



# 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

### Permanent Deacon

Deacon Dennis Chlebeck

### Business Administrator

Nancy McMahon

### Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

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### Parish Secretary

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## Maternity of Mary/St. Andrew School

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### School Principal

Maggie Quast



## 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. - Mk 6:7, 13

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# From Father Timothy Cloutier

## “SPRAYING THE LEAVES GREEN WON’T CURE A SICK TREE,” AND OTHER GEMS OF POPULAR WISDOM

Many years ago I encountered this metaphor in an article describing the futility of trying to solve a problem by only treating the symptoms. Rarely are there any “simple solutions” especially to more complex problems in the social, political, and economic, or even moral realms, much less with life itself. Such “solutions” are usually no solutions at all, and may even aggravate the situation further. What’s needed is an informed and thought-through approach that addresses the root causes of a problem. “*Nihil ex nihilo*: nothing comes from nothing.” Everything has a cause. A cause, however, which is not apparent in an only superficial analysis leading to a knee-jerk response. How often have we seen that lately!

Today, politicians and some social-change advocates – left and right – will over-simplify both the problems and their supposed solutions, creating both false hopes in those who want a swift solution like the wave of a magic wand, and increased frustration, alienation, and anger in those who now feel further disenfranchised, unheard, and ignored. Let’s not forget that, “you can’t legislate common sense.” Only calm and reasoned, verifiably fact-based approaches will lead to viable, long-term solutions. We all need to look further down the line to foreseeably avoidable consequences to an approach that “rushes in where angels fear to tread.” Real solutions, therefore, require real patience and real commitment on all sides. After all, “it does take two to tango.”

We who hold the Good News of the Gospel of personal, inner freedom, the freedom of the children of God, that is, who are not shackled by arbitrarily-predetermined personal preferences or ideologically and unbending social and cultural “dogmas,” but who can take people where they are, as Jesus did, and move them along by our example, not to *my* way of thinking, but to a *better* way of thinking and loving one another, have the moral obligation incumbent on our very profession of Christian faith to offer *that solution* to our society today. For that to happen, we need purposefully to try to be “part of the solution, and not part of the problem.”

It’s been said for decades now that, unfortunately, the most closely-guarded secret in the Catholic Church has been our social teaching, a teaching that is both rooted in the Gospel and in its proven, enduring values, and that applies those values impartially and universally to each and every human person created in the image and likeness of God. Best of all, it’s totally and inherently non-partisan, because it doesn’t come from us, but from God, So, *it will bother all sides equally* by moving us to meet each other elsewhere from where we are, just the way any true solution must.

### Scripture Reflections for Next Sunday, the 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time:

**Jeremiah 23:1-6** They “mislead and scatter the flock” under the thin guise of “compassion” or “tolerance” who teach as God’s word their own uninformed and untenable personal opinions instead of eternal truth.

**Ephesians 2:13-18** The “one body” that Christ created in himself *is his Church*. Therefore, it is only through the Church that “we have access in one Spirit to the Father.”

**St. Mark 6:30-34** False shepherds are those who attempt to water down or compromise the clear and unchangeable teaching of Christ and of his Church on matters of Faith and Morals. Following the Church’s constant, bi-millennial teaching is to follow Christ himself.

### Welcome Back Created For Communion

With the COVID-19 pandemic subsiding, we can safely return to the Communion for which we were created. That is, we are created for communion with each other, and we are created for Holy Communion, “the source and summit of the Christian Life.” (CCC 1324). We are created for fellowship. Just as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have a living union, so are we created to reflect their union in our relationships with others. It is through our relational nature that we recognize our vocations and grow in love and holiness. We are created for the Eucharist. During the holy sacrifice of the Mass, Jesus Christ becomes truly present in the Eucharist. The Catechism tells us “The principal fruit of receiving the Eucharist in Holy Communion is an intimate union with Christ Jesus.” (CCC 1391) How beautiful that Jesus has given us a way to be intimate with Him. Welcome back to that for which you were created!



(Note: Even after the lift of the COVID-19 Sunday Mass obligation dispensation, dispensations always remain in place for moral or physical)

### 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

### Banns of Marriage

July 17, 2021—Emily Wallrich and Charles Westholm



### Baptisms

The parish community welcomes and rejoices in the recent baptisms of **Antonio Stefon Chlebeck**, son of Deontae and Savanna.



# Parish Life

## 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](#)



## 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



## Our Parish Library

The volunteer staff welcome you all (young and old) back to visit our parish library. There you can take advantage of the many Catholic resources that are available for your use. We intend to be open before and after all the weekend Masses. At our reopening we tip our hats to parishioner Renee Baglio. Renee was one of the best patrons to come into the library very often before Mass to check out spiritual books to read. We pray that she will be blessed with renewed health so that she is able to come once again, visit the library, and faithfully resume her habit of instilling spiritual growth by using our inspirational resources.



## 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.



## Confirmation Classes For Those With Disabilities, Age 16 And Over

Confirmation classes for those with disabilities will be held August 7 and August 21 from 9:30 am-11:30 am at the Church of St. Richard in Richfield. Both classes are mandatory for guardians and candidates. For those who complete the classes, the sacrament of Confirmation will be available at the Mass for Persons with Disabilities on Sunday, September 19 at 3:00 pm, at St. Mary's Chapel, Saint Paul Seminary. Archbishop Bernard Hebda will officiate. To register contact Deacon Eric Gunderson or Sonya Flomo at the 651.291.4488 or [flomos@archspm.org](mailto:flomos@archspm.org).

## Welcome to Maternity of Mary

If you have been attending Maternity of Mary, or are new to the area and have not yet registered with us, we invite you to join our parish community. Please contact us at 651-489-8825 or [info@maternityofmarychurch.org](mailto:info@maternityofmarychurch.org) for more information.

# MMSA School News

## Registration for 2021-2022

There is a great energy at MMSA, born out of the many relationships that exist among our school and parish, parishioners, students, parents, alumni, faculty and staff. While we cherish the traditions that exist within our school and parish community, we look forward with great hope as we develop new relationships as new students and parents embrace the true mission of MMSA Catholic School.

Registrations are being accepted for the 2021-22 school year. Our preschool is accredited by MNSAA and is 4-Star Parent Aware rated. If you would like to learn more about our school, please call our office, 651-489-1459, to set up an appointment to tour and learn about all we have to offer. You can also find information on our website; [www.mmsaschool.org](http://www.mmsaschool.org)



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## 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)



## 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.



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# Mass Intentions & Readings

## Weekday Mass Intentions July 12-17

Monday 8:00 am † Mary Ann Houck  
Tuesday 8:00 am † Mary Ann Houck  
Wednesday 8:00 am † Joan Yerke  
Thursday 8:00 am † Arlene and Marvin Rohe  
Friday 8:00 am † Irene Kolles  
Saturday 8:00 am † Martin W. Niles

## Next Weekend Mass Intentions July 17-18

Saturday 4:30 pm † Mary Feldhaus  
Sunday 8:00 am Parish  
10:30 am † Elizabeth Hedrick

## Readings for the week of July 11:

Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 [8a]/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 [13]/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

## Observances for the week of July 11:

**Sunday:** 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Tuesday:** St. Henry  
**Wednesday:** St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin  
**Thursday:** St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church  
**Friday:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
**Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Next Sunday:** 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Summer Parish and School Office Hours

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

The parish office is closed Fridays, & Monday, September 6.

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

The school office is closed Fridays.

## Advertise On The Back Of Our Bulletin

If you own a business and would like to advertise on the back of our bulletin, please contact the parish office for more information.

651-489-8825 Thank you to all of those who do advertise already!

Thank you for patronizing the businesses who advertise on the back of our bulletin—their support makes our bulletin possible!

## Peter's Pence and Mission Collections

Thank you for your generous support! Our parish collected **\$2,616.22** for Peter's Pence and **\$2,054.05** for the Missionary Cooperative Plan.



## A Welcoming Culture

When you set foot in our parish, do you think to yourself “I’m finally home?” Do you breathe a sigh of relief knowing this is the one place you will be accepted as you are? Is this where you come to lay down your burdens from the past week and recharge for the next? Can you honestly say that you know most of the people in the pews by name? (Cue “Cheers” theme song...)

We all want a place to call home. We all want to belong: to be part of something that is bigger than ourselves. If you didn’t answer positively to the questions above, why would a stranger? Someone who has never heard the good news of the Gospel, or has fallen away from the Church? Or a visitor curious about the Catholic faith? We are all lost souls in need of salvation and Jesus was clear what our mission on earth is supposed to be. “Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations.” (Mathew 28:19).

The great commission doesn’t mean that we all need to fly across the world to spread the gospel. We can all start in our neighborhoods and in our parish. Below are some easy, practical ways that you can make our parish more welcoming and therefore bring more people into the fold:

- Volunteer to be a greeter before Mass
- Park farther away from the main entrances to leave spots for late comers
- Invite a friend or neighbor to Mass
- If you bring someone new to Mass with you, introduce them to others in the parish
- Smile at everyone you see and greet them
- Be early to Mass and the last one to leave

Our challenge to you: Every weekend, introduce yourself to someone you don’t know. Have a brief conversation with them and get to know them one on one. Ask how you can pray for them in the coming week. The effect? A more vibrant, connected and welcoming parish. If we all take on this practice, it will be easy to spot and guarantee connection with newcomers.



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