:

10:00 am

EMs: Adam & Shari Saltmarsh, Julie
Beack, Amanda Ritter, Helen Lassle
Greeters: Mary & Mike Thomas, Bob Deem
Lectors: Steve Schreifels, Marty Primus
Rosary: Charlotte Johnson
Servers: Cory Marthaler, Luke Wanderscheid,
Analise Saltmarsh
Gift Bearers:
Ushers:

PRAYER GATHERING

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.

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, May 31

8:30 am †Eusebio Bulair

Wednesday, June 1

7:00 am †Vic Wiener

Thursday, June 2

8:30 am †Lyle Karasch

Nursing Home-

Not Open to the Public

10:15 am †Living & Deceased

Members of the Kulzer Family

Saturday, June 4

4:00 pm †Laura Lee

8:00 pm †Edna Polipnick

Sunday, June 5

8:00 am †Tina Kulzer

10:00 am †Vern Beste (Anniv.)



FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

May 22, 2022

Adult.....	\$7,360.00
Plate.....	1,068.77
Votive.....	130.01
HFS.....	30.00
Build. Repair/Maint.....	160.00
Cemetery.....	135.00
Peter Pence.....	30.00
Ascension.....	230.00
Home Mission.....	25.00
End of Fiscal Year.....	40.00
Total.....	<u>\$9,208.78</u>

Marriage Banns

Banns I

Renee Elizabeth Roberts
Leo Anthony Van Beck

St. Paul's Church Lectors

Please notify Lisa Lahr if you would like to change the Mass that you lector at or if you want to be removed from the schedule. She will be preparing the next lector schedule for July-December. Thank you!

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- 1PM & 2PM, Monday - 2PM, Tuesday- 3 AM,
Wednesday- 1AM, 11 AM & 2PM, Thursday -1AM, Friday- 3AM

PRAYER PARTNER or PRAYER SUB REQUESTED for THESE COMMITTED ADORERS:

Monday-2PM, & Saturday- 12AM(midnight), 1 AM, 3AM

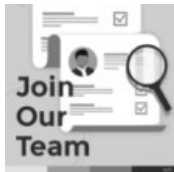
There are several books missing from the chapel library. If you brought a book home to read, please return the book(s) to the chapel. We would prefer that all chapel library books remain in the chapel to be read at the chapel. Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL & NEWS FOR ALL



Holy Family School Weekly Calendar Raffle

5/22	\$20	Mark & Brenda Breitbach, Sauk Centre
5/23	\$20	Michael & Cindy Heveron, Villard
5/24	\$20	Mark & Jen Klaphake, Sauk Centre
5/25	\$20	Bruce & Cali Dickhoff, Sauk Centre
5/26	\$75	Tama Spanier, Sauk Centre
5/27	\$20	Ken & Deb Gieske, Sauk Centre
5/28	\$20	Tom Schmidt, Annandale



Holy Family School is accepting resumes for a 3rd grade teaching position beginning the 2022-23 school year. This position requires a teaching license within the State of Minnesota. Resumes or inquiries can be sent to Holy Family School, 231 Sinclair Lewis Ave., Sauk Centre MN 56378 or at this email address lpeterson@holyfamilyschool.org. Questions can be directed to 320-352-6535. Position will remain open until filled.

News for All Six Parishes

- **An important update for the men's group.** Please note that we are changing our meeting time to after the 5:00 pm Mass every other Saturday night (6/4, 6/18) rather than every other Sunday morning. Meetings will still be in St Paul's Church basement.
- **YOUTH MINISTER/FAITH FORMATION COORDINATOR JOB OPENING**
This position will work in faith formation and youth ministry for five of our parishes within our Area Catholic Community (ACC). In three parishes, for over half the time, this person would be responsible for youth ministry and faith formation for grades 6-12. In two parishes, this person would be responsible for a middle school Youth Ministry (grades 6-8) and assist with 9-12 grade Youth Ministry. Some events are the same for the whole ACC. This position is full-time for 12 months of the year. To apply for this position, please send your resume and references to Adam Saltmarsh, business@parishesontheprairie.org. For more information and a complete job description, please refer to our website, www.parishesontheprairie.org.



Anniversary Celebration of Ordinations

May 17	Fr. Jim Maderak	31 Years
June 2	Fr. Greg Paffel	21 Years
June 8	Deacon Tom McFadden	20 Years
June 15	Fr. Rick Aubol	3 years
June 21	Fr. Jeremy Theis	8 years

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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 †Margaret Hoffman,
family of †David Borgerding, family of †Trix Kleinschmidt*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FAITH FORMATION



BBE Faith Formation

Totus Tuus is a fun and energetic Catholic youth program taught by college age students. From catechetical sessions, Sacraments, and Mass to songs, games and skits – your child is sure to have fun while learning more about their faith! Totus Tuus will be in Elrosa July 9-15. More information coming soon!



The Faith Formation office at Centre For Christ will not have regular staff hours for June and July. We will be in for VBS and

Totus Tuus. If you need to reach someone, please email them directly or leave a message at 351-5580 and someone will get back to you. Have a GREAT summer!

Faith Formation Grades 1-5:

Vacation Bible School starts June 6! Don't forget to sign up your K-5th grade children!

Confirmation

TOB retreat- June 2-3 for our rising 10th graders. Please keep these young people and our leaders in prayer as we have our first annual TOB retreat for our ACC!

CREW: Senior High Youth Group (8th-12th Grade)

Have a great summer and prayers for all the youth attending the Steubenville conference in July.

Prayer and Party on the prairie

Sonar Worship
June 29 -2022, Wednesday
Sts. Peter and Paul, Elrosa, MN

All parishioners from Parishes on the Prairie Area Catholic Community, friends, family and neighbors, and general public.

Prayer For a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the parishes of St. Alexius, St. Donatus, St. Francis de Sales, Sts. Peter & Paul, Our Lady of the Angels, St. Paul's, Holy Family School and Center for Christ.

Party To grow in community for Jesus said, "If you have love for one another then everyone will know you are my disciples. John 13:35

Looking for Local Talent to enter talent contest. Call any Church office to sign up. If you want to donate, give or help, contact 320-351-2621

3:00PM **Bingo & Fun**
Yard games, Baseball, Basketball, Sand Volleyball, and Playground

4:00PM **Adoration**
Food and drinks
Local talent show

6:00PM **Sts. Peter and Paul Feast Day Program and Procession**

7:00PM **Music by Sonar**

To sign up for FORMED:

1. Visit FORMED.org
2. Click Sign Up
3. Select "Sign Up As A Parishioner"
4. Find Parishes on the Prairie by parish name, address, or zip code (56378)
5. Enter your email - and you're in!

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

May 29, 2021

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES WITH DENNIS AND ANGELINA GIRARD

As we celebrate the Visitation this week, we invite you to pray the Joyful Mysteries alongside this spoken Rosary set to music. Enter into some of the most joy-filled moments of Our Lord Jesus Christ's life, alongside the Blessed Virgin, through this devotional prayer and accompanying Scripture passages.



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

MISCELLANEOUS

Continued from page 8...News for All Six Parishes

- **Looking for a fun day out?** It's time again for the annual Fun, Food & Fund Day. This year's event will take place at St. Mary's Parish in Melrose on Thursday, June 16, starting with registration and refreshments at 8:30 am. **"Take Jesus Home"** is the theme of this year's event. Entertainment and silent auction begin at 9:30 am, with Mass at 11 am, followed by lunch. Silent auction closes at 1 pm, at which time Fr. Derek Wiechmann will speak on the National Eucharistic Revival. Pre-registration is \$15 by June 10; \$20 at the door. Handicapped accessible. Send registration to Lora Knafla, 11719 16th Avenue NW, Rice, MN 56367 or contact your parish Christian Mother's president. Sponsored by St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.
- **Are you curious about religious life?** Single women ages 18-45 are invited to learn more about the School Sisters of Notre Dame through a casual, online "Joyful and Alive Conversation" Tuesday, June 7 at 7 pm. Bring your questions and experience God's blessings of being "joyful and alive!" Register by June 6 at ssnd.org/events/6-7-22.
- **NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL – ST. CLOUD KICKOFF JUNE 18!**
Join us for the diocesan kickoff of the National Eucharistic Revival Saturday, June 18 at 1 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud. The day includes keynoter Father Derek Wiechmann, witness speakers Deacon John Wocken, Michael Haney and Mary Jo Legare-Hoffman, small group activities and refreshments. Eucharistic adoration and confession will be available. The day concludes with 5 pm Mass with the bishop, including a Corpus Christi procession. The event is FREE and all are welcome. To learn more about this national initiative, visit eucharisticrevival.org; and local efforts at stcdio.org/eucharistic-revival/. Email eucharisticrevivalstcloud@gmail.com with questions.
- **Bishop's Annual Appeal:** Believe, Celebrate, Live! Please remember the diocesan ministries that, through your generosity, continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota. Keep them thriving by making a gift at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

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Famous Last Words

A fun way to waste an hour or two on the internet is to Google "famous last words." There are entire websites devoted to chronicling the last utterances of celebrities and historical figures. I think the fascination with parting words stems from the drama of a person's final moment on earth. We want to ascribe some kind of power and significance to the last words they say, especially if they are our loved ones, because it gives us something to carry with us in our grief.

In Jesus' case, every word he ever said had power and significance, but especially those he said before ascending into Heaven: "You will be my witnesses ... to the ends of the earth."

And then he was gone.

If I were one of the Apostles, I think a small anxiety attack would have commenced at that point. As much as they knew and believed that Christ was still with them, it must have felt awfully lonely standing there staring at an empty sky, with the mother of all homework assignments having just been handed down.

Stewardship is intimidating by nature. The baptismal call is an honor and a gift. But it is also a little scary bearing witness to Christ.

When we doubt ourselves, let's return to Christ's last words and cling to the faith he had in his Father's love for us. He says not "you will be witnesses" but "you are witnesses." We already have what we need. God is within us, and we take Him wherever we go.

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