

The LIGHT HOUSE

The Weekly Parish Newsletter of Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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“A light on the hilltop”

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I would like to take a moment to thank any and all who have been the presence of Jesus to others. I realize we are living in an unprecedented time. As we have learned from history, times like these can bring out the best and the worst in us. I know we have heard much lately about the worst. As the pastor of Holy Spirit, I want to share with you some of the **best** that I have experienced:

St. Vincent De Paul has continued to be very active in the community, even during Covid-19. They continue to serve those in need in a beautiful and lifegiving way. The support of SVdP by our community has been amazing! At Thanksgiving time, through your generosity, you helped feed over 200 families in the Rochester area!

During our Advent journey, you donated over \$20,000 to Our Lady of Guadalupe Free Clinic in Worthington!

Many of you have held the parish up in prayer during this time. The number of people “tuning in to Mass” online has been wonderful. It is helping us think of Church in a whole new way.

I am impressed with how we are keeping connected with one another. Many of you have asked others for prayers because of hardships that you, your family or friends are experiencing and have shared with me how touching the response has been. I share all this with you not to pretend that everything is ok; but to remind us that Jesus continues to be present to us even when we might not feel it or sense it.

Thank you to all for being Jesus to me!

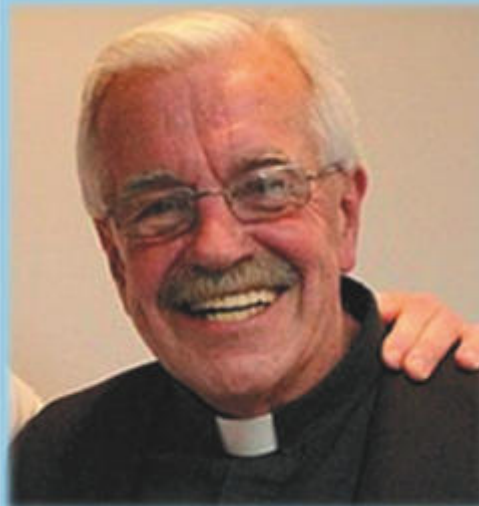


OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FREE CLINIC

Worthington, MN

Holy Spirit Advent Project

*Please welcome
Fr. Jim Callahan and
Clinic Manager,
Mariana Gutierrez,
from Our Lady of
Guadalupe Free Clinic
in Worthington, MN.*



Mass Schedule


Weekday.....
Mon—No Mass
Tues—9:10 am
Wed—9:10 am
Thurs—9:10 am
Fri—12:00 pm
Weekend.....
Sat—4:30 pm
Sun—8:15 & 10:00 am

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 16
 4:30 pm Holy Spirit Parish
Sunday, January 17
 8:15 am † Mary Ann Styles
 10:00 am Spec Int for Fr. Tom Loomis
Tuesday, January 19
 9:10 am Holy Spirit Parish & School
Wednesday, January 20
 9:10 am For our Nation
Thursday, January 21
 9:10 am † Fr. Karl Voelker SJ
Friday, January 22
 12:00 pm † Bill Carter
Saturday, January 23
 4:30 pm Holy Spirit Parish
Sunday, January 24
 8:15 am † Chuck Guenther
 10:00 am Spec Int of the Jessen Family

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IN THE PARISH & COMMUNITY

Annual Pax Christi/Holy Spirit Social Justice Retreat

Saturday morning, January 30, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM—virtual this year. Two local speakers: Kendall Hughes, founder of Three Rivers Restorative Justice and Karen Edmonds, founder of Project Legacy. This is an opportunity to learn about restorative justice and its implementation through a new organization in Rochester. We will also learn about another local group that applies those practices in its work with at-risk youth. Although we will miss our traditional soup luncheon and camaraderie, we will be enlightened and encouraged to learn about work in Rochester to help heal the lives of others. For more information or to register for this free event, email hspaxsocialjustice@gmail.com.



Faith and Racial Justice

Holy Spirit is going to offer Faith and Racial Justice—the next module in the JustMatters program from Just Faith. The program will run for 9 weeks starting on January 26. If there is enough interest, there will be both a morning and an evening class. This program will be offered via Zoom. **Please register by January 18** by emailing Mary Nowakowski at: youthministry@holyspiritrochester.org.

Cost will be \$25 per person for books needed for the program. **Checks should be payable to Holy Spirit with FRJ in the memo line.*

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of over 100 years, in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." The theme, "Abide in my love... You shall bear much fruit" is from the Gospel of John 15: 1-17.

Gracious Lord,
 We pray for all the member of your holy Church, that all may abide in you and you in them, that they may be one in your love and bear much fruit. We also pray for the world, that all may come to believe in your love for them by the fruit of our witness. We know that our divisions are a source of scandal to your world, and we know that in love we are called to unite as one in the vine and branches. The vine is our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. We are meant to be His branches. Help us we pray, to love, to forgive, to seek justice and to be your prophetic voice in the world. May your grace effect growth of good fruit among us, that our world may realize peace. We ask all this in the name of Jesus, your Son and in the power of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.



**ABIDE IN MY
 LOVE...YOU
 SHALL BEAR
 MUCH FRUIT.**

JOHN 15:1-17

IN THE PARISH & COMMUNITY

Rochester Rosary Rallies

Our country continues to need fervent and confident prayer for the truthful, just, and peaceful resolution to our recent elections, continued conversion, and peace. Please join us for our last Patriotic Rosary on Sunday, January 17. The rally will be held near the Rochester Government Center at the corner of 4th St. SE and 3rd Ave. SE at 3:00 PM, the Divine Mercy Hour. We encourage all to step out in faith to publicly pray for our state and country.

Job opening at Holy Spirit School

We are looking for a Lead and Assistant for Before Preschool Care:

Lead Position—6:30-8:30 AM Mon-Fri when school is in session. This person would greet preschoolers and parents when they arrive, have them sign-in, monitor preschoolers with a morning breakfast snack, organize/monitor activities/play time while present, help preschoolers pack up items and line up to go to their preschool classroom to start the day.

Assistant Position—7:00-8:30 AM Mon-Fri when school is in session. This person would assist the Lead staff person each morning in helping to monitor preschoolers until they line up to go to their preschool classroom to start the day.

*Anyone interested should go to www.rcsmn.org and apply online or may also call Amy Heimer at 507-288-8818.

Novena to Protect Human Life January 21-29, 2021

9 Days For Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Join the novena at www.9daysforlife.com.



Save the Date: Events in the Diocese of Winona-Rochester

- **January 18-25:** Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- **Friday, January 22:** Prayer Service for Life at 10:30 AM—Cathedral of St. Paul in St. Paul, MN
- **Friday, January 22:** MCCL March for Life at 12:00 PM—State Capitol in St. Paul, MN
- **Wednesday, January 27:** Mass for Life at 11:30 AM—Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Winona. You may join the live stream on the Diocesan Facebook page.
- **Sunday, February 7:** Safe Haven Sunday
- **Thursday, April 15:** Catholics at the Capitol



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