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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 Church
Sunday 7:30 am-7:55 am in the Church
9:45 am-10:20 am in the Church

Pastor

Father Timothy Cloutier

Parochial Vicar

Father Joseph Fink

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Deacon Dennis Chlebeck

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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” - Mk 10:43-45

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October 17, 2021

From Father Timothy Cloutier

REDEFINE YOURSELF, AND HELP TO REDIFNE OUR PARISH

Nobody likes to be told what to do, how to think, or what to think of themselves. The only alternative is to define or to redefine ourselves by the way we think, live, and act, and to let our lives themselves speak for us about who we are.

What kind of person, what kind of Christian do you want to be thought of and remembered for here and now, and hereafter? Think about what's going to be said about you at your funeral, the life legacy you will be leaving to your children and grandchildren. More importantly, consider what you will be taking with you into eternity: "whatever you did for one of the least of these, my brethren, you did for me... whatever you failed to do for the least of these, my brethren, you failed to do for me" (see *Matthew 25:34-46*).

Personally, I would like to carry as long a list as possible of how I will have used my free time, my resources, my gifts and abilities, how I will have shown my love of God through love of neighbor: "Let us not love in word alone, but in deed and in truth" (*1 John 3:18*).

Several years ago, I was unexpectedly appointed temporary Parochial Administrator of a parish after its pastor had been arrested for having been accused of molesting children in his parish. The parishioners loved their parish, were proud of its history and legacy, and of each other. Needless to say, they were devastated, angry, humiliated, and at a loss as to how they should or could now see themselves. I addressed them by saying that I was also now a part of their grieving and wounded family, and would do my utmost to help them through their anguish, but the one thing I could not do was to give them their own identity; that they had to do on their own.

Jesus came to offer us *the only* solution to the indifference, divisions, selfishness, animosities, rivalries, hatred, bigotry, and the myriad of other social problems that continue to plague and worsen our society and our world daily. Now, the only one any of us is able to change is ourselves; not your spouse, your children, your parents, your best friends or coworkers, only yourself. Jesus did not come to change society; that's our task. Jesus came to change the human heart, one at a time.

So, we all choose on pretty much a daily basis whether to be part of the solution, or to remain part of the problem. Sorry, but there is no third option. It's that simple. "If you were ever accused of being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?" Define yourself, or the world will do it for you.

Scripture Reflections for Next Sunday, the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Jeremiah 31:7-9 We are continually being "scattered" throughout this world and in our lives in a variety of ways, yet God never ceases to seek us out and care for us all.

Hebrews 5:1-6 It was fitting that Jesus take upon himself the entire burden of our human condition and weakness, ennobling it and sanctifying it through his own self-sacrifice for our sakes, thereby reassuring us of his enduring compassion.

St. Mark 10:46-52 No difficulty of ours is too great – or too small – that God doesn't know and care about it with us. God comes close enough to us even in our own inner "blindness," for us to cry out, like Timaeus, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!"

Baptisms

The parish community welcomes and rejoices in the recent baptism of **Morgan Ficcadenti**, daughter of Brian and Jennifer.



Fall Leaf Cleanup

Happy to announce our annual Fall Leaf Raking will be taking place on **October 23rd!** If you are in need of having your yard cleaned up, please contact the Parish Office 651-489-8825

or abusse@maternityofmary.org.

If you would like to help please contact

Austin Busse. Thank you!



World Mission Sunday "Witness of Life" October 23-24 Second Collection

Pope Francis invites us to celebrate World Mission Sunday with the entire Church on the weekend of October 23-24. The theme of the weekend is "Witness of Life" as we recognize all those who "Cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20) which "is a summons to each of us to 'own' and to bring to others what we bear in our hearts." (World Mission Message, Pope Francis). This year, as an example of this theme, we highlight the passionate calling of Sister Rose Hang Vu from our archdiocese and her ministries in South and North Vietnam. The World Mission Sunday Collection supports the many activities of the Mission Church in over 1,100 struggling areas throughout the world, like Vietnam. Please support these mission dioceses by offering prayers and financial gifts during World Mission Sunday. You can contribute to this appeal in the collection or online, or at centerformission.org/contribute-donation-form/. Thank You.

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

Sunday Masses 8:00 am and 10:30 am

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 Church

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

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

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

Pro Life Corner

Spiritual Adoption

Second Month of Development

Your baby is growing very quickly. He/She is now 1 & 1/4 inches long and weighs 1/30 of an ounce. All internal organs; including heart, stomach, liver, and kidneys are present and beginning to work. Brain waves have been recorded at 40 days. Your baby's fingerprints are formed and will never change except for size.



Thank You Prayer Warriors!

The Pro-Life Committee would like to thank the 40 parishioners/families who spiritually adopted a child this past month. If you missed the opportunity, it isn't too late. Stop in at the library to pick up an adoption pledge card to get started. You will find monthly updates on the stages of development of your child in the bulletin, and on the pro-life corner - <https://www.maternityofmarychurch.org/spiritually-adopt-a-child>.

MCCL Fall Tour

Maternity of Mary has been selected to host MCCL (Minnesota Concerned Citizens for Life) on the 2021 Fall Tour. Tuesday, October 19th @ 7:00 pm in Sirba Hall. This is an opportunity to learn about current bills and proposed legislation, elected officials' pro-life voting records, and more. MCCL is not affiliated with any religious organizations or political parties. This event is free to the public. **You can make a difference!**

Eucharistic Adoration

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 6:30-7:30 pm hour**. Please call Colleen at 651-489-5622 or email c.perfect@msn.com, so she can record your name and phone number. Thank You!



Dorothy Day Cookie Drop Off Dates

Tuesday, October 19 and Wednesday, October 20 from 8:30 am-3 pm.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child to abortion, come and experience the healing mercy of Jesus Christ on our confidential weekend retreat. The next Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities' retreat is at is November 5-7, 2021. For more information contact Nancy at rachels@vineyardmn.org, call or text 763-250-9313 or see www.rvineyardmn.org.

I will never leave you or forsake you... Hebrew 13:5

Listening Devices

There are assistive listening devices available for use during Mass if you are having trouble hearing the Liturgy. The devices are connected directly to our sound system to help the hearing impaired. A listening device pack can be picked up in the Sacristy before Mass and returned there after Mass for sanitizing. If you have any questions, feel free to call the parish office.

The Catholic Cemeteries: Bringing Them Home 2021

The Catholic Cemeteries is offering a respectful and economical way to care for cremated human remains. Sometimes families store an urn thinking they will deal with it at a later date. Years pass and the urn is on a shelf somewhere. Resurrection Cemetery is offering to place cremated human remains in a communal crypt with a committal service by Archbishop Hebda on **All Souls Day, November 2**. Go to catholic-cemeteries.org or call 651-228-9991 to learn more.

Cuppa Joe: Patron of a Happy Death

Tuesday, November 2, 4 p.m., virtual event. In this Year of Saint Joseph, join Deacon Dan Gannon virtually as he explores this amazing saint in his title as Patron of a Happy Death hosted by the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Carondelet in Saint Paul. This is part of the Cuppa Joe series: 10 talks by 10 theologians on the 10 wonders of Saint Joseph, taking place at 10 locations in our Archdiocese entrusted to the patronage of our spiritual father. These talks come just in time for your afternoon coffee. All talks are posted on Facebook, YouTube and Instagram – and at archspm.org/cuppajoe.

St. John Paul II Champions for Life Award Nominations Now Open

The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is looking to honor those who respect life at our annual St. John Paul II Champions for Life Awards. Submit a nomination at archspm.org/C4L. Deadline for nominations is October 31, 2021. This special award will be presented by one of our local Bishops. The ceremony will take place in conjunction with the Prayer Service for Life, January 22, 2022 at the Cathedral of Saint Paul. Questions? Please contact Nancy Schulte Palacheck at 651-291-4489 or schulten@archspm.org.

Deacon Discernment Day

NEW DATE — Saturday, November 8, 8:15 a.m.-5 p.m. at The Saint Paul Seminary. Men ages 25-59 and their spouses if applicable are invited to attend this day of discernment for the diaconate. This day will explore: Who can become a deacon? How are Holy Orders integrated with marriage and family? How does one discern and respond to the Lord's call to Holy Orders? What is the application, discernment and formation process? Mass, prayer, reflections, lunch, and time for questions and answers are included. Register online at semssp.org/deacondiscernmentday. If you have questions, contact Deacon Bob Bisciglia at bobbisciglia@stthomas.edu or 651.962.5782.

Priest Discernment Day Retreat with Bishop Andrew Cozzens

Saturday, Oct. 30, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m., at the Aspirancy House at The Saint Paul Seminary, 1976 Dayton Avenue, St. Paul. Thinking Priesthood? This daylong retreat, led by Bishop Andrew Cozzens, is for men who have a college degree and are considering priesthood. For further information and to register, see 10000vocations.org.

Prayer Line Request

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



Mass Intentions & Readings

Weekday Mass Intentions October 18-23

Monday 8:00 am † Jill Marchio
 Wednesday 8:00 am † Adrian Vaske
 Thursday 8:00 am † Michael Marchio
 Saturday 8:00 am † Rita Zoff

Next Weekend Mass Intentions October 23-24

Saturday 4:30 pm † Angie Newsom
 Sunday 8:00 am Parish
 10:30 am † Mary Ann Houck

Readings for the week of October 17:

Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17 [8 and 9]/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/
 Mk 10:46-52

Observances for the week of October 17:

Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Luke, Evangelist

Tuesday: Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests

Wednesday: St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

Friday: St. John Paul II, Pope

Saturday: St. John of Capistrano, Priest; BVM

Next Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
 World Mission Sunday

Daily Mass Schedule Change

The week of October 18th the daily Mass schedule will follow the one priest schedule.

Maternity of Mary 8:00 am Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday
(October 18, October 20 and October 21)

Holy Childhood 7:45 am Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday
(October, 19, October 22, and October 23)

MEA Break

The School and School office will be closed

Wednesday, October 20– Friday, October 22.

The Parish Office will be closed on **Friday, October 22**

Financial Blessings

Envelope and Plate Summary

Sunday giving + weekly tithing for week ending October 10, 2021

Envelope/Plate/eGiving Received	\$ 12,680
Envelope/Plate/eGiving Budget	\$ 11,000

Total Received to Date

Envelope/Plate/eGiving Received	\$ 152,120
Envelope/Plate/eGiving Budget	\$ 156,500
Fiscal Year July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022 Deficit	(\$ 4,380)

October 17, 2021

MMSA School News

Scholastic Book Fair

MMSA is having a Scholastic Book Fair during conferences this week. The Book Fair is a great way to support literacy and encourage reading. **All parishioners are invited to stop by.** If you would like to get some early Christmas shopping done, you are welcome to come and shop for your children or grandchildren!

The Book Fair will be open on Tuesday, October 19, 3:00 – 7:30 p.m. and on Wednesday, October 20, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. in the Donahue Gym in School.



Holiday Bazaar

The date for our annual Holiday Bazaar at MMSA is **Saturday, November 13, 2021.** If you are interested in renting a table and selling your wares, please contact Shelley Harrington: by phone: **651-248-3608** or by email: **shelleybean13@usfamily.net**



She will give you all the details!

Fire Safety

As part of Fire Prevention Week, our preschoolers learned about fire safety! They did a wonderful job during our fire drill last week as well!



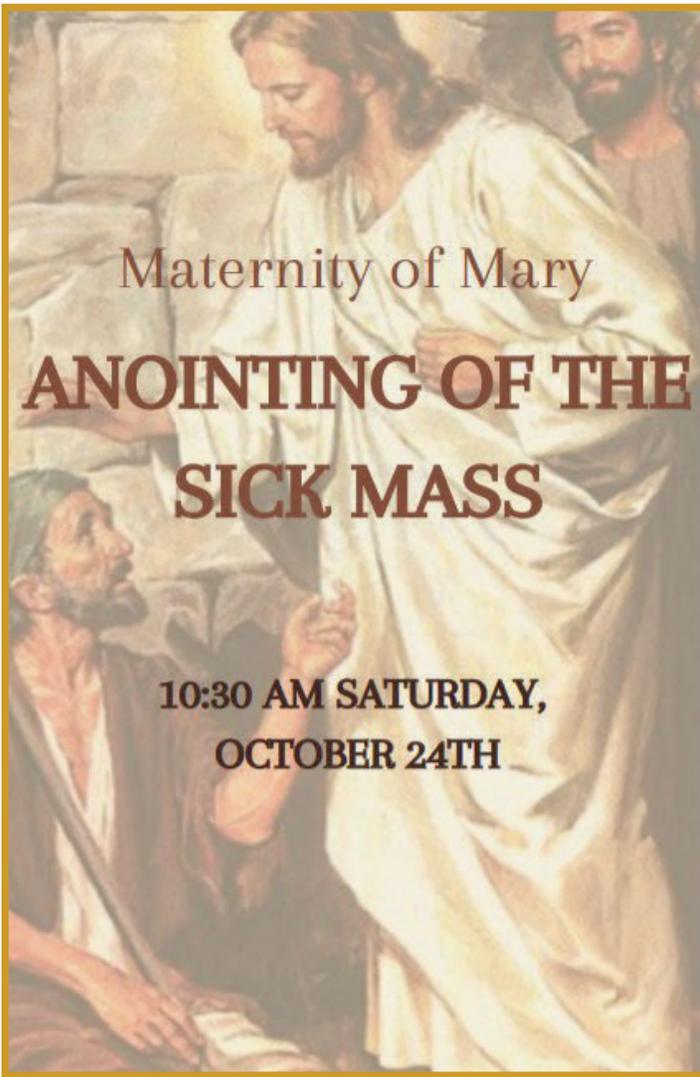
Our band program is underway at MMSA!

Perhaps you were in band and know the benefits of music education! If you would like to help sponsor a child who might not otherwise be able to participate in band, please drop your donation into the collection basket and mark it "Band Scholarship Fund" or go to mmsaschool.org and click on DONATE.

Your kindness is greatly appreciated!



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- THE BIBLE, BOOK OF THE CHURCH: A GENERAL INTRODUCTION TO READING AND UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE
- POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II'S GREATEST GIFT TO THE CHURCH: A SURVEY OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
- THE CHURCH DEFINES HERSELF FOR OUR TIMES: THE SIXTEEN DOCUMENTS OF THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL
- THE CHURCH AT PRAYER: THE DEVELOPMENT AND FORMS OF THE LITURGICAL PRAYER AND WORSHIP OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
- PULLING BACK THE VEIL ON THE CHURCH'S CODE OF CANON LAW

**MATERNITY OF MARY IS PROUD
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 FREE EVENT - OPEN TO ALL!**

**Hear How You
 Can Save Lives**

*This event is organized by the
 Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life*

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19 2021 • 7 P.M.- 8 P.M.
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Learn about the latest threats to unborn children and their mothers - and what you can do to make a difference!

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