

# Church of the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin

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## Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 8:00 am

10:30 am (Live Stream)

Monday-Saturday 8:00 am

In the Holy Family Chapel

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 7:15 pm-7:55 pm in Foyer at Door #4

First Fridays 7:30 am-7:55 am in the Chapel

Saturday 3:00 pm-4:00 pm in the Chapel

Sunday 7:30 am-7:55 am in the Chapel

9:45 am-10:20 am in the Chapel

## Parish Staff

### Pastor

Father Timothy Cloutier

### Parochial Vicar

Father Joseph Fink

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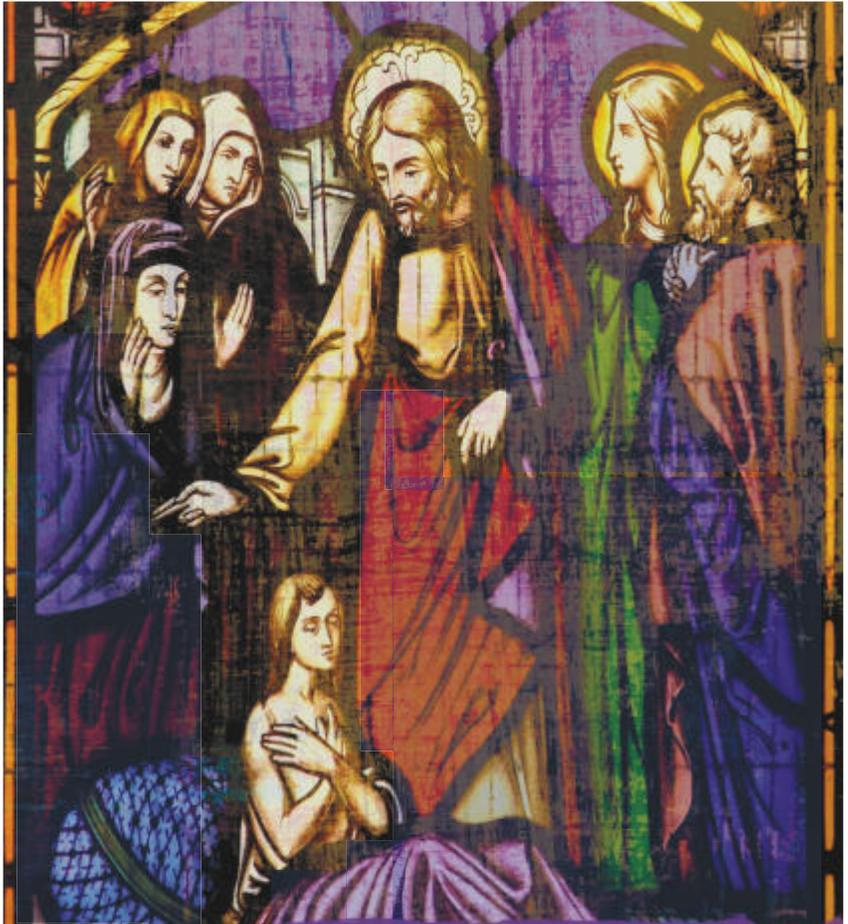
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### School Principal

Maggie Quast



## *13th Sunday in Ordinary*

So he went in and said to them,

“Why this commotion and weeping?

The child is not dead but asleep.”

~Mark 5:39

June 27, 2021

# From Father Timothy Cloutier

## THE PRACTICAL AND SOCIAL BENEFITS OF TAKING PART IN THE MASS

So, why *should* we want to get back to Mass? Let's start out by remembering that everything in this life and in the world itself is passing (*I John 2:17*), and, as St. Theresa added, "God alone abides." Therefore, whenever we conscientiously take part in the Mass, we are reminded of that fundamental fact; we will take nothing with us into the next life that will speak to God on our behalf except the good we will have done in this life, the fruit of his grace (*see II Corinthians 5:10; Revelation 14:13*).

Our desire to assist at Mass can't, however, be motivated solely by a *quid pro quo* attitude. God has provided us with *the* treasure beyond all comparison for our benefit. We're being offered eternal life through following our Lord Jesus Christ, the only way that ultimately matters, the one and necessary truth that needs to inform and direct our thoughts, words and actions, our choices and our values (*see John 14:6*), and eternal life that we can't even begin to imagine (*I Corinthians 2:9*). In the context of the Eucharistic Sacrifice of the Mass and through its divine workings, God opens up for us the fundamental meaning even of this life, not one filled with passing things and stuff that only clutter and distract, but with the fulfillment of our very existence: life with purpose, life with a goal truly worth pursuing, (*Mark 8:35*).

Still, we have a lot of road to travel, and the daily "work" of the Gospel ahead of us. So, in the meantime, whenever we attend Mass we are also reminded that we aren't working at it alone; we have a community of faith to assist us, bound, not by external bonds, but by spiritual bonds, the great "communion of saints" that we form in Jesus Christ as his body (*see Romans 12:5*). It is realized in its most tangible way in our parish community where we gather in the same faith, sharing the same hope, and manifesting to one another the same love poured into our hearts by the Spirit (*see Romans 5:5*). This spiritual and enduring unity helps us to maintain our focus, direct our efforts personally and as a community of faith, putting to the service of all our own gifts (*see Hebrews 13:16*), helping us to give – and to receive – a coherent and frequent witness to our faith to each other and to the world.

"Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another" (*Hebrews 10:24-25*).

### Scripture Reflections for Next Sunday, 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

**Ezekiel 2:2-5** Just like Ezekiel, fulfilling our own prophetic call, we are not expected to convince anyone of anything, but to offer people a clear and informed choice: God or the world, sin or grace, death or life.

**2 Corinthians 12:7-10** Our weaknesses can cause us frustration and lead us to discouragement, but it may be those very same human shortcomings that can be chosen by God both to manifest his power in us and keep us humble in the process.

**St. Mark 6:1-6** Despite the power of God at work in him, Jesus also faced rejection of his message by family and relatives, leaving him "amazed at their lack of faith." Our witness to family members can be the most challenging and discouraging for us, too, calling not for more arguing, but for more trust in God and greater reliance on the power of prayer.

### Banns of Marriage

July 17, 2021—Emily Wallrich and Charles Westholm



### Baptisms

The parish community welcomes and rejoices in the recent baptisms of **Aaron Swenson**, son of John and Margaret.



### Peter's Pence Collection June 26-27

Be a sign of mercy, especially during this time of worldwide pandemic crisis when so many continue to suffer, and support the works of the Holy Father which include humanitarian aid and health assistance to the most needy. Your financial gifts also support Pope Francis in his many activities of guiding the Church to bring comfort of the Word of God everywhere. Please consider a sign of love and mercy and contribute to Peter's Pence **this weekend**. Thank you!



### Confessional Remodel

We are pleased to be moving forward on the confessional remodel project that we first initiated back in 2018. Thank you to all of you who designated donations for the project, we have held those funds, totaling \$20,620 and will be moving ahead with the reworking of the confessional on the north side of the Church. Our goals with the project are to create a divided room to ensure a safer environment, improve air circulation and add a powered-door to allow easier access, particularly for those with a wheelchair or walker. Our contractor has ordered materials and work is scheduled to begin in July. With the increasing cost of construction materials, the project is budgeted to cost \$23,125. If you would like to make a donation, you can still support this project! Thank you for your generosity and for your patience. We look forward to improving this space and hearing confessions in the Church once again.



## Returning to Mass: July 1 Marks End of Dispensation in Minnesota

The COVID-19 pandemic has been a painful time of separation that necessitated, for a short while, suspension of public Masses and the dispensation from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass. Nonetheless, since May 2020, Minnesota's bishops have made available the public celebration of Mass to those who wished to attend. Parishes have done an amazing job creating safe spaces for worship and the sacraments during the past year. Now, as the pandemic subsides, and public gathering restrictions and safety protocols are lifted, it is time to gather as the Body of Christ once again. **Therefore, the bishops and diocesan administrators of the Minnesota Catholic Conference have decided to reinstate the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation beginning the weekend of July 3-4, 2021**

Why is attending Mass in-person so important? St. John Chrysostom reminds us, "You cannot pray at home as at church, where there is a great multitude, where exclamations are cried out to God as from one great heart, and where there is something more: the union of minds, the accord of souls, the bond of charity, the prayers of the priests" (CCC 2179). Attending the in-person celebration of Sunday Mass and receiving Jesus in the Eucharist are vital to our lives as Catholic Christians. We were created for Communion. Whether you are returning to your home parish, or seeking a local parish on vacation, your participation in the Mass unites you with the Church — the Body of Christ. This communion transforms us as persons and enables us to make manifest the Kingdom of God in our world. The celebration of the Eucharist truly is the source and summit of our faith. Pope Francis, in his homily on the Feast of Corpus Christi in 2018, said, "Jesus prepares a place for us here below, because the Eucharist is the beating heart of the Church. It gives her birth and rebirth; it gathers her together and gives her strength. But the Eucharist also prepares for us a place on high, in eternity, for it is the Bread of heaven." Does this mean there will no longer be any dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day obligations? Although the general dispensation will no longer be available, the Church has always recognized that certain circumstances can excuse a person from the requirement to observe the obligation. Persons are excused from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays or Holy Days under the following circumstances:

1. You have reason to believe your health would be significantly compromised if you were to contract a communicable illness (i.e., you have underlying conditions or are in a highrisk category).
2. You exhibit flu-like symptoms.
3. You have good reason to think you might be asymptomatic of a contagious illness (e.g., you were in recent contact with someone who tested positive for a contagious illness such as COVID or influenza).
4. You care for the sick, homebound, or infirmed.
5. You are pregnant or you are 65 years of age or older (per the CDC's recommendation for high-risk individuals).
6. You cannot attend Mass through no fault of your own (e.g., no Mass is offered; you are infirm; or, while wanting to go, you are prevented for some reason you cannot control, such as your ride did not show up).
7. You have significant fear or anxiety of becoming ill by being at Mass. If situations 1 through 3 apply to you, prudent concern for your neighbor should lead you to stay home. If you fall within situations 4-7, please exercise good judgment, consider the common good, and know you would not be held to the obligation of attending Mass. For further questions about the application of any of these situations, please contact your pastor.

Wherever you may be, welcome home!

Most Rev. Bernard A. Hebda, Archbishop of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Most Rev. Andrew H. Cozzens, Auxiliary Bishop of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Most Rev. John M. Quinn, Bishop of Winona-Rochester

Most Rev. Donald J. Kettler, Bishop of St. Cloud

Most Rev. Daniel J. Felton, Bishop of Duluth

Most Rev. Richard E. Pates, Apostolic Administrator of Crookston

Very Rev. Douglas L. Grams, Diocesan Administrator of New Ulm

**More information, answers to frequently asked questions, and a portal to each diocese's protocols can be found at the Archdiocese website: [backtomassmn.org](http://backtomassmn.org)**

### Stop Your Tax Dollars From Going To Abortion

The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for 45 years. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away these laws that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century. Billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion. It is critically important for Catholics to send a strong message before Congress moves forward to impose taxpayer-funded abortion.

Sign the petition today: [www.notaxpayerabortion.com](http://www.notaxpayerabortion.com)

### Summer Parish and School Office Hours

**Parish office hours 8:30 am-2:30 pm Monday—Thursday.**

The parish office is closed Fridays, Mon., July 5 & Mon., September 6.

**School office hours 8:00 am-1:00 pm Monday-Thursday.**

The school office is closed Fridays and the week of July 5th-9th.

### Stay in-the-know: Get The Catholic Spirit

Be in-the-know with news from your Catholic community and the Church around the world. Get The Catholic Spirit, the award-winning newspaper of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, in your home. Free subscriptions for parishioners are available via each parish. Contact us at the parish office to be added to the mailing list. 651.489.8825 Or purchase an annual subscription at [TheCatholicSpirit.com](http://TheCatholicSpirit.com)

### Feast of Saint Benedict and Benedictine Festival July 10-11

At St. Paul's Monastery in St. Paul and via livestream join us for a Benedictine Festival on July 10! This outdoor community event will have food and fun, socially-distanced activities on the Monastery grounds. Bring the whole family! Admission is free; individual pricing for food, games, raffle, etc. Celebrate the Feast of St. Benedict the following day with the Sisters of St. Benedict of St. Paul's Monastery and Archbishop Bernard Hebda via a livestream Mass at [facebook.com/StPaulsMonastery](https://facebook.com/StPaulsMonastery)

### Weekday Mass Intentions June 28-July 3

Monday 8:00 am † Adrian Vaske  
Tuesday 8:00 am † Patrick Daulton  
Wednesday 8:00 am † Karl Lacher  
Thursday 8:00 am † Doris Cloutier  
Friday 8:00 am † Marilyn Walrath  
Saturday 8:00 am † Ed Quinn

### Next Weekend Mass Intentions July 3-4

Saturday 4:30 pm Parish  
Sunday 8:30 am Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
10:30 am † Angie Newsom

### Readings for the week of June 27:

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43  
Monday: Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11 [8a]/Mt 8:18-22  
Tuesday: *Vigil*: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19  
*Day*: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19  
Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [7a]/Mt 8:28-34  
Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Mt 9:1-8  
Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 [1b]/Mt 9:9-13  
Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 20:24-29  
Next Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

### Observances for the week of June 27:

**Sunday:** 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday:** St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr  
**Tuesday:** Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles  
**Wednesday:** The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church  
**Thursday:** St. Junipero Serra, Priest  
**Saturday:** St. Thomas, Apostle  
**Next Sunday:** 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Independence Day

"Your life is not about you." If you have ever listened to Bishop Robert Barron, this phrase may be familiar to you. What does it mean though? It means that God created you for a purpose. His purpose. You were not put on this earth to merely fulfill your own desires. Your faith, family, career, or hobbies may be important. When ordered correctly in one's life, they may even bring great fulfillment, but that's just the beginning. God gave you a unique personality and set of talents. There is a mission here on Earth that only you can fulfill. For some people that mission may be overseas bringing the Gospel to countries that have never heard the good news. For most of us, we don't have to travel across the world to fulfill our mission. It's right here in front of us. **In our families, in our parish, and in our communities.**

Take this question to your prayer life. "Lord, what is my mission in life? What is my purpose? How can I serve?"

Take an inventory of your strengths and interests- what you do for a living. God is calling to use these gifts for His purpose.

Perhaps you have a knack for music? Join the choir or volunteer to lead praise and worship music.

Have a love for the written word? Try writing an article for the bulletin or serving as a reader.

Does your heart ache for the poor and marginalized? Join the Befrienders or volunteer at a food shelf.

Are you passionate about social justice? Join the Pro-life committee.

Have a thirst for knowledge? Join or lead a bible study. Offer to help with instructing youth small groups.

Are you a "techie" person? Offer to help with the Mass live broadcast or spearhead an online parish group.

Do you enjoy working in a garden? Offer to help our grounds crew.

Are you enthusiastic about our parish? Join our Mass greeters or ushers.

Do you want to be more involved in the liturgy? Become an Eucharistic Minister or Altar Server.

There are countless ways to get involved and to serve. Some of you will read this article and dismiss it. It is always easier to say, "that's not for me," or "someone else will do it." **If we all said that, in a matter of years there would be no parish to come to.**

We were put on this Earth to be disciples on mission. If you're not pursuing your mission, can you really call yourself a disciple?

**To learn more about ways to get involved contact our parish office 651.489.8825 or email [info@maternityofmarychurch.org](mailto:info@maternityofmarychurch.org)**

### Mass and Confession Times

**Daily Mass** Monday-Saturday 8:00 am in Chapel  
- Enter through Door 5

**No Mass on First Monday of the Month**

**Saturday** Mass 4:30 pm Enter through Door 2

**Sunday** Masses 8:00 am and 10:30 am Enter through Door 2

**Confessions:** Thursday 7:15 pm-7:55 pm in Foyer at Door #4

First Fridays 7:30 am-7:55 am in the Chapel

Saturday 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm in the Chapel

Sunday 7:30 am-7:55 am in the Chapel

9:45 am-10:20 am in the Chapel

**Adoration:** Thursday 8:30 am - 8:00 pm in the Chapel

### Sunday and Holy Day Mass Obligation

Sunday and Holy Day Mass Obligation will return the weekend of **July 3-4<sup>th</sup>**.

For additional information:

[www.backtomassmn.org](http://www.backtomassmn.org)



### Live Stream of Sunday Mass

The 10:30 am Mass will be Live Streamed each week.

Join us via this link: [Maternity of Mary Youtube Page](#)

### Prayer Line Requests

You may call the following numbers to join our parish prayer network or make a request for prayer.  
Jeanne 651-487-3498 or Tom 651-489-7370



# MMSA School News

## Food Truck Thursdays

Maternity of Mary and MMSA are hosting **Food Truck Thursdays** throughout the summer from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. We are so happy to be able to gather again outdoors. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a meal and reunite with friends!!



## Holiday Bazaar



The date has been set for our annual Holiday Bazaar!

**If all goes well, the date will be Saturday, November 13, 2021.** It's not too early to reserve your spot. If you are interested in renting a table and selling your wares, please contact Shelley Harrington at [shelleybean13@usfamily.net](mailto:shelleybean13@usfamily.net) OR 651-248-3608 She will give you all the details!

## Faithful Beginnings

At MMSA, we know how important the early years in your child's education are. These are the years on which a foundation for learning is built. Celebrating our Catholic faith and values, we address the physical, social, emotional, and intellectual growth of each child. Preschool and Kindergarten are wonderful years of development and discovery as we watch them explore their world and community. Our preschool is accredited by MNSAA and we also have a 4 Star Parent Aware rating. I would love to show you the Kindergarten and Preschool programs we have to offer. Enrollment is now open for students in Grades Pre-K through 8. Please call the school office for more information or to schedule a tour. You may also visit our website for more information about our great school! 651-489-1459 [mmsaschool.org](http://mmsaschool.org)



## Parish

### Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration Every Thursday - 8:30 am - 8:30 pm. We are in need for people who will commit to spending one hour each Thursday in Eucharistic Adoration in our beautiful Holy Family Chapel.

**There is an immediate need for the 6:30 pm-7:30 pm hour.** Please call Colleen at 651-489-5622 or email [c.perfect@msn.com](mailto:c.perfect@msn.com), if you are able to help. It is very important to fill your hour every Thursday. Thank You!



### Blessing of Religious Articles

Religious articles (rosaries, chaplets, medals, etc.) will be blessed on the first weekend Masses of every month. At the end of Mass the celebrant will bless the religious articles. The article does not need to be in church, but the person desiring the blessing does need to be present. Water is an exception and does need to be present for the blessing.

**The next Blessings will be on July 3-4.**



### Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, July 20th, the Red Cross will be here for the annual Summer blood drive between 1 pm-7 pm in Sirba Hall.

Volunteers and donors are needed.

Contact Lisa Basso for more information 651-695-1764



### PRAYER FOR RAIN

From Catholic Rural Life - Rural Life Prayer Book

Almighty God, we are in need of rain. We realize now, looking up into the sky, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. To think that so much water can really fall out of the sky, which now is empty and clear! We place our trust in You. We are sure that You know our needs. But You want us to ask you anyway, to show You that we know we are dependent on you. Look to our dry hills and fields, dear God, and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice and rivers will sing Your praises, and the hearts of all will be made glad. Amen.



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