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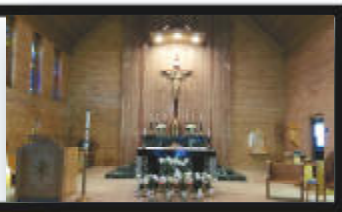

September 19, 2021 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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St. Elizabeth Catholic Church - 610 99th Ave W, Duluth, MN 55808

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Mass Schedule:
Monday-Wednesday & Friday.....
8:00 AM
Saturday..... 4:30 PM
Sunday..... 10:30 AM

Reconciliation:
Saturday..... 3:30 PM

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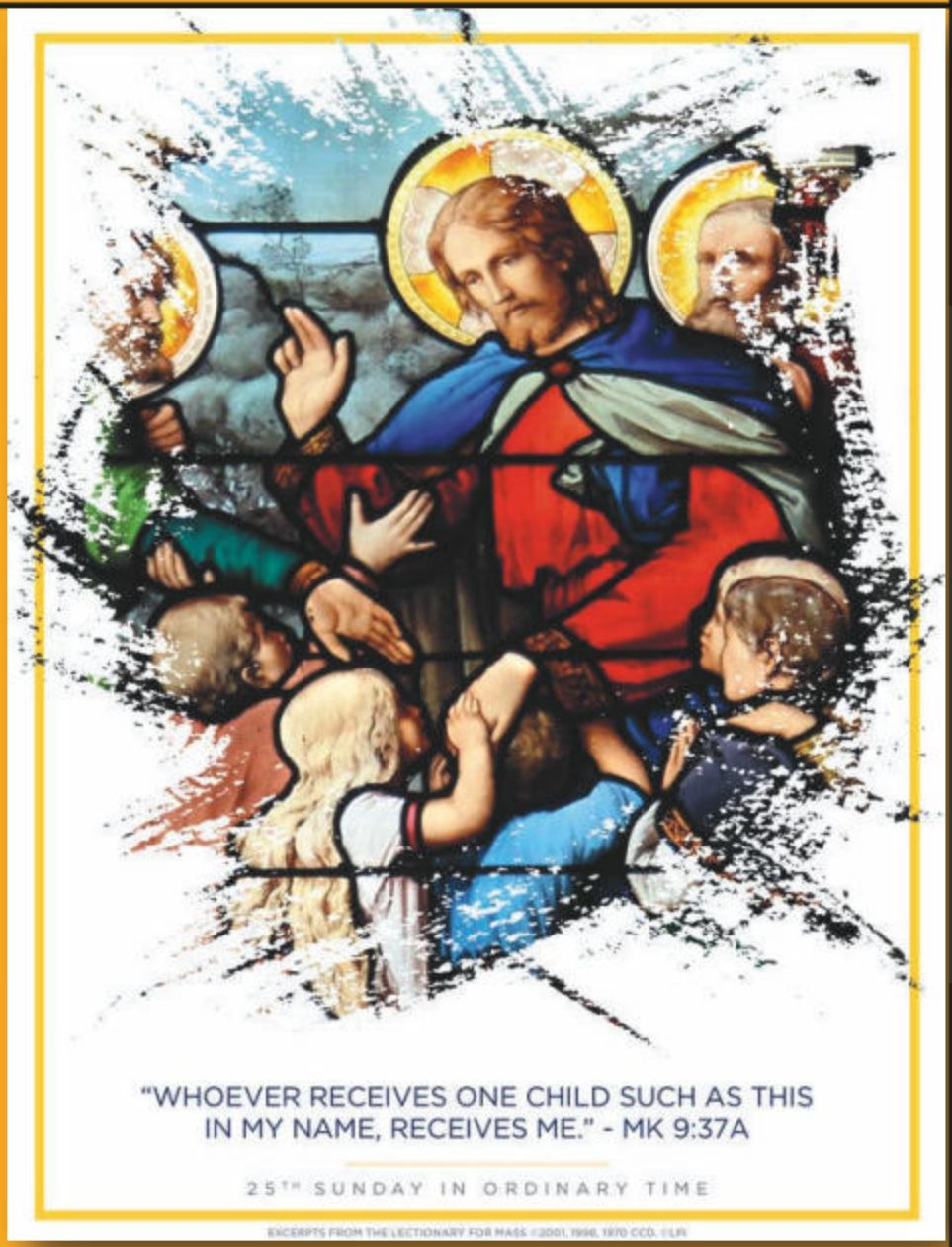
Mass Schedule:
Thursday..... 8:00 AM
Sunday..... 8:30 AM



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Homebound Ministry

If you or someone you know is sick/homebound please call the Parish office at 218-624-0125.

Prayer Chain

Please submit your prayer request to one of the following:
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Email: foldesic@gmail.com
Interested in joining the prayer chain please call the Parish office.

Fr. Rich's Ramblings

This is a bit of a heads up but I want to keep it out there as a reminder; Tuesday October 12th is our first "Introduction to Catholicism" class which is being coordinated with St. Lawrence, Holy Family and us. This is the best single set of classes I have ever been involved in and I want to encourage you to check it out. Classes will be on Tuesdays at 6:30pm at Holy Family. The Sisters of the Handmaids, myself, and Fr. Eli are the teachers. You will love it! Also Starting Monday October 11th at 9am in the school gym will be a new season of my adult scripture class. I am excited about starting that up again because last year was the first year in my entire priesthood not teaching because of the stupid pandemic.

I love teaching about the faith because our Catholic Religion is truly the most fascinating thing to learn about; truly when it comes to our faith; truth is stranger than fiction, and that can be seen with one of the saints whose feast day we celebrate this coming Thursday the 23rd. St. Pius of Pietrelcina more well known as Padre Pio is a modern day saint who experienced the stigmata. St. Padre Pio who died in 1968 had the wounds of Christ miraculously appear on his body which caused him great physical pain for over fifty years; though that is what was the cause of his fame, there were other documented miracles that were associated with him such as bilocation (being at two places at one time). I am not making this stuff up! He also had the ability to read souls by telling people details of their sin before the person would even confess it! The miracles are secondary to the fact that he lived a life of service to others and his great love and closeness to God. And because he is a modern saint we have a very detailed record of his life and miracles including photos of the stigmata on his body. So "google" Padre Pio and learn about one of the great and fascinating saints of our time!

-Fr. Rich

Mass Intentions

Sat.	Sep 18	4:30 PM	For the Parish	St. James
Sun.	Sep 19	8:30 AM	Bob Marnich	St. Elizabeth
Sun.	Sep 19	10:30 AM	Elaine Paquette	St. James
Mon.	Sep 20	8:00 AM	Dean Radniecki	St. James
Tues.	Sep 21	8:00 AM	Mark Tverberg	St. James
Wed.	Sep 22	8:00 AM	Mary Donahue	St. James
Th.	Sep 23	8:00 AM	Norm Olson	St. Elizabeth
Fri.	Sep 24	8:00 AM	Joseph Rizzi	St. James
Sat.	Sep 25	4:30 PM	Mike Sisto	St. James
Sun.	Sep 26	8:30 AM	For the Parish	St. Elizabeth
Sun.	Sep 26	10:30 AM	Francis & Shirley Speltz	St. James

Stewardship

September 12, 2021

Weekly

Envelopes & Plate	5,717.50
Online Giving	2,051.00

UCA

Weekly Total	757.00

Year to Date

Yearly Budget	450,050.00
YTD Collected	73,271.24

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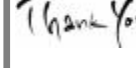
2021 Assessment	66,229.72
To be Collected	5,625.97

Fall Pasty Sale is Cancelled.
We hope to have the Sale in late February!



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Stella Maris Academy - Volunteers Needed at St. James

The St. James campus of Stella Maris Academy is in the need of Parent/Grandparent/Special Friend Volunteers! Reach out to the St. James Campus Office 624-1511 with questions, or if you are interested in any of the following:

- Family Association Lead for the St. James Campus
- Pianist or organist to accompany at Mass 8:00 Wednesday mornings
- Daily Lunchroom Help (10:45 am–1:00 pm) - monitoring students and cleaning tables between use

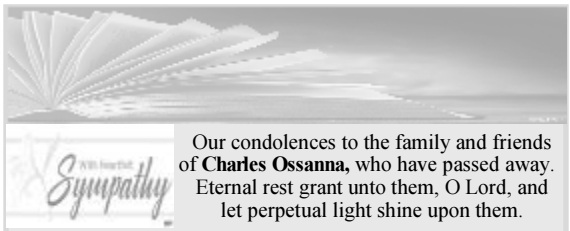
Wotczak Memorial Scholarship

The **Wotczak Memorial Scholarship** is given in memory of Ted and Beatrice Wotczak. Ted and Bea were active members of St. James Church for many years. Both had such love for education, children, West Duluth, and most importantly their church and the St. James Community. All six of their children attended St. James School. Their youngest daughter, Jean Charbonneau, taught here at St. James for over 30 years, and their great-granddaugher, Becky VanRiper is currently teaching here. To be eligible for the scholarship, the student must be a member of a family registered at St. James Parish for at least one year before graduation. The scholarship is awarded based on an essay, church and community service, religious education, and worship. Because of all of you--your Christmas Cookie Sale donations and all of you who purchased Christmas Cookies over the years, I am so pleased to announce that this year we are awarding two $1000 scholarships.

The first scholarship recipient has been an altar server, has served at church meals, made parish t-shirts, and made a mission trip with the youth group. She is an emergency first responder for Esko Fire, is a volunteer National Ski Patrol member, Volunteer apprentice firefighter, volunteer lifeguard with the American Red Cross, volunteered at the lab and pharmacy at St. Lukes, and is a nursing assistant at Community Memorial Hospital and St. Lukes Cardiac ICU. In her essay, she shares that she plans to become a nurse stating, "There have been days I have sat bedside with dying patients and prayed with them. Endless hours of Hail Marys and tears truly do work. God has given me a gift of kindness and healing that I know I will take with me to my grave." This recipient plans to attend Fond Du Lac College and St. Scholastica to study Nursing. Our first recipient is **Abigail Lynne Blazevic**. Her parents are Ryan and Julie Blazevic.

Our second scholarship recipient has also been an altar server and has volunteered with Mr. Pfister maintaining the church and school. At East High School, he was a member of Circle of Friends, Hound Pack, Executive Board, and the Junior Rotarian Club. He was a recipient of the Birchen Award, East's highest award for "service above and beyond expectations benefitting our schools, community." He also received the Greyhound P.R.I.D.E. award which recognizes a combination of leadership and diversity within the community. In his essay he states, "As I spent time reflecting before writing this essay, I was reminded of an essay that I wrote while in Middle School at St. James. It was an essay on how each of us is a masterpiece of God's creation and the words my young self wrote and cared about then, still hold true today. These words are how I want to continue to live my life and how I will practice and grow in my faith." This recipient plans to attend the University of Minnesota-Duluth. Our second recipient is **Noah Paulson**. Noah's parents are Damien and Jodi Paulson.

Congratulations to you both!



Our condolences to the family and friends of **Charles Ossanna,** who have passed away. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Are you new to the Parish?
Register today!
Forms can be found at the entrances
or online at
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Ministry Schedule

Saturday, Sep 25 ~ 4:30 pm
Lector: Sarah Kjolhaul

Sunday, Sep 26 ~ 8:30am
Lector: Michelle Danelski
Eucharistic Minister: Ken Danelski

Sunday, Sep 26 ~ 10:30am
Lector: Carolyn Donovan
Altar Servers: Michael Salo & Luke Gerard

Readings for the week of Sep 19, 2021

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37
Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Parish Calednar

Pancake Breakfast on September 19th from 9:00-Noon in the St. James Gym hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Adults $8 - Children $6 – Families $20 for an additional $2 get a Fruit Flip.

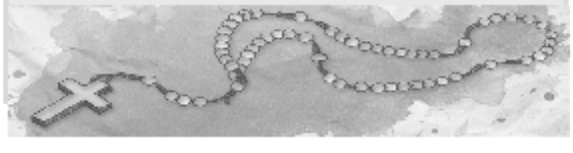
Catholic Men's Group meets on September 21st at 6:30pm in the St. Elizabeth Hall. All men of the Parish Welcome!

Catholic Moms' Group starts September 23rd from 9:30-11:30am at the St. Elizabeth Hall.

Donut Sunday on October 3rd at St. Elizabeth after Mass

Scripture Study with Fr. Rich begins October 11th from 9:00-10:00am at St. James.
Studying The Letters of St. Paul to the Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon.

Catholic Women's Group meets on October 12th at 2:00pm in the St. Elizabeth Hall. All women of the Parish Welcome!



Gospel Meditation

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.
Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.

Upcoming Events

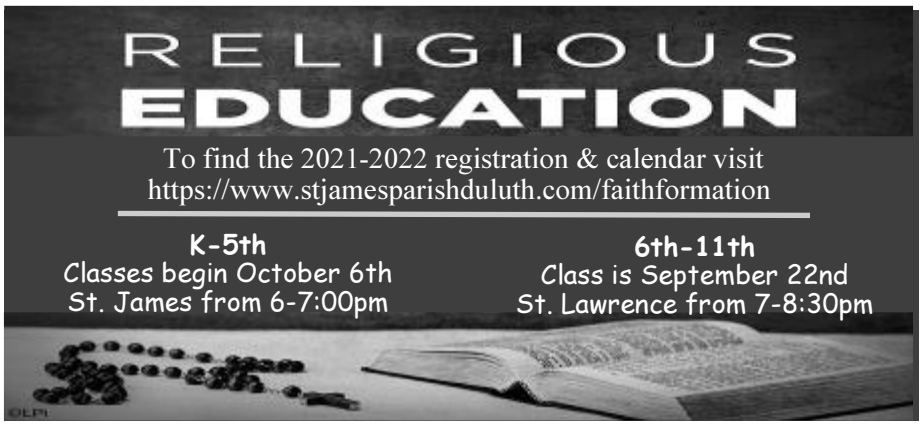
New Location

Theology Uncapped returns with After Life: Heaven/Hell/Purgatory on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 5:30pm at **Greysolon Ballroom**. Please join us to hear a dynamic conversation regarding "After Life" with Fr Rich Kunst and Pastor Rollie Brockbrader. Visit https://www.theologyuncapped.org/ for more info!

Desire to know Jesus more through the Sacraments and the Church?
Interested in learning more about your faith or know someone who desires to learn more about Catholicism?
Beginning October 12th **Introduction to Catholicism/RCIA** will be held Tuesdays from 6:30-8pm at **Holy Family**. Join with others from the area who are seeking to learn more about the Catholic Faith.
Contact the Handmaids, holyfamily.handmaids@duluthcatholic.org, or call the parish office with any questions.

The Cathedral of Our Lady is offering a 5-week **Grief Educational/Support Group** beginning Monday, October 4, 2021 in the **Cathedral Multi-Purpose Room** from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The group will continue for the next 4 consecutive Mondays: October 11, 18, 25 and November 1. To sign up for the Grief Education/Support Group or if you have any questions regarding any of the sessions, please contact Bridget A. Leighton at 218-724-8597 or 218-348-8593.

The **40 Days for Life/Duluth Fall Campaign** starts with a rally on Tuesday, September 21st. Father Tony Wroblewsky will celebrate Mass at 6 pm followed by refreshments at the **Women's Care Center** at 103 E. 1st St., Duluth. This will be followed by praise and worship outside the WE Health Clinic abortuary in the Building for Women at 32 E. 1st. St. at 7 pm. The Prayer Vigil will run 8 am to 8 pm outside the Building for Women from September 22nd through October 31st. Prayer Warriors can sign up at 40daysforlife.com/Duluth or contact Paulette at 218-348-1345 or 40daysduluth@gmail.com. Please come to the Rally on the 21st and sign up to be a Prayer Warrior today.



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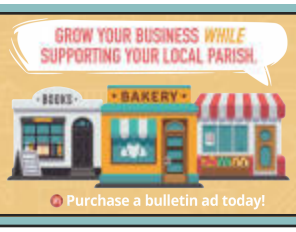

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