Our Lady of Hope Parish

September 26, 2021 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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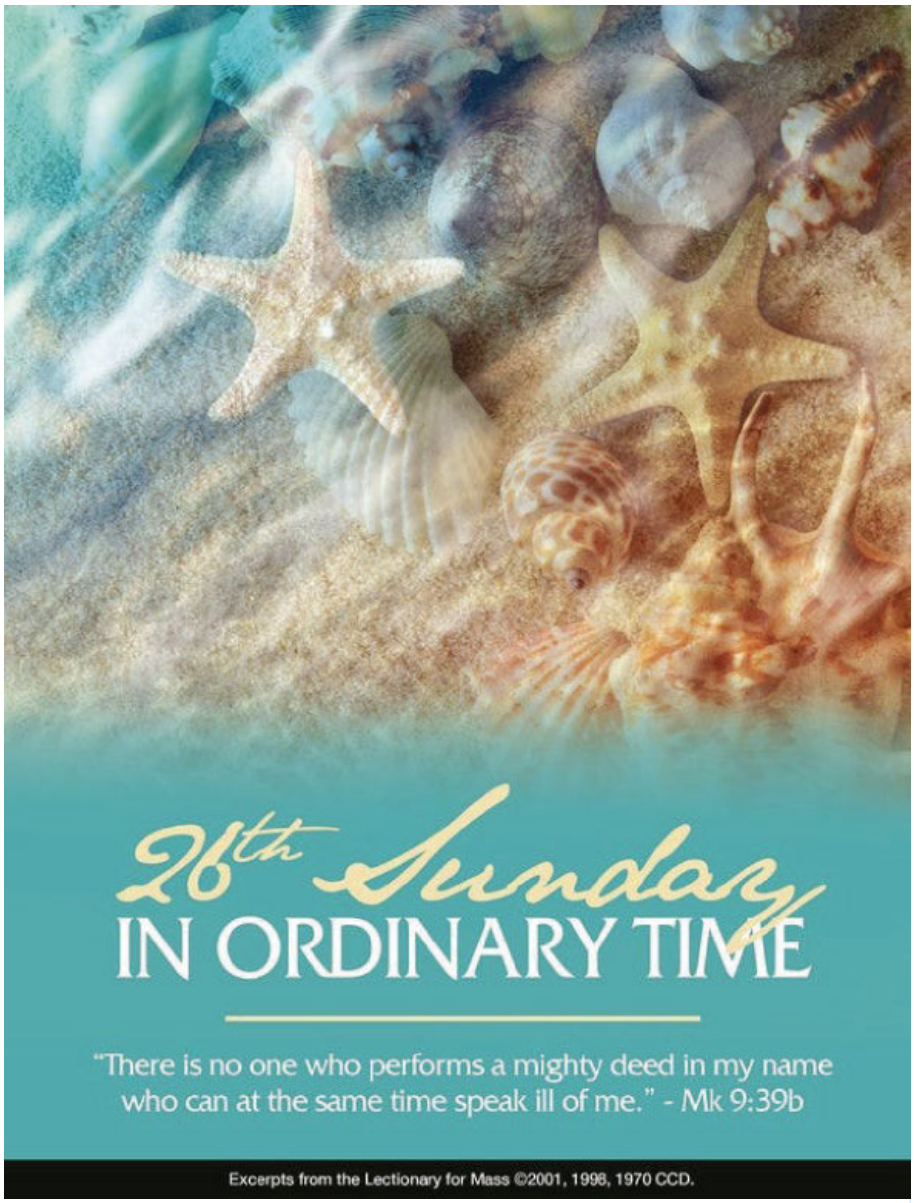

Mass Intentions September 27-October 3

Monday, September 27 5:30 p.m. Aurora
†Ethel & Maynard Desjardin
By Jean & Paul Stark
Tuesday, September 28 9:00 a.m. Hoyt Lakes
†Dennis Erchel
By Deacon Mark & Colleen Skala
Wednesday, September 29 9:00 a.m. Biwabik
†Ed Dorman
By The Dorman Family
Saturday, October 2 9:00 Aurora
† David Schink
By Linda & Don Lucachick
Saturday, October 2 4:30 p.m. Hoyt Lakes
†Mike Schoberg
By Deacon Mark & Colleeen Skala
Sunday, October 3 8:30 a.m. Biwabik
†Donna Jean Werdick
By Don Werdick
Sunday, October 3 10:30: a.m. Aurora
†For The People

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2021 Bishop's Emergency Disaster Fund Collection. for those impacted by storms, earthquakes and wildfires. Please get your envelopes back to us by September 27.

Visit FORMED. Org—We are offering a Parish -Wide Study meant to help Catholics build holy habits and become proactive in their own faith formation as individuals and families.

Living Faith Booklets have arrived and are available at the Parish Office.

Holy Hour—Adoration & Prayer for the intention of Guidance on how to proceed with the future of our Parish: 6-7 P.M. Sunday, September 26 in Biwabik.

After all Masses on September 25 & 26th Father Kris will be doing a brief training for all Extra Ordinary Ministers and those doing Homebound Ministry.

After Mass on Saturday, October 2 sloppy Joes will be offered in Hoyt Lakes. Come join us for a nice gathering.

Ministry Schedule
October 2—October 3

Saturday, October 2 4:30 p.m. Hoyt Lakes
EMHC: Carol Kolodzinski
Lector: Tom Kolodzinski
Ushers Dennis Doyea
Bill Armstrong

Sunday, October 3 8:30 a.m. Biwabik
EMHC: Mary Strukel
Lector: Margaret Schley
Ushers: Gary Berts
Frank Siskar

Sunday, October 3 10:30 a.m. Aurora
EMHC: Jean Stark
Lector Rose Antilla
Ushers Patrick Layman
Roger Pennel

Forty Days For Life began on Wednesday, September 22. This is a focused 40-day campaign of prayer, fasting, and peaceful activism with the purpose of repentance to seek God's favor to turn hearts & minds from a culture of death to a culture of life , thus ending abortion. Sign up sheets in the entrance of each church.

We are pleased to announce that Kenne Cherro is our new Director of Religious

The Asumption Group will be selling homemade noodles at The Hive during the Pumpkin Fest.

The Assumption Group is in great need of Kitchen Aide Mixers. If you know someone who would like to donate one please contact the Parish Office. This will help them with the noodle preparation days of Oct. 5, Oct. 6, and Oct. 7. at 9:00 a.m. in Aurora. Everyone is invited to participate

Letter from Fr. Kris

About a week and a half ago, on September 14th, we celebrated the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and dedicated the outdoor Stations of the Cross and prayer trail after morning Mass in Hoyt Lakes. For me, it was a good reminder that, as Catholics we never lose sight of the sacrifice of Christ. This is especially true whenever we are gathered for the celebration of the Mass. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we're with Jesus at Calvary, and not just merely thinking about some past event.

At the same time, it reinforced our reflections on St. John of the Cross. Christian life, the way of discipleship, is a share in His cross. For the ancient Romans, the crucifixion was a humiliating method of torture and execution. We take the cross and flaunt it as a sign of our salvation. Followers of Christ embrace the cross, we take up daily sufferings, and offer them with Jesus for the salvation of the world. We don't run away from the cross and suffering, we embrace it. While looking to images of Christ crucified and are not reminded of death, but of His infinite love. We are reminded that through the Cross, He conquered sin and death giving us hope for eternal life in Heaven with Him. We can't help but be humbled.

Jesus' death on the Cross reveals the fullness of His humanity to us. He truly suffered and died, means that He took on the fullness of our humanity, without ever falling into sin. Through His Resurrection, He revealed His divinity and His power over death and sin. When we think about what that means, we're reminded that there's no suffering we can experience that He hasn't been through. If we're experiencing physical suffering, Jesus has been there to the point of death. If it's interior or psychological suffering, He's been there. Recall the Agony in the Garden where He sweated blood as prayed and contemplated the death He was about to face. When it comes to suffering, Jesus gets it; He understands, and He redeemed even our suffering.

When Jesus said to take up your cross and follow me, He wasn't necessarily talking about a physical cross; He was calling us to embrace our own crosses and unite our suffering to His. The Cross of Christ is not a sign of defeat, but of ultimate victory! We're invited to share in that victory when we face even the smallest sufferings and irritations of daily life. Through our own shares in the Cross, no matter how small they seem, we can help to save the world!

In our own lives, He doesn't always take away our suffering and give us an easier path. Rather, He walks through it with us and gives us His strength, carrying the bulk of the weight Himself. In effect, he strengthens us in our trust in Him and helps us to grow more courageous. We're also reassured that, no matter how alone we might feel, we're closer to Him than ever. If we run from the Cross, we miss out on these gifts and graces.

Through His suffering and death, Jesus completed His rescue mission. He saved and redeemed us. He fixed the world that we messed up, and continue to mess up, with sin. Jesus, though, is the remedy! We take up the cross daily and follow Him knowing that the pain of the Cross is always followed by the inexpressible joy of the Resurrection. We put ourselves aside; we die to ourselves, and we find the true freedom that only Jesus' Cross can offer! We adore you, oh Christ, and we praise you; because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world!

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