# Welcome to The Church of St. Dominic

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Sat. Mass: 5:00 PM Sun. Mass: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM (Misa)
Confessions: Tues. 5:00-5:25 PM, Sat. 3:30-4:30 PM
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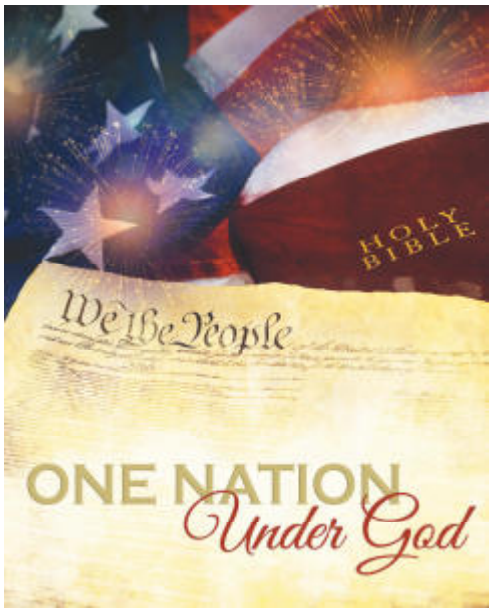
July 4, 2021

## Happy Birthday, U.S.A., 245 years old!

"O Beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain...America! America! God shed His grace on Thee! I cannot sing this song without crying. How about you? I cry when I sing this song because it speaks of the generous outpouring of God's graces and the sacrifices made by individuals "who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life."




Our generous God accomplishes mighty deeds through our obedience to His will, our prayers and faith in Him. Mark explains this in today's Gospel that Jesus "was not able to perform any mighty deeds" in his own home town because of their lack of faith. (Mark 6:1-6) Let's consider what our founding fathers faced as they struggled to build our nation. We celebrate July 4 as the day the Continental Congress (governing body of the 13 colonies) signed the Declaration of Independence, thus announcing its separation from England. Keep in mind that this declaration was made in the midst of the Revolutionary War which lasted from 1775 – 1783. Imagine the faith and hope in God needed as the life of a nation weighed upon our forefathers!

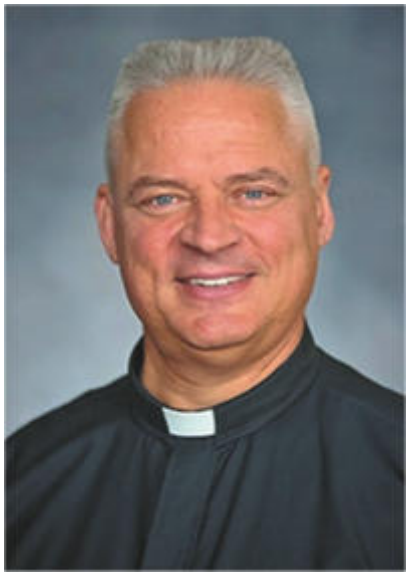
Below is a letter written by John Adams, July 3, 1776, the night before the signing of the Declaration of Independence:

"It may be the will of Heaven that America shall suffer calamities still more wasting and distresses yet more dreadful. If this is to be the case, at least it will have this good effect: it will inspire us with many virtues, which we have not; and correct many errors, follies and vices which threaten to disturb, dishonor, and destroy us. The furnace of affliction produces refinement, in states as well as individuals. And the new government we are assuming, in every part, will require a purification from our vices, and an augmentation of our virtues or there will be no blessings. ... But I must submit all my hopes and fears to an overruling Providence; in which, unfashionable as the faith may be, I firmly believe." (excerpt from the book, *Patriotic Rosary.)*

We know the rest of this story. The faith of John Adams and his fellow countrymen brought about our Beautiful United States of America. Let us place our trust, our faith in God and always pray for our country. *~Mara Mangan*

## WELCOME, FR. TOM MARGEVICIUS

Fr. Tom Margevičius was born 1961 in Cleveland, Ohio of immigrant parents: mother from Germany, father from Lithuania.



After receiving a BS in Wildlife Management from West Virginia University and working for the DNR (Department of Natural Resources) as an Interpretive Naturalist in the Ohio State Parks, he came to Minnesota to serve with NET (National Evangelization Teams) ministries and SPO (St. Paul's Outreach). He eventually joined the *Companions of Christ*, a local community of diocesan priests, entered the Seminary, and was ordained in 1999 with an MA in scripture.

His first two years as a priest were at *Nativity of Our Lord* in St. Paul, then *St. John the Baptist* in Dayton, MN. He was assigned to the St. Paul Seminary in 2003 and achieved both an STL (Sacred Theology) and Doctor of Ministry degree from Catholic University of America in Washington, DC.

He taught Liturgical Theology and Homiletics for 17 years. In 2018 Archbishop Hebda appointed him Director of the Archdiocesan Office of Worship — a position he holds part-time today — and has celebrated the Mass in 7 languages, including Spanish and American Sign Language. He lives with his fellow *Companions of Christ* in the rectory of *St. John the Baptist* in Savage.

As hobbies he enjoys playing guitar, bird watching, and a hearty *Imperial Stout* while puffing a robust cigar.

Please be sure to give Fr. Tom a lovely Northfield welcome when you see him! Fr. Tom will be with St. Dominic Parish as a Sacramental

# Events & Parish News

## PETER'S PENCE

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! As a parish, we collected $2176.00 Our contributions, combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world, provide essential support for the Holy See's activities and help Pope Francis relieve the victims of wars, oppression, and natural disaster around the world. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

## ST. DOMINIC BLOOD DRIVE

American Red Cross

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Dominic Church on Tuesday, July 27th from 1-7p.m. We will need volunteers to donate blood, as well as volunteers to help during the events. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Parish Office at 507-645-8816.

## TUESDAY DAILY MISA

The Mass on Tuesdays will be a Communion Service on the following dates: Tuesday, July 13, 20, 27 and August 3rd. The Communion Service will be celebrated with Deacon Ramon. Mass will resume Tuesday, August 10.

## NEW ADORATION TIMES

Beginning Friday, July 2, Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel will be from 3:00p.m.-11:30p.m. The chapel will still open at 7:30a.m. for prayer and reflection. However, the Blessed Sacrament will not be exposed until 3:00p.m. All are welcome!

## OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY

This weekend is the July 4th holiday. We pray for a safe, fun and refreshing holiday for all parishioners and parish staff. Our office will be closed on Monday, July 5th. The office will reopen Tuesday, July 6th at 8AM.

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER OPPORTUNITY

*"Loved the wedding! Invite me to the marriage." - God.* A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will do just that! The next available Weekends are Oct 8-10, 2021 in Buffalo, MN and Oct 15-17, 2021 in Owatonna, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 612-756-8720.

## HEALING FROM ABORTION

*The Lord is close to the brokenhearted. Psalm 34:18*

If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child or children to abortion, come and experience the compassionate mercy of Jesus Christ in our confidential weekend retreat. Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities' retreat are open to anyone impacted by abortion—women, men, grandparents, siblings, and health care professionals. The next Rachel's Vineyard's Retreat (Catholic version) is July 30—August 1, 2021. For more information contact Nancy at rachels@rvineyardmn.org, call 763-250-9313 or see www.rvineyardmn.org.

## SUMMER TENNIS WITH FR. GREGORY

WHO: Those entering 3rd grade through 17 years old
WHEN: Wednesdays—July 7--July 28th
TIME: 9:30-10:30am
WHERE: Carleton Pat Lamb Tennis Courts 815 2nd St. E. Northfield (follow walking path from the corner of 2nd St and Oak St.). See St. Dominic website or basket on the Welcome Center in the Narthex or at the back of Church at Annunciation for more details/registration form.

## Join Us! Legislative Wrap-Up: What happened at the Capitol? The Faith Perspective

Joint Religious JRLC Legislative Coalition

The 2021 Legislative Session is almost done. Join the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition, local congregations, faith leaders and community organizations to hear about policy changes to help struggling Minnesotans and our neighbors in need – and learn more about how the process works. Anne Krisnik, JRLC Executive Director, will share new laws impacting housing, emergency shelter, safety net programs and more. Date: Wednesday, July 7 from 6:30 – 8 PM at St. John's Lutheran Church, Northfield. RSVP to 612-230-3232 or Joan Miltenberger, Statewide Organizer, at jmiltenberger@jrlc.org to ensure space for social distancing.

## NORTHFIELD NOONTIME ORGAN RECITALS

"Beauty in the Midst of Chaos"

Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals open their 14th season this summer beginning July 7 and concluding on August 4, Wednesdays from 12:15 to 12:45 p. m.

Wed. July 7th- Noah Klein, winner of the Great Lakes Regional young organists' competition (RYCO) in 2019, recent graduate of Indiana University
Location: United Methodist Church, 1402 S. Maple St. (Gabriel Kney Organ) (sign-in required for Covid tracing if needed)

Wed. July 14- Richard Collman, organist
Location: St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 418 Sumner St., Northfield (Allen Classic Organ) Masking & Social Distancing
***Children especially invited for R. L. Stevenson & Leavitt's*

## LIVE YOUR FAITH!

Get involved! Live your faith! Our parish uses Flocknote to communicate with our church family. Receive parish updates, connect with small groups, or watch faith-filled videos with your email or smartphone! Text Dominic1 to **84576** to sign up for Flocknote (*En Español:* 202-765-3441).

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# WORSHIP & MEDITATION
# SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2021

## ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

### 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's all so ordinary that we can easily miss it. The seagulls hunting and diving for mollusks at the beach offer a display of determination and precision as they gather their food for the day. It's simply what these creatures do. Yet, there's a magical artfulness and skill to their work that speaks volumes about the One who breathed life into their being. This is pretty much the way it is with God's presence. God comes in common ways through common things and ordinary people. Sadly, we are so engulfed in our little worlds of order and ideas to notice the beauty and wonder of it all. Many have numbed themselves to the Divine spark at the essence of all life because that's just the way it is. What's so special about it? A sunset is a sunset and a seagull is a seagull. That's precisely what they thought about Jesus too. After all, isn't he just the carpenter's son? What merit can his words possibly have?

If we're looking for God to come in an event that is so dramatic and intense that it knocks our socks off, then think again. When pondering God's relationship with His people and God's action in our lives, we have to go back to the stable and the recurring, creative, unending power of God's presence. It was a quiet, run of the mill kind of night. There was nothing spectacular or extraordinary. To the naked eye, a woman gave birth to a child and there wasn't anything extraordinary to see. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinary-ness. Jesus grew up in an ordinary town, had neighbors and did normal human things. Perhaps that's why we don't always like the Gospel. It doesn't dazzle us with extraordinary things but simply challenges us to take a different look at our ordinary stuff. That makes us uncomfortable. We prefer things as they are. Our lack of faith can even cause us to take offense at what Jesus says and does, dismissing it as folly.

God's life-giving presence continues to sustain that seagull in flight and keep all things in being regardless of whether we have the faith to see and understand this. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be hardened and blinded to what God is doing or desiring to do. While God continues to do what he has done for all eternity, faith is needed for God's presence to bear fruit. The blinders we wear and the expectations we bring to life can often prevent us from seeing graced moments that radiate with God's graceful presence. They also prevent God's transforming, healing, and hope filled vision for our world from being realized. Without faith, God won't be able to do much for us either.

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## NEW TIMES—Adoration At St Dominic

Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel each Friday will now be from 3:00p.m. to 11:30pm. During this time, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the chapel on the altar in the monstrance. Come and visit Jesus, to pray, or to just sit quietly. Stay as long as you want—5 minutes or 5 hours. All are welcome.

*Please note: There will no longer be Adoration on Thursdays from 3:30—5:00p.m.*

## Prayer Request

*Please pray for all those on the Church of St. Dominic Prayer list.*

If you would like to add someone's name to the prayer list, please call the Parish Office at 507-645-8816.

## Children's Corner

### GOSPEL

People in his hometown did not believe that Jesus could be smart enough to teach in their temples. They did not believe he could heal. So he went to other towns to teach and heal. If someone says that you are not smart enough or skilled enough, Jesus understands. He will help you. Tell them, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Unscramble words from today's Gospel reading:

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### PRAYER

Lord, help me say to myself and others, "You can do it. God will help."

## NEXT WEEK—Sunday, July 11, 2021
## Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

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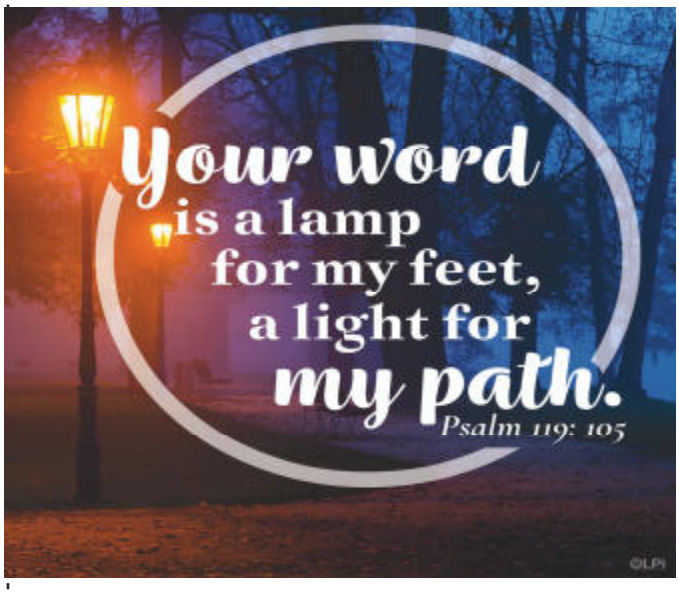
## A note from the Pastor....

The Archdiocesan Catholic Center [and I] have received a number of inquiries regarding the teaching document to be created on the Eucharist, the Spring General Assembly, and politicians/public figures receiving Holy Communion given positions on moral issues like abortion. You are invited to keep up to date on news coverage on this and more through The Catholic Spirit (https://thecatholicspirit.com/). Here is a brief general response to such inquiries.

At the Spring General Assembly, the bishops were not voting on whether President Biden or other politicians should receive Holy Communion, nor will they issue a national policy on withholding Communion from politicians. (Read more in the Q&A here: https://thecatholicspirit.com/news/nation-and-world/bishops-vote-to-draft-teaching-document-on-the-eucharist/). Rather, they were voting on whether to create a teaching document on the Eucharist. In fact, they did vote to create such a teaching document. You can learn about it in relevant articles in the Catholic Spirit articles from June 18 and June 21. You may also wish to read Archbishop Hebda's reflections on this in The Catholic Spirit.

We as Catholics believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist: Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. It is important to remember that the Church has always taught that out of reverence, we all must carefully examine our consciences and be free of mortal sin in order for worthy reception of the Holy Eucharist. Outside of emergencies and unusual situations (i.e. Covid 19) mortal sins need to be forgiven in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Please join me in praying for our bishops and for our Church. May God bless you!
Fr. Gregory



# 14TH SUNDAYOF ORDINARY TIME 4b

## Liturgical Ministers

July 10—5:00 PM Mass
**Mass Coordinator** Dorothee Ischler
**Pianist/Cantor** Matthew Anderson/Lynn Ziegler
**Ushers** LaVergne Adelmann, Pat Mahowald, John Noack
**Lector** George Budd, Denise Budd
**EMHC** Dale Fredrickson, Travis Roethler, Tricia Anderson
**Videographer** Alivia Kortuem, Ashley Imdieke

July 11—8:00 AM Mass
**Mass Coordinator** Brian Rodriguez
**Pianist/Cantor** Emily Kramm, Pat and Carol Fraher
**Ushers** Matt Bernstorf, Dale Malecha, Joe Hollinger
**Lector** Sue Hollinger
**EMHC** Cheryl Marek, Dusty Budd, Deb Norman

July 11—10:00 AM Mass
**Mass Coordinator** Brian Rodriguez
**Pianist/Cantor** Emily Kramm, Rebecca Schoephoerster
**Ushers** John McDonnell, Dylan Dietz, Brady Dietz
**Lector** Bonnie DuPay
**EMHC** Lynn Ziegler, Cindy Keogh, Paul Miller

***Reminder: You are required to find a replacement if unable to serve as a minister on your scheduled weekend.***

## Mass Intentions

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| Sat. | July 3 | 5:00 PM | † Linda Petricka |
| Sun. | July 4 | 8:00 AM | † Jake McKenzie |
| | | 10:00 AM | † Astrid Chernugal |
| | | 12:00 PM | For the Parish (Misa) |
| Mon. | July 5 | 5:30 PM | † Alice and Donald Langer |
| Tues. | July 6 | 5:30 PM | No Mass—Communion Service Only |
| Wed. | July 7 | 8:20 AM | † Timothy Burns |
| Thurs. | July 8 | 5:30 PM | † Vernon and Agnes Pleschourt |
| Fri. | July 9 | 7:00 AM | † John and Patricia Dudley |
| Sat. | July 10 | 5:00 PM | † Marie Guth |
| Sun. | July 11 | 8:00 AM | † Roger and Helen Conrad |
| | | 10:00 AM | Colleen and Leo Skluzacek (50th Wedding Anniversary) |
| | | 12:00 PM | For the Parish (Misa) |

To schedule a Mass Intention for a loved one, please contact the Parish Office at 507-645-8816.

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