

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)
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“He has done all things well.”

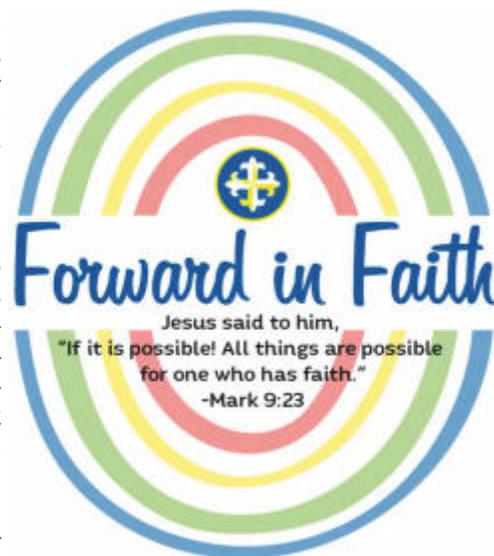
St. Dominic School inspires children to excel as confident leaders, critical thinkers, and responsible citizens in a Catholic, values-based community. Tuesday officially marks the first day of the 2021-22 school year at St. Dominic School, and we are so excited to have our students back with us! It is going to be a great school year!

It has been an eventful summer of planning and getting prepared to have students with us full-time this fall. We continue to streamline our COVID mitigation strategies for keeping our community safe. St. Dominic School has made progress with our mitigation strategies and we are trying to bring more traditional activities back into the building. Some changes we are implementing back to “normal” are lunch in the cafeteria (while still maintaining a 3-foot distance from one another), desks spaced 3-6 feet apart, no masks outside, and the encouragement of outdoor class.

In this week’s Gospel, the people exclaimed “He has done all things well.” Not to toot St. Dominic Horn (too loudly), our strategies last year proved to be successful as we had minimal concerns with COVID-19 within our school. The conservative approaches we took proved successful, so we have been able to pull back on restrictions to test the waters for the 2021-22 school year. Aside from keeping students and staff healthy and in school, our main goal is to create an environment that is safe for our students while maintaining the traditional feel of a school, as much as possible.

As we are in the thick of the back-to-school season, I cannot stress enough the importance and the power of prayer during these rather difficult times. COVID-19 has been with us for almost two years. The heaviness of this virus has made lasting impacts on each of us. As a school, we were very proactive about the ramifications that this virus may play in the long term to our students and staff. As you can remember, last year we implemented Social-Emotional teaching at the staff level and this year we are focusing on our students. Some of the things we are bringing to our school are increased counselor hours, how to manage and deal with stressors in one’s life, or classroom, in a positive and impactful way, and also how to look inward at oneself to identify and manage our own triggers and stressors.

To support our parents and our families on the homefront, we will also be providing periodic webinars focused on mental health in the home and how to work with your child in a positive and meaningful way.



23rd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, “Ephphatha!”—that is, “Be opened!” - Mk 7:33b-34

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Peace of Mind 2.0 and Sainly Emotional Learning are two areas that we are providing additional assistance to our staff, our students, and even our parents. These two programs single-handedly make St. Dominic School shine within our community. Pair these programs with our Believe and Read Program, and you will have a child that is emotionally prepared and a great reader; all life-long skills!

If you would like to learn more about our school and how we may be a positive change for your family, please contact us today at admissions@schoolofstdominic.org. As a reminder, students are always welcome to join our school, or transfer in, at any time throughout the school year. Scholarship and tuition assistance opportunities are still available for those families that qualify.

-Written by Kati Reak Sletten, Advancement Director at St. Dominic School

EVENTS & PARISH NEWS

RICE COUNTY STEAM AND GAS

The Rice County Steam and Gas show will be hosting its 47th Annual Labor Day Event this weekend from Friday, September 3 through Sunday, September 5, from 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 pm all three days. Admission is \$10. The St. Dominic KC's will be there with their food wagon. Our St. Dominic Mission Trip youth will be directing the cars in the parking lot and working the admission booth. This event is an important fundraiser for the KCs and for our Mission Trip youth, in addition to the Rice County Steam & Gas Association. Come join us and support us!

WEDNESDAY SCHOOL MASS

Wednesday 8:20am School Masses will begin September 15th. It is always a blessing having the larger parish community worship with the school. Unfortunately, as we transition back into school we are asking that only the school students, faculty and staff attend school Masses at this time. We will announce when this changes. Thank you for your understanding.

NO DAILY MASS ON LABOR DAY

There will not be Adoration or daily Mass on Monday, September 6th—Labor Day. Daily Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation will resume as scheduled on Tuesday, September 7th.

SECOND COLLECTION SEPTEMBER 11-12

Archbishop Hebda has asked all archdiocesan parishes to join with U.S. Catholics to take up an emergency collection for those suffering from the devastating earthquake in Haiti. Help is critical for our Haiti brothers and sisters desperate to survive. All gifts will be forwarded to the USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund created to support relief efforts through Catholic Relief Services in situations like Haiti. Next weekend, September 11-12, St. Dominic will have a second collection at Mass for this effort. Your gift is critical for the families in Haiti.

WELCOME BACK WEEKEND!

The last year and a half presented us with challenges. There were a number of months where we could not gather together as a church family. Eventually, we could cautiously gather. At our First Communion Celebration, one of our second graders said the thing she like best about mass was having doughnuts afterwards. That sounds like a good idea. We are planning a Welcome Back weekend September 18-19. We will have refreshments following the masses, and yes, there will be doughnuts. We will also have tables set up with information on the different ministries available at St. Dominic. Come join us for some much needed fellowship following the masses the weekend of September 18-19.

RAFFLE

The Church of the Annunciation of Hazelwood is now selling Progressive Raffle Tickets for their annual fundraiser. The drawing and festival will be held on Oct. 3rd. Tickets are \$100 each. Please contact Dave Docken at 612-328-8269 or Debbie

Becker at 507-645-5162 to purchase a ticket.



OFFICE CLOSED LABOR DAY

The Parish Center will be closed Monday, September 4 in honor of Labor Day. It will reopen on Tuesday morning at 8:00a.m.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Covid-19 Vaccines: In my homily last weekend I referenced ethical questions regarding COVID 19 vaccines. I am following up with an "Answers to Key Ethical Questions About COVID-19 Vaccines" insert from the USCCB in today's bulletin to provide moral guidance on this important issue. Although it is from January 2021 the moral principles are still applicable.

~Fr. Gregory

6th ANNUAL PATRIOTIC ROSARY

St. John the Evangelist Church in Union Hill will be praying the Patriotic Rosary on Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 6:30 pm. We pray this Rosary to our Blessed Mother to intercede for us to God our Father with all our intentions. The Patriotic Rosary is prayed for protection and guidance for those serving in the military, for everyone serving in government, the leadership of our country, and our Catholic Church. This Rosary is also prayed for every person in every state of our union. Come celebrate our religious liberty by participating in this beautiful Patriotic Rosary.



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On the Lighter Side.....

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom as the children drew pictures. The teacher would occasionally walk around and see each child's artwork. As she approached one little girl who was working especially hard, she asked what the drawing was.

The little girl told her: "I'm drawing God!"

"But sweetie," the teacher replied, "no one actually knows what God looks like."

Automatically, the little girl continued drawing and said, "well, they certainly will in a minute!"

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Fiat Ministries Discernment Retreat for women is coming to the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. All women ages 18-30 who are seeking God's will for their life are encouraged to attend. This is a discernment retreat and not a vocation fair or recruitment event. Ultimately, the goal is for the attendees to walk away with a greater understanding of religious life and a greater desire to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ. The Fiat Ministries discernment retreat is structured around the concepts of femininity, prayer, mercy, consecrated life, and discernment in order to encourage young women to trust the Lord and be led by Him.

The retreat will be held September 24-26 at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, MN. The cost is \$100 which includes lodging, meals and materials. To register or for more information, go to fiatministries.org.



We welcome to God's Family our newly Baptized.
Valentino Azael and Fortino Gael

ANNUAL MASS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

This Mass will take place on Sunday, September 19, 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Chapel, on Saint Paul Seminary Campus, St. Paul. The Mass includes celebration the Sacrament of Confirmation for persons with disabilities who have completed Confirmation classes. This year's celebrant will be Archbishop Bernard Hebda. Sing-along begins at 2:30 p.m.; Mass at 3 p.m. (including a sign language interpreter). Stay for socialization and light refreshments after Mass.



Church of St. Dominic Adoration

Monday from 5:00-5:30p.m. (before Mass)
Tuesday from 5:00-5:30p.m. (before Misa)
Friday from 3:00p.m. to 11:30pm. (in the Chapel)

Reconciliation

Tuesday 5:00-5:25p.m. (English and Spanish)
Saturday 3:30-4:30p.m. (English)
Sunday 11:15-11:45p.m. (English and Spanish)



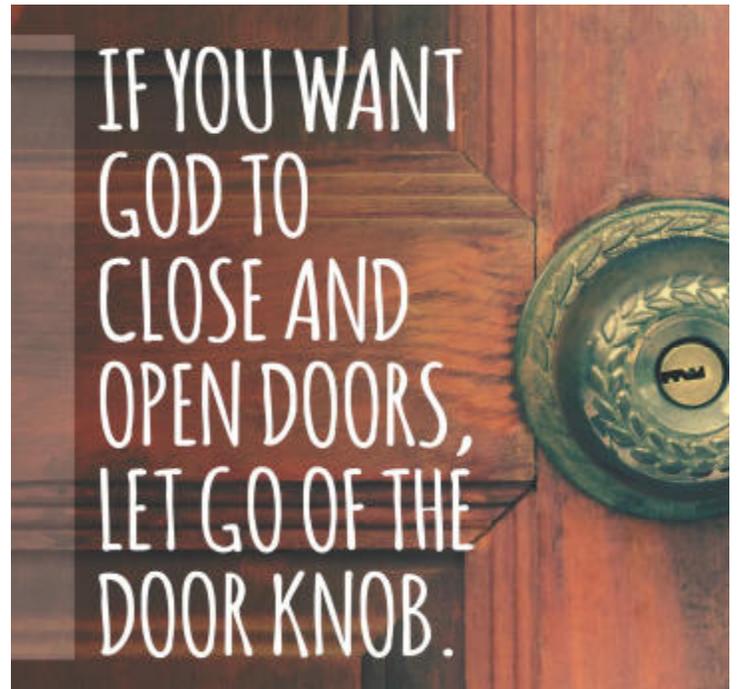
Prayer Request

Please pray for Berit, George & Betty, Monica Bennet, Tom Neuville and all those on the Church of St. Dominic Prayer list in the Chapel.

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

Prayer For The Sick

Father of goodness and love, hear my prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering, may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so to join us in thanking you for all of your gifts. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord and Savior. Amen.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

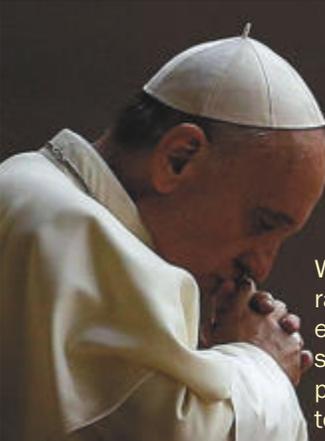
Volunteers are needed to assist the parish bookkeeper in counting the proceeds of the weekend collection. This commitment is about 1 - 1 1/2 hours on Monday mornings. If this is something that interests you, please contact Shari at the Parish Office for further details. 507-645-8816.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

IS THE HONEYMOON OVER? It doesn't have to be! A Marriage Encounter weekend can rekindle the excitement and romance in your relationship. This is a private weekend away from life's distractions that allows a husband and wife to focus on each other. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are Oct 8-10, 2021 in Buffalo, MN and Feb 11-13, 2022 in Buffalo, 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.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP)

Natural Family Planning classes teach couples about the method on how to achieve or postpone pregnancy while embracing the beauty of God's gift of sexuality. For a list of classes offered throughout the Archdiocese, please visit archspm.org/family or call Nancy Schulte Palacheck at 651-291-4489.



**The Pope's Monthly Intention
September 2021**

An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.



Why should I participate in a Synod small group?

Archbishop Hebda would like your help to determine priorities under each focus area. All teen and adult parishioners are invited to participate. Your voice is important.

Focus Areas:

1. What can we do to make parishes more welcoming and accessible?
2. How can we offer meaningful life-long formation for discipleship?
3. How can we better assist parents in forming children as disciples who know and love Jesus and his Church?

To make sure all Catholics have an opportunity to participate, every pastor in the archdiocese has been asked to host Synod Small Groups this fall. Imagine the impact of 186 parishes across the Archdiocese journeying together! Be part of this historic moment now, and help shape the future of our local Church.

At St. Dominic, we will have 3 Parish Consultation Groups.

Parish Consultation Group 1—English

Tuesday afternoons – 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
English - Sept 21 through Oct 26, 2021

Parish Consultation Group 2—Latino

Tuesday evenings – 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Sept 21 through Oct 26, 2021

Parish Consultation Group 3—English

Thursday evenings – 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Sept 23 through Oct 28, 2021

There is no pre-work required and there is no homework. Registration is not required. Simply choose which Consultation Group is the best fit for you and attend the sessions for that group. Your attendance is important. Help shape the future direction our Archdiocese and our Parish will take on these important topic areas. All sessions will take place in the Church Social Hall.

NEXT WEEK—Sunday, September 12, 2021 24st Sunday of Ordinary Time

In the morning, he called to him his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." (Mk 8:34-35)

Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]
Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Liturgical Ministers

September 11 —5:00 PM Mass

Mass Coordinator Brian Goerdts

Pianist/Cantor TBA

Ushers John Noack, Pat Ziegler, Erica Maker

Lector TBA

EMHC Dale Fredrickson, Travis Roethler, LaVergne Adelman

Videographer Peter Hillmann

September 12—8:00 AM Mass

Mass Coordinator Marcia Simon

Pianist/Cantor TBA

Ushers Matt Bernstorff, Joe Hollinger, Sue Hollinger

Lector TBA

EMHC Cheryl Marek, Deb Norman, Chris Barth

September 12—10:00 AM Mass

Mass Coordinator Brian Rodriguez

Pianist/Cantor TBA

Ushers Steve Dietz, Brady Dietz, Ben Anderson

Lector Arthur Cunningham

EMHC Dusty Budd, Cindy Green, Cindy Keogh

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

Mass Intentions

Sat.	Sept 4	5:00 PM	† Jason Quinn
Sun.	Sept 5	8:00 AM	† Rebecca Jane Langer
		10:00 AM	† John Mullenmeister
		12:00 PM	For the Parish (Misa)
Mon.	Sept 6	5:30 PM	† Marie Guth
Tues.	Sept 7	5:30 PM	For the Parish (Misa)
Wed.	Sept 8	8:20 AM	For the Parish
Thurs.	Sept 9		No Mass
Fri.	Sept 10	7:00 AM	† Charles and Dorothy McNamara
Sat.	Sept 11	5:00 PM	† John and Patricia Dudley
Sun.	Sept 12	8:00 AM	† Herb and Dorothy Becker
		10:00 AM	† Charles Priore Sr.
		12:00 PM	For the Parish (Misa)

Please note that all Tuesday Masses of Intention are still being said at the Tuesday Senior Care Center Mass until Misa resumes on Aug 10th. To schedule a Mass Intention for a loved one, please contact the Parish Office at 507-645-8816.

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