

Welcome to the Stillwater Catholic Parishes

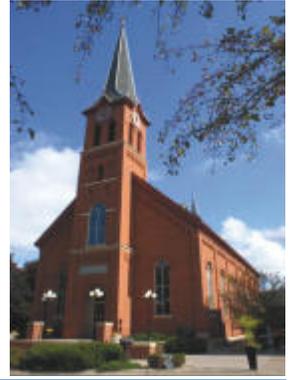


**Church of St. Michael**

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**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**  
**November 22, 2020**



*“The feast of the Kingship of Christ sets the crowning glory upon the mysteries of the life of Christ already commemorated during the year . . . The faithful, moreover, will gain much strength and courage, enabling them to form their lives after the true Christian idea.”*  
~Pope Pius XI

**Entrance Antiphon: Revelation 5:12, 1:6:** How worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honor. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

**Processional Hymn: 669:** 1. Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon the throne. Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing Of him who set us free, and hail him as your heav'nly King Through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave, And rose victorious in the strife For those he came to save. His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who died, eternal life to bring, And lives that death may die.

3. Crown him the Lord of love—Behold his hands and side, Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified. No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight, But downward bends his burning eye At mysteries so bright.

**Gloria:** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**First Reading: Ezekial 34:11-12, 15-17:** Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly. As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.

**Psalm Response: Psalm 23:1-3, 5-6:** *Response:* The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

*Verses:* The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose. / Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. / He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. / You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. / Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28:** Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

**Gospel Acclamation: Mark 11:9, 10:** Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord! Blessed be the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

**Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46:** Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

**Holy, Holy: 239:** Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

**Eucharistic Acclamation:** We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again.

**Amen / Lamb of God**

**Communion Antiphon: Psalm 29:10-11:** The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

**Spiritual Communion Prayer:** My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**Hymn: 820:** 1. The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness fails me never; I nothing lack if I am his And he is mine forever.

2. Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul he's leading, And where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feeding.

3. Confused and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love he sought me, And on his shoulder gently laid, And home, rejoicing, brought me.

**Hymn 39: Refrain:** Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

1. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want; I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love; I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

2. Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul; you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth; my spirit shall sing the music of your name.

## Bi-Parish News & Events

### Crosier Mission Priest at St. Mary's: Sunday, November 22

The Crosiers, officially known as the Canons Regular of the Order of the Holy Cross, are a worldwide religious order of consecrated men whose mission is to touch suffering with hope. They spend their lives in service and provide spiritual support to communities where they are needed most. There are two communities in the United States—one in Phoenix, Arizona, and the other in Onamia, Minnesota. Crosiers also live and serve in Europe, Indonesia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Brazil and Rome.

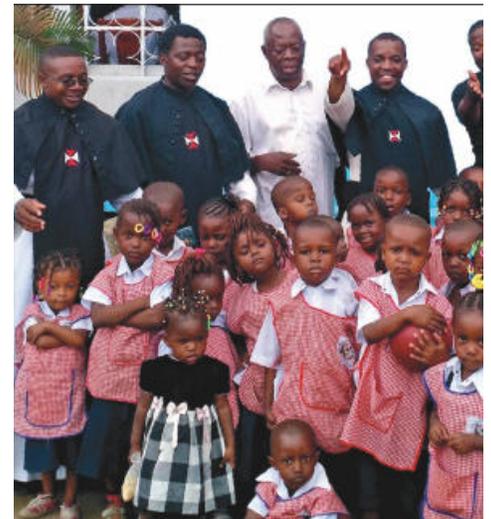


We arrived in Congo in 1920 and today there are 113 priests, brothers and seminarians serving in this African mission. As we approach a century of Religious Life and ministry in Congo, **our dream is to build a new Crosier K-12 Catholic school in Butembo.** We believe that all children deserve a quality school where they can thrive and become productive members of society. The new school will accommodate 1,600 students in 30 classrooms (55 students per classroom is standard in Congo). The school will also include a library, computer resource group, office space, restrooms, and outdoor space where students can play basketball and volleyball. We hope to raise one million dollars to build the school.



Since there is no school near the Crosier Priory in Butembo, children in the area walk great distances to attend school each day, some as many as 10 miles. Seeing the need for a local school, the Crosiers approached the people to determine their interest in supporting a new school. While the Congolese people are not able to provide the finances of the building materials, they will contribute their labor to the building of the school by clearing and preparing the site, digging the foundation, mixing concrete, and hauling bricks, lumber, and other building materials.

We Crosiers seek to transform lives and touch suffering with hope. As the Congolese people emerge from decades of war and conflict, this new K-12 Catholic school in Butembo will be a beacon of light for them. It will provide children with the opportunity to learn how to end the cycle of poverty in their lives and promote a culture of peace, reconciliation, and forgiveness.



The Crosiers in Congo are almost totally dependent on the generosity of others for support. We cannot continue to serve the Congolese people without your financial help. We invite you to partner with us in building this new K-12 Catholic school for the children of Butembo. The school will:

\*Provide a quality Catholic education for the 1,600 children living near the Crosier Priory.

\*Help to reduce the delinquency of youth by helping them move towards the future with confidence and optimism.

\*Decrease the high numbers of illiterate youth.

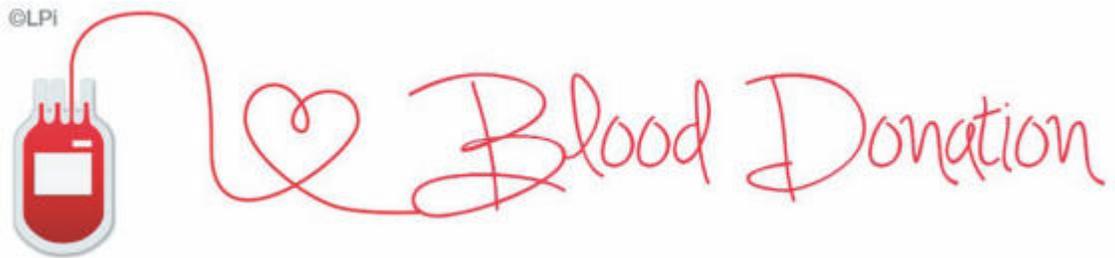
Will you help us build a new school for Butembo? Visit [www.crosier.org](http://www.crosier.org) to learn more.

Father Zawadi Sambya, OSC will be presiding and preaching at all St. Mary's Masses on Sunday, November 22. (He will return to St. Michael's on January 9-10). A second collection will not be taken, but two baskets will be available at each exit for donations. Checks (made to *Crosier Fathers and Brothers* with "New School" in memo line) can also be mailed to: Crosier Fathers and Brothers, PO Box 500, Onamia, MN 56359.

Thank you for your generous support of the Crosier Fathers and Brothers serving in the Democratic Republic of Congo!

## Parish Nurse News

Please save the date! St. Mary's Church will be hosting a socially distanced blood drive on Friday, December 11. Times will be announced at a later date. We hope to see you there!



## Respect Life News

### Respect Life Committee of the Catholic Churches of St. Michael and St. Mary

*What does the Respect Life Committee Do?*

- Pray, learn, speak, and act to protect all human life, especially the most vulnerable.
- Promote and support Catholic Church approved pro-life organizations and their work.
- Cooperate with the Archdiocesan Office of Marriage, Family and Life and parachurch organizations.
- Provide free DVD's and books on loan via St. Michael's Library.
- Promote Spiritual Adoption to pray for families in crisis pregnancies and babies at risk.
- Participate in community education and outreach to help promote a new culture of life.
- Sponsor free bus to Good Friday Prayer Vigil in St. Paul
- Distribute pro-life prayer cards, rosary meditations, lapel pins, and other materials at select church and community events.
- Sponsor a Holy Hour for Life and free Soup Supper for the solemn anniversary of the Supreme Court decision on Roe vs. Wade each January 22nd.
- Educate people on the dignity of all human life with displays, banners, brochures, books, CDs, DVDs, bulletin and email updates.
- Support strong families by honoring motherhood in May and fatherhood in June.
- Welcome participation from parishioners - like you.

#### **Mission Statement:**

*Relying on God's inspiration and guidance, we seek to witness to the truth of the Catholic Church's teachings on challenging bioethics issues and on the dignity of all human persons, to understand Her reasons for these teachings, to share these truths with those who would listen and to help rebuild a Culture of Life.*



## Churches of St. Mary & St. Michael

**Fr. Michael Izen, Pastor**  
frizen@costm.org | 651-379-1261

**Fr. Austin Barnes, Parochial Vicar**  
frbarnes@costm.org | 651-379-1262

### St. Mary's Church

Parish Office now open for scheduled appointments and phone calls:  
**Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**  
651-439-1270  
fharris@costm.org  
Parish Council Chair, Mary Wicker  
(651-430-3223)

**Mass Times**  
Monday - Saturday 7:30 a.m.  
Sunday 8:00 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.; 6:00 p.m.

### Church of St. Michael

Parish Office now open for scheduled appointments and phone calls:  
**Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
**Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**  
651-439-4400  
info@costm.org  
Parish Council Chair, Dennis Symalla  
(952-222-0245); symalla@centurylink.org

**Mass Times**  
Monday - Friday 5:30 p.m.  
Saturday (Anticipatory) 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday 7:30 a.m.; 9:15 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.

### Online Mass

Follow us on Facebook and join us live online every day for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass:  
Monday - Saturday 7:30 a.m. (Facebook)  
Sunday 9:15 a.m. (Facebook & YouTube)

**\*Updated (10/18):** Our 9:15 Sunday Mass will be broadcast on Channel 18 (Valley Access) on:  
Wednesdays (5 p.m. and 11 p.m.)  
Thursdays (5 a.m. and 11 a.m.)  
Saturdays (9 p.m.)  
Sundays (Live at 9:15 a.m.)

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

**St. Michael's (Northwest Corner of Church)**  
Monday - Friday 5:00—5:25 p.m.  
Saturday 3:00—4:15 p.m.

**St. Mary's (Drive -Thru Confessions)**  
Saturday 8:00—8:30 a.m.

Would you keep watch with our Lord? Adorers are *desperately* needed as we return to 24/7 Adoration at St. Michael's. Please sign-up for a Holy Hour at WeAdoreHim.com. Tag team with a friend or family member if you cannot commit to each week. Together we can adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament at every moment of every day.

**“We must understand that in order ‘to do,’ we must first learn ‘to be,’ that is to say, in the sweet company of Jesus in adoration. From this moment on, live the Eucharist fully; be persons for whom the Holy Mass, Communion, and Eucharistic adoration are the center and summit of their whole life.” -Pope St. John Paul II**

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## Stewardship

### End-of-Year Giving: Stock, IRA's, and QCD's

Gifts of stock are always appreciated, and there are significant tax benefits available to those who give appreciated stock held longer than a year. Those who choose to donate stock are generally entitled to a tax deduction based on the full fair market value of the stock at the time the gift is made, not just the original cost. Additionally, donors do not incur any capital gains tax when stock is given away rather than sold. Please consider a stock gift when donating to the Church of St. Michael, St. Mary's Church, or St. Croix Catholic School.



**If you are considering or planning a gift of stock for 2020, please begin the process by December 10, if possible.**

Most transactions take only a few days to process, but some can take a few weeks to pass through the process. Please contact Paul Kielbasa of Wealth Management Group at 651-351-0900 for the necessary stock gift account numbers.

The IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is another popular, tax-favored option for making donations. If you are 70 ½ or older, you may direct distributions from your IRA to qualified charities without including them in your taxable income. **To make a charitable rollover and qualify for tax relief:**

- The distribution must be made from a traditional IRA. Contact your IRA custodian to begin the process.
- The IRA owner must be 70 ½ or older.
- The distribution must be paid directly from the IRA custodian to the church or school. Please request that the distribution includes your name and the purpose of the gift (Sunday Giving, Legacy of Faith, etc.)
- The total charitable distributions cannot exceed \$100,000 per year, per donor.

We **always** recommend that you seek professional advice in these matters. However, if you have any questions for **either parish**, please contact Katie Rolf in our Finance Department at St. Michael's office at 651-379-1267.



**Operating Funds:** (Weekly collection, EFT payments and gifts used only for operating expenses for Fiscal Year July 1, 2020—June 30, 2021). Please contact your Parish Office if you previously received envelopes and no longer need them since switching to online giving! Thank you for your timely response.

7/1 - 11/15/2020	St. Mary's	St. Michael's
Budgeted Collections	\$150,209	\$555,756
Actual Weekly Collections	\$146,838	\$555,438
Amount Over / (Short)	(\$3,371)	(\$318)

## Bi-Parish News & Events

### Get Your Wreaths from Pack 132!

St. Michael's Cub Scouts will be selling wreaths, swags and spruce tip planters from Gerten's after all Masses the weekends of November 21-22 and November 29-30. Cash welcome; checks can be written to Pack 132. Wreaths are \$23, swags are \$26, and planters are \$49. Proceeds collected go toward camping activities; the Pack also contributes a significant portion of poinsettias and greenery to decorate St. Mary's and St. Michael's Churches for Christmas. Thank you for supporting Pack 132!



### Thanksgiving Collection for Helping Hand and Care & Share Exceptional Needs Programs

The Helping Hand and Care & Share Programs are outreach programs that provide financial assistance to parishioners experiencing financial hardship. The collections on **Thanksgiving** and Ash Wednesday are designated for these programs. Assistance is given to parishioners in

the form of a grant or loan. These funds may be used for rent or mortgage assistance, purchase of medications, or payment toward outstanding bills such as electricity, phone, etc.

If you are experiencing a personal crisis and need support, please contact your Parish Office. The information you share is confidential.

### Symbolic Lights on View at ArtReach St. Croix through January 2

Iconography is an art form both sacred and beautiful. Traditionally created with egg tempera and 24k gold leaf, the icon begins with deep base colors followed by successive layers of lights and tinted veils. Stillwater artist (and St. Michael parishioner) Judy Symalla values this ancient technique of creating Byzantine iconography but also pushes herself to bring a freshness by incorporating a Western perspective in a predominantly Eastern art. Learn more, and register to visit the gallery at [www.artreachstcroix.org](http://www.artreachstcroix.org).

## St. Michael's Parish News

### Congratulations to Newly Baptized!

We welcome to our parish community the newest member of our Christian family through the Sacrament of Baptism: Alfred Odell Ryan (son of Stephen and Christine).

### Congratulations to Newlyweds!

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Norman J. (III) and Debra Ann (Orr) Dupre who entered the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony last weekend. May God remain the center of their marriages all the days of their lives!

## St. Mary's Parish News

### In Sympathy

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sandy Anderson and for all loved ones who mourn her loss. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

### Looking for Weekend Altar Flower Assistance!

Do you have a knack for flowers? We need your help building altar arrangements once a month! Floral costs will be reimbursed by the parish. Please contact Flo Harris at 651-439-1270 or [fharris@costm.org](mailto:fharris@costm.org) if interested.

## Worship and Liturgy

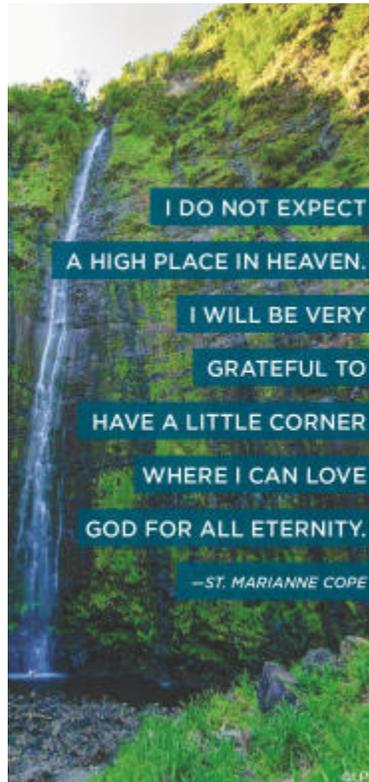
### Mass Intentions for the Week of November 23-29

#### St. Mary's Church

- Mon. 7:30 a.m. Tom & Kathy Lindeen  
(50th Anniversary)  
Tues. 7:30 a.m. Kevin & Susan Davis  
(20th Anniversary)  
Weds. 7:30 a.m. Healing for Diana Olson  
Thurs. 7:30 a.m. † Janice Johnson  
Fri. 7:30 a.m. † Del Eder  
Sat. 7:30 a.m. † Ruth Anne Junker  
Sun. 8:00 a.m. † Doris Schultz  
10:30 a.m. † Donald Junker  
6:00 p.m. The People of St. Mary's

#### Church of St. Michael

- Mon. 5:30 p.m. † Joe & † Vivian McGrath  
Tues. 5:30 p.m. † Norman Dupre II  
Weds. 5:30 p.m. Sarah Elizabeth Davis  
Thurs. 5:30 p.m. † Thomas Loomer  
Fri. 2:30 p.m. SCCS Intention (School Mass)  
5:30 p.m. The Ranniger Family  
Sat. 4:30 p.m. † Dennis Nagy  
Sun. 7:30 a.m. † Earl Trent  
9:15 a.m. † Brianna Jungwirth  
11:00 a.m. The People of St. Michael's



#### Request A Mass Intention

To have a Mass said for someone, please contact your Parish Office.

### 24/7 Eucharistic Adoration at St. Michael's

**There is urgent need for Adorers to pray in our Adoration Chapel - Please prayerfully consider spending an hour with Our Lord!**

"Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is ... an important daily practice and becomes an inexhaustible source of holiness ... It is pleasant to spend time with (Christ), to lie close to His breast like the Beloved Disciple and to feel the infinite love present in His Heart." -St. John Paul II

#### Sign-Up to Pray

Please continue using WeAdoreHim.com to schedule your Holy Hours, find subs, and make or renew your commitment. Contact Sam with any questions.

#### Chapel Coordinator

Samantha Bertrand  
sjkbertrand@gmail.com  
612-615-4393

## Daily Readings

**Mon., November 23 - St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest & Martyr:** Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 21:1-4

**Tues., November 24 - St. Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest, and Companions.** *Martyrs:* Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 21:5-11

**Wed., November 25 - St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr:** Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 [Rev 15:3b]/Lk 21:12-19

**Thurs., November 26 - Thanksgiving Day:** Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [Rev 19:9a]/Lk 21:20-28

**Fri., November 27:** Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a [Rev 21:3b]/Lk 21:29-33

**Sat., November 28:** Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab [1 Cor 16:22b]/Lk 21:34-36

**Sun., November 29 - 1st Sunday of Advent:** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

The only time our Lord asked the disciples for anything was the night He went into agony.



Not for activity did He plead but for an Hour of companionship.

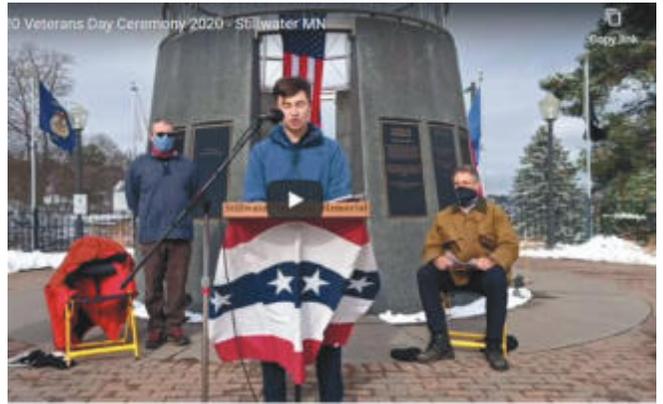
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### St. Croix Catholic School

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#### Top Essayist Honors Veterans

Alexander (Alex) Eberspacher, a junior at Stillwater Area High School and a 2018 SCCS Graduate, earned top honors among 11 entries in a recent essay contest sponsored by Stillwater Veterans Memorial Board. Alex delivered his essay at the Stillwater Veterans Memorial on November 11. The junior spoke of the humbleness and awe he feels when reflecting on “the ultimate sacrifice of giving a life for a life.” He noted that there is no more perfect example of magnanimity, the call to servant leadership. A video of Alex’s moving testimonial and the entire 20-minute service can be viewed from the organization’s website at [StillwaterVeteransMemorial.org](http://StillwaterVeteransMemorial.org).



#### Science Club Extra Fun

Under the direction of Ms. Sarah Wilder, our Middle School Science and Religion teacher, St. Croix Catholic School offered a unique after-school Science Club this fall. Seventh and eighth graders had the opportunity to research and design a tree frog habitat that replicated the amphibians’ natural habitat. The students thought this opportunity was a fun, hands-on learning experience, prompting them to consider the possibilities of natural science careers.



*Preschoolers love when Sister Maria Ivana meets them at morning carpool – AND stays to be a part of morning greeting. (Sister loves it, too!)*

#### Looking Toward 2020-2021 School Year

St. Croix Catholic School is taking inquiries for 2021-2022 School Year, Preschool – Grade 8. Contact Denise Faust, our Enrollment Coordinator, to learn more and schedule a tour.

We are  
**THANKFUL**  
for you!



Thank you to all who supported our 2020 Service Marathon! If you did not yet have a chance to support our students, you can still participate. [Two ways you can make a gift:](#)

You may send a check, made payable to SCCS with “2020 Service Marathon” on the memo line. Please mail to: SCCS, Attn: Camille Kiolbasa, Development Director, 621 Third Street South, Stillwater, MN 55082.

If you prefer to give online, please visit [www.StCroixCatholic.org](http://www.StCroixCatholic.org) > Giving > 2020 Service Marathon.

## Faith Formation

Serving the parishes of St. Mary and St. Michael | Faith Formation Office: 651-351-3175

In-Person Sessions Week of November 23, 2020: **NO PREK—CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

### Confirmation Fall Retreat

On November 6-7, we had our Fall Retreat for our Confirmation candidates at St. Michael's Church. The candidates were able to delve deeper into their faith through Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, talks, and small group discussions.

One of the most beautiful aspects of this retreat was the leadership. Those who have already received the Sacrament, particularly the high school upperclassmen of our parish, led the retreat. These leaders consistently attend youth group on Wednesdays and serve our community through discipleship, evangelization, and volunteer service projects.

These high school leaders were given the opportunity to share their testimony of the Beloved at work in their life. During the high school panel, they were asked "How do you continue to grow in your Catholic faith as a high school student?" Jonathan Thomson, a junior at Chesterton Academy, replied "The most important thing to do is to pray everyday. Prayer is the best thing in the world and I love doing it." This came from a student who struggled to pray during his Confirmation preparation process two years ago. Now, he has an intimate relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ and knows he cannot live without it.



Our formation doesn't end after Confirmation. Our entire life is a formation process. We must not become complacent, but continually discern how to unify our will to our Creator's. This requires steadfastness and consistency in our spiritual life. We must come before our Lord in prayer whether we are happy or sad. Sharing the graces we receive to edify one another with hope is another necessary piece of our human formation.

May the Holy Spirit send us His gifts so that we may persevere in our life's formation, preparing for the moment we hope to meet our Creator.

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