

January 23, 2022

The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to our Five Star Area Catholic Community



St. Joseph, Clarissa - Christ the King, Browerville - St. Mary of Mount Carmel, Long Prairie - St. Joseph, Grey Eagle - St. John the Baptist, Swanville

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St. Mary of Mount Carmel, Long Prairie

Tuesday, January 25

7:00 p.m. Mass † Joe Wienhold

Wednesday, January 26

8:30 a.m. Mass † John & Margaret Peters

Thursday, January 27

8:30 a.m. Mass † Joan Wettstein

Friday, January 28

8:30 a.m. Mass † Pete Gonsior

10:30 a.m. Nursing Home Mass

Saturday, January 29

5:00 p.m. Mass † Jack & Lucille Pesta

Sunday, January 30

8:00 a.m. Mass † For the People of our Parish

10:00 a.m. Mass † Jane Meyer

11:45 a.m. Mass Español † Juan Hernandez

St. Joseph, Grey Eagle & St. John's, Swanville

Monday, January 24

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJS** † Intention of Fr. Ron

Tuesday, January 25

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJGE** † David VanHeel

Wednesday, January 26

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJS** † Intention of Fr. Ron

Thursday, January 27

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJGE** † Joanne Heffron

Saturday, January 29

4:30 p.m. Mass **SJGE** † Don Boucher

Sunday, January 30

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJS** For the People of Our Parishes

10:30 a.m. Mass **SJGE** Intention of Fr. Ron

St. Joseph, Clarissa & Christ the King, Browerville

Tuesday, January 25

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJC** † Chuck Williams

Wednesday, January 26

11:00 a.m. Mass **CTK** † Rita Aichlmayr

Thursday, January 27

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJC** † Al & Delrae Mensen

10:30 a.m. CTCCC † Phyllis VanKempen

Friday, January 28

11:00 a.m. Funeral Mass **SJC** † John Winter

Sunday, January 30

8:30 a.m. Mass **CTK** † Fred & Wanda Bock

10:30 a.m. Mass **SJC** For the People of Our Parishes



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

- Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
- Monday:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
- Wednesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
- Friday:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
- Next Sunday:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

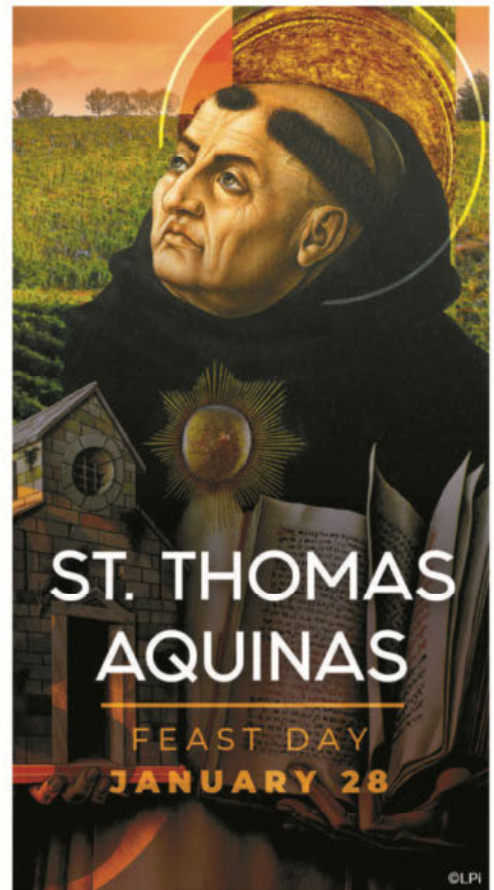
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
- Monday:** St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday:** The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
- Wednesday:** Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
- Thursday:** St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Friday:** St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When we lose a sense of God's special presence, we need to be brought back. Ezra brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God's word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that he is the fulfillment of all that Isaiah taught. Even though people get lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God's timeless law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God's word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth in what God speaks and become open to God's love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God's power. It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means "beloved of God," a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "The Summa Theologiae." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.



**Five Star Area Catholic Community
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2022 began for me in Antigua Guatemala. The photo to the left is the family that I have known closely for over twenty-five years. It began with a sponsorship of twins Luis Robert and Luis Ernesto, through the Godchild Project in 1995. Since then, the family has grown and now the twins and other siblings are married with children. For our visit the entire family came together - mother, father, brothers, sisters, married spouses, and new grandchildren. It was a joy to behold. I keep in regular contact with them by using WhatsApp. I am thankful for all your thoughts and prayers for our mission trip to Guatemala. With all the Covid restrictions and constant changes, it took many miracles to make this trip possible. I am thankful that we were able to return safely home with no incidents.

The ACC Retreat will be held at Lake Beauty on Saturday, February 26, 2022. It is a chance for you to further your faith. Register by calling your parish office.

**Blessings,
Deacon Jim**

**Adoration of Blessed
Sacrament
and
Sacrament of
Reconciliation**

**Saint Joseph, Grey Eagle
Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 3:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Tuesdays & Thursdays after the
weekday Masses.

**Saint John the Baptist,
Swanville**

To make an arrangement for
Confession, please call Fr. Ron at
320-290-4902.



**Saint Mary of Mount Carmel,
Long Prairie**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation will be
in the Cry Room:**

Tuesday 6:30 p.m.

Thursday before & after 8:30 a.m. Mass

Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
is in the Chapel.

Christ the King, Browerville

**Sacrament of Reconciliation
(Confessions):**

Saturday – 8:30 a.m. to 9:20 a.m.

Sunday – 8:00 a.m. to 8:20 a.m.

By Appointment – Call Fr. Bechtold
at 320-247-4907

**Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament:**

Wednesday – 9:50 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

Friday – 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Saturday – 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
(w/ Confessions)

Saint Joseph, Clarissa

Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament

Thursday from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.



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of Grey Eagle**
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Secretary/Bookkeeper: Mary Woeste
Faith Formation Coordinator: Carissa Bitz
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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, February 5th – 4:30 PM

Ushers: Arnie and Clara Berscheid

Servers: Nathan Wolbeck and Kylie Kraska

EM's: Jim and Linda Gohman, Joanne Pohlmann and Natalie Prasch

Lector: Michelle Wolbeck

SUNDAY, February 6th – 10:30 AM

Ushers: Chuck Sprenger and Richard Seifert

Servers: Nadia and Anika Berscheid

EM's: Ron and Doris Frericks, Nancy Ritter, and Janice Lind

Lector: Caroline Erickson

January 15-16, 2022	Offerings
Adult	\$1450.00
Loose	\$402.00
TOTAL	\$1852.00
Mass Count	Saturday-100, Sunday-82

CHRISTIAN WOMEN BABY JESUS SHOWER

Thank you to all who contributed to the Catholic Women Baby Jesus Shower. Beautiful items were donated. The items have been brought to the Options for Women in Sauk Centre and Pregnancy and Life in Long Prairie.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free.”

— Lk 4:18

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

FAITH FORMATION

January 26 – No Class, First Reconciliation Retreat - 2nd graders and their parents only, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

February 2 - Class

February 9 - Class and Student-led Prayer Service, led by 3rd, 4th & 5th graders (for grades 1-11, parents and parishioners)

February 16 - Class

February 23 - No Class, First Communion Retreat - 2nd graders and their parents only, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

YOUTH MASS

Fr. David Grundman from St. Mary's Church in Upsala would like to invite our youth to participate in their Youth Mass and Adoration on Sunday, January 23rd at St. Mary's in Upsala. Mass will be at 6:00 p.m. followed by Adoration with music. Pizza will be served afterwards. The Youth Mass is held every 4th Sunday of the month.

Plant Your Works in the Word: One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI



**Church of St. John the Baptist
of Swanville**

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Faith Formation : Marge Mettler 320-547-2513

JANUARY MINISTRIES

Ushers: Bob Koetter & Dean Doroff
Lector: Ann Peterson
EM'S: Ann Peterson & Marge Mettler

COLLECTION - January 2nd and January 9th, 2022
Adults: \$2,242 Plate: \$223 Christmas: \$660
New Year's Day: \$255 Catholic Charities: \$40
Bishop's Appeal: \$40 Solemnity of Mary: \$115
Youth Group: \$50 Funeral Lunch: \$20
TOTAL: \$3,645.00

FAITH FORMATION

Wednesday, January 26th – Regular classes will be held
at 6:30 p.m.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Envelopes for 2022 are on the table in the entrance.
PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON YOUR ENVELOPE THE
FIRST FEW WEEKS as the numbers have changed. If
you did not find your box of envelopes, please call the
office at 547-2920 to receive a box. Thank-you for
your support for your church.

**AUCTION/DINNER IS FEBRUARY 25, 2022
WE NEED YOUR HELP**

A list of items for the auction is needed by Friday,
February 4th to allow time to get the auction bills
printed and distributed on February 11th. Please call
as soon as you know what you plan to donate, even if
the project is not finished. This allows time to organize
the program. Thank-you!

Points to Ponder by Val . . .

DOES THIS SOUND FAMILIAR TO YOU?

Before we are 10 years old, we are so eager to grow
up we say our age in fractions, "I'm four and a half,
going on five."

When we are teens, instead of saying we are 15 years
of age, we say we are almost 16 years old.

In the thirties, we never say, "I am 36 and a half, going
on 37." As time goes on, we do not want to mention
our age.

However, when we get into our 80s and 90s, we seem
to go back to saying, "I will be 90 soon." After that we
start thinking ninety and a half and then we start
thinking by the week. At this age it is best to enjoy
your cheerful friends and ignore those who are
negative and complain often.

Growing older means you have, or will experience,
more grief and more endurance. You find your family
to be more important. Now it is also more important
to think positively about things and be grateful for
each day.

Just remember-

Life is not measured by the number of breaths you
take, but by the moments that did, or will, take your
breath away... the fun and beautiful moments.

Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass...it is
learning to dance in the rain.

You can never have a positive day with a negative
attitude.

Billy Graham said, "More friction and tensions are
caused in a family by the TONE OF THE VOICE, than by
any other reason!"

Confession

En route to church to make his first confession, my
nervous seven-year-old grandson asked me what he
could expect.

"Confession is where you tell all the bad things you've
done to the priest," I told him. He looked relieved.

"Good. I haven't done anything bad to the priest."

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of Browerville**

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Baptism preparation classes are the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. and the 4th Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Bulletin deadline for CTK is Tuesday noon.

Last Sunday Mass Count: 191

Stewardship

January 16			
Loose	141.00	Candles	6.00
Adult	3,364.00	Fall Collection	200.00
Child	9.00	Coffee & Rolls	178.00
Total Regular	3,514.00	Fuel	80.00



Banns of Marriage II

Amy Brisson and Eric Turner will be married at Christ the King Church on Saturday, February 5th.

Liturgical Ministers

Rosary: Mary Becker and Clara Johnson

Lector: Marlene Tschida

Servers: Anna Myers and Stacy Benning

Ushers for January: Mike Iten, Roy Perish, Jim May, and Joe Buhl

Church Cleaning: Clinton & Grace Hegseth, Kathy Henrich, and Renee Hiebert family

CTK Parish News

Knights of Columbus Pro-Life Breakfast

Today, Sunday, January 23rd

Christ the King Church Basement

Serving from 9 a.m. to

Noon

Biscuits & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, and Hashbrowns will be served.

Men’s Faith/Prayer group is cancelled for this month. Please call Alan Frisch for more details.

Faith Formation classes will be virtual, via Zoom or with an uploaded video, until further notice. We will notify you soon with further details.

Honoring Marriage Day will be held at St. Mary’s Church in Alexandria on Saturday, May 7th, 2022, from 1 - 4 p.m. If you would like to attend and will be celebrating 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 60, or 60 plus years in 2022, let the parish office know by January 31st.

Thank you for your donations to World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis, in his message for World Mission Sunday shared “Once we experience the power of God’s love, we cannot help but proclaim and share what we have seen and heard”. Each year, every church in our Catholic community throughout the world contributes to the World Mission Sunday collection. Thank you for your participation in our Catholic Church and its presence throughout the world. We are all on a mission, a sign of hope for an uncertain world. May God continue to fill you with grace and joy.

Elizabeth Neville Brown, St. Cloud Mission Office



Eternal rest grant to Andy Hudalla and to Janet Reed whose funerals were held last week.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.



Eternal rest grant to Edward Goligowski whose funeral will be held Monday, Jan. 24th.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Christ the King Catholic School News

Catholic School’s Week will begin with Mass next Sunday, January 30th.



**Saint Joseph Catholic Church
of Clarissa**
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January 16, 2022	Contributions
Adult	\$1060.00
Loose	\$85.10
TOTAL	\$1145.10
Mass Count	107

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 30

Lector: Eileen Uhlenkamp

Ushers: Allen Blommel and Charlet Blommel

EM'S: Russ VanHeel

Sacristan: Kathy VanHeel

Faith Formation Classes will meet Wednesday January 26 with snacks at 5:30 p.m. Classes start at 6:00 p.m.

Thank you to Chairs Kathy and Sharon and Group 2 for hosting the potluck.

Parish Life Groups and committee sheets are ready to be picked up at church. If you unable to pick-up sheets, please call the office at 756-2205 and they will be mailed.

2022 envelopes are still on their way. Offering envelopes are in the back of the church to use until the new ones arrive. Thank-you very much for using the plain envelopes.

Honoring Marriage Day will be held at St Mary's Church in Alexandria on Saturday May 7, 2022 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. If you would like to attend and will be celebrating 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 60 or 60 plus years in 2022, please let the parish office know by January 31.

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainly of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away. ©LPi



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ADORATION CHAPEL

The Adoration Chapel has an open Holy Hour on Fridays from 5:00-6:00 a.m. If you are interested, please call Mary at 320-732-6289 (English), or Norma 320-429-5118 (Español).

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

The statements are available on the cupboard in the back of the church by the votive candles.

Food Shelf

Thank-you to St. Mary's Parish for the donations of groceries made to the Long Prairie Food Pantry in 2021. We appreciate your support. Long Prairie Food Pantry

Stewardship	January 16		
Adult	\$5088	Votive Candles	\$34.29
Loose	\$1137.45	Maintenance	\$15.00
Youth	\$27.00	Christmas	\$50.00
EFT's	\$418.00	Cath. Mag.	\$17.00
TOTAL	\$6786.74		

St. Mary's Matching Grant Progress Parish: \$14,150 Matched: \$42,450



A series of Regional Ministry Gatherings will be held in January and February on the 2023 World Synod of Bishops and the local synodal process in which Pope Francis has asked every diocese in the world to participate. These 30-to-45-minute gatherings are FREE and will be held virtually via Zoom. The first one is Wednesday, January 26 at 11:00 a.m.

The Heart of the Synod: What is a synod and why are we having one now?

Local professor and theologian Kristin Colberg, sole U.S. member of the synod's international theological commission, shares her experience in working with the global synod team and helps us understand the long-term value of the synodal process.

Zoom Registration at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_i9QwmIDPQoKE3lea4z9QFQ

Links to the recordings of each session will be available at synod@stcdio.org a few days after the live presentations.

St. Mary's of Mount Carmel Catholic Church is seeking to add an experienced, part-time parish secretary. The parish secretary serves as the secretary of the parish under the guidance of the Pastor. The parish secretary is responsible for the daily operation of the parish office, is the liaison between parishioners and staff while providing a welcome environment. The parish secretary will also be responsible for relieving the pastoral staff of clerical work and minor administrative duties. Beverly Geraets will continue as bookkeeper and co-editor of the ACC Bulletin. Please contact Fr. Omar with any questions. Send resume to Fr. Omar.

FAITH FORMATION

A weekly assistant is needed to help with the First Communion class on Wednesday afternoons, 2:30-3:30 p.m. through mid-May. No prep time or teaching is required--just a love of children and the Catholic Faith. If you can help, please contact Jenna Miller at 218-296-3989 or jmiller@stmaryslp.org.

First Communion Parents—Registration is open for First Confession times on Saturday, January 29. Choose 8:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Please contact Jenna Miller to register.

2022 Diocesan Youth Rally—The rally will be held Sunday, January 30 at Cathedral High School in St. Cloud.



Saturday, January 29nd 5:00 p.m. Mass: Sacristan: Susan Shutter
EM's: Susan Shutter, Mary Jo Klick, Mary Pelzer Servers: Jasper Miller,
Leonidas Miller Lector: Mark Buntjer Greeters: Not filled Music: Miller Family

Sunday, January 30rd, 8:00 a.m. Mass: Sacristan: Patti Weibye EM's: Patti Weibye, Jessica Zinter, Bonnie Clasemann Server: Thomas Miron Lector: Paul Weinzierl Greeters: Not filled Music: Ave Maria

Sunday, January 30rd, 10:00 a.m. Mass: Sacristan: Felicia Middendorf EM's: Felicia Middendorf, Dan Bebault, Peter Lingen Servers: Connor Bash, Johann Bash Lector: Ann Edwards Greeters: Not filled Music: Jessica Bash

Sanctuary Cleaner Friday, January 28th: Mary Beth Siegle **Vacuuming Nave:** Josephine Orozco
Care of Albs: Sandra Flores



ACC Men—mark your calendar for the 2022 Catholic Men's Conference—Saint Joseph's Men

Saturday, February 26th
St. Francis Xavier Church
219 2nd St North * Sartell
Cost \$35

Presenter is Monsignor Tom Richter

For more information and to register visit www.stcdio.org/2022mensconference

Stewardship as a Way of Life: *"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..." (Nehemiah 8:10).*

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here's the hard part — to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: Please remember the diocesan ministries that, through your generosity, continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota. Keep them thriving by making a gift at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

Children Growing with the Gospel

PUZZLE

Circle these words from today's Gospel:

SPIRIT
CHOSEN
POOR

FREEDOM
SIGHT
SUFFERS

LORD
JESUS
TRUE

I	A	M	J	L	U	I	T	L	A
S	B	C	H	O	S	E	N	V	E
U	P	A	T	R	H	A	R	T	I
F	R	E	E	D	O	M	A	W	H
F	N	H	C	A	L	E	I	W	S
E	F	O	J	E	S	U	S	H	P
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MISSION

Look up Isaiah chapter 61 and read it with your family. Then read Luke 4:14-21. Jesus kept all of those promises!



Sharing the Gospel

The prophet Isaiah wrote about Jesus a long time before he was even born. When Jesus read Isaiah's words, they described Jesus perfectly. Jesus did come to free people from sin, to help those in pain, and even to help blind people see.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to help us.

Five Star Area Catholic Community News:

Five Star ACC Family Retreat is canceled for February 26th. It may be rescheduled. More information will follow.

ACC Liturgy Meeting: Originally scheduled for January 27 at 6:30 p.m., this meeting will be rescheduled.

COVID-19 Policy (effective January 24 - at least March 2):

- Face coverings will be required for all indoor parish activities, regardless of vaccination status. This includes attendance at Masses, faith formation class and other gatherings. Masks also will be required in our Catholic schools, as they continue with in-person learning.
- Bishop Kettler encourages parishes to limit group events and meetings as much as possible for parishioners and staff during this period. When feasible, these gatherings should be moved online.
- Pastors and Catholic school principals will be receiving information concerning these requirements. Bishop will notify them when the need for these requirement ends or if the timeframe of what he has outlined here needs to be adjusted for any reason.
- In additions to these added measures, Bishop encourages anyone who is eligible to receive a COVID vaccine. The have been consistently evaluated as morally acceptable by the Magisterium of the Church, and do not contain any fetal tissue.
- Per the direction of the Bishops of the State of MN, a Catholic is dispensed from the moral obligation to attend Sunday Mass if:
 - You are exhibiting flu like symptoms.
 - Your health would be significantly compromised.
 - You are a caregiver to someone who is sick or homebound.
 - You are pregnant or 65 years of age or older, putting you in a high risk category.
 - You have significant fear or anxiety of becoming ill by being at Mass.

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