

July 10, 2022

The 15th 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. Joseph, Grey Eagle & St. John's, Swanville

Monday, July 11

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJS** † David Plakut

Tuesday, July 12

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJGE** † George Brown

Wednesday, July 13

8:30 p.m. Mass **SJS** † Jerry and Rita Koetter
Please note change to 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 14

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

Saturday, July 16

4:30 p.m. Mass **SJGE** † Alfred and Oswald Muellner

Sunday, July 17

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJS** For the People of Our Parishes
10:30 a.m. Mass **SJGE** Roger and Kathy Roske
50th Anniversary

St. Joseph, Clarissa & Christ the King, Browerville

Tuesday, July 12

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJC** † Dale Buchta

Wednesday, July 13

8:30 a.m. Mass **CTK** † Ed Goligowski

Thursday, July 14

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJC** † Bernadette and Arlan King
10:30 a.m. CTCCC † George and Brad Brichacek

Friday, July 15

8:30 a.m. Mass **CTK** † Paul Twardowski

Sunday, July 17

8:30 a.m. Mass **CTK** For the People of Our Parishes
10:30 a.m. Mass **SJC** † Richard Gonsior Sr.

St. Mary of Mount Carmel, Long Prairie

Tuesday, July 12

7:00 p.m. Mass † Edward and Marie Toenyan

Wednesday, July 13

8:30 a.m. Mass † Jane Huncha

Thursday, July 14

8:30 a.m. Mass † Mary Ellen and Kenny Otremba

Friday, July 15

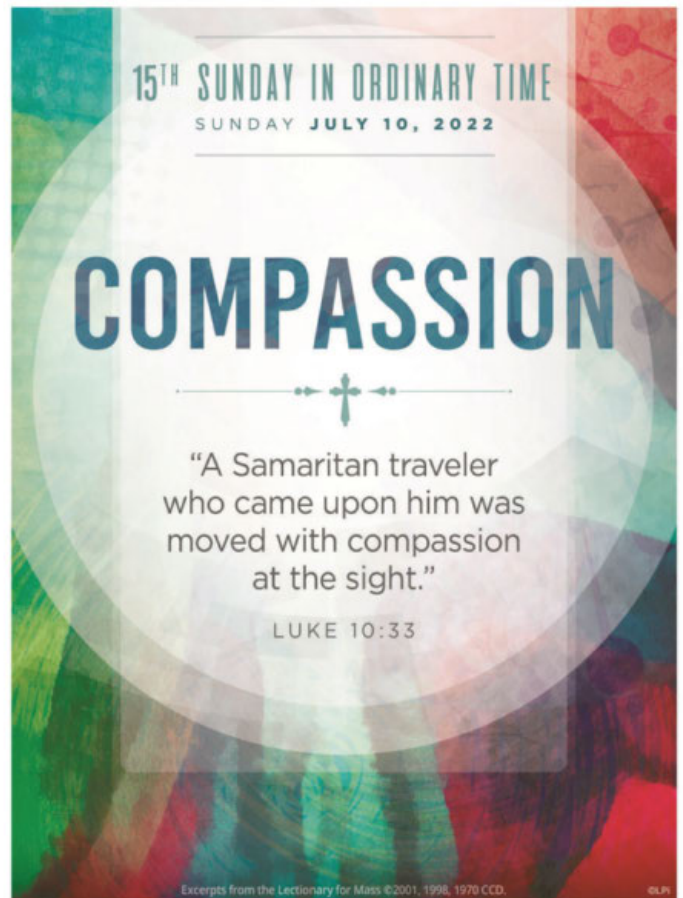
8:30 a.m. Mass † J. Trinidad Razo

Saturday, July 16

5:00 p.m. Mass † Jeanette Geisenhof

Sunday, July 17

8:00 a.m. Mass For the People of Our Parish
10:00 a.m. Mass † Steven Connor
11:45 a.m. Mass † Jose Trinidad Razo



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 10, 2022

- Sunday:** Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9]/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37
- Monday:** Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 10:34—11:1
- Tuesday:** Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24
- Wednesday:** Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27
- Thursday:** Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30
- Friday:** Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8
- Saturday:** Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21
- Next Sunday:** Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

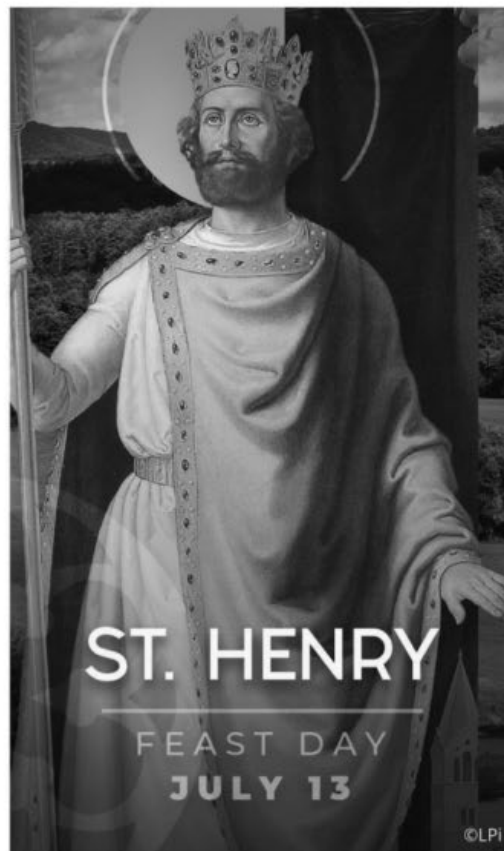
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 10, 2022

- Sunday:** 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Benedict, Abbot
- Wednesday:** St. Henry
- Thursday:** St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
- Friday:** St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- Next Sunday:** 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

It's important to keep our eyes open. Otherwise, we can easily dismiss things that truly require our attention. Whether it is someone needing care, a wrong that must be rectified, an injustice that must be addressed, or someone in need of a helping hand, the lens through which we view life (and even the rules by which we live) can prevent us from stopping and acting. Whether it's an obsession with being on time, a compulsion to complete tasks according to a schedule, or a rigidity with not breaking a law or fear of taking a risk, we miss daily opportunities to show mercy. We often fail in our duty to be a good neighbor, especially when it involves brothers and sisters remote from us whom we have never met. The pain of the world is our pain. God's law of love, mercy, and compassion is not something remote. It's already within us and very near. All we have to do is open our eyes and carry it out.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Henry was born in 972 to Henry, Duke of Bavaria, Germany, and his wife Gisela of Burgundy. Saint Henry's early life was permeated with Christianity, among those who guided his education was Bishop Wolfgang of Ratisbon, who became a saint himself. In 995, Saint Henry succeeded his father as Duke of Bavaria, and in 1002, upon the death of his cousin, Otho III, he was elected emperor. In 1014, Saint Henry undertook the long journey from Germany to Rome to be crowned Holy Roman Emperor by Pope Benedict XIII.

In 1022 Saint Henry assisted Pope Benedict VIII in holding the Council of Pavia, which promoted clerical celibacy and sought to end simony (the buying and selling of ecclesiastical goods and offices). During his reign, Saint Henry used his wealth and position for the Church. He confirmed Benedict's authority over Rome, was a patron of churches and monasteries, supported the Cluniac Reforms, restored episcopal sees, and founded the Diocese of Bamberg where he built a cathedral.

Saint Henry was married to Cunigunde of Luxembourg, to whom he was incredibly devoted. Although disputed by some historians, some stories of the couple's marriage report they took vows of chastity because their union was childless.

Saint Henry died in July of 1024 and was canonized in 1146 by Pope Eugene III.



**Five Star Area Catholic Community
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At the end of the Civil War, President Lincoln was re-elected by a rather large margin. Lincoln's address on that cold March day consisted of 703 words, which is short for a president. Lincoln mentioned God fourteen times, invoked prayer four times and quoted Scripture four times.

Throughout his presidency, Lincoln struggled to comprehend the purpose of all the death and destruction, and often turned to the Bible for answers. In his speech, there is a line in which Lincoln expresses his own belief that the war was fought for God's purposes. Although the pain of war is indescribable, he knew what was at stake was the future of democracy. History tells us that the result of the war was the unification of the people and the states, as well as the eradication of slavery. Only God can bring about something good after so much evil!

This reminds me of the persecutions our Church has endured throughout history, such as Nero's persecution in the year 64, which terminated the lives of so many Christians. Nero was so brutal in his systematic killing of Christians that public sympathy swung in the favor of the meek followers of Christ. Furthermore, the testimony of so many Christians motivated and inspired many pagans to convert to the Christian faith and become followers of Christ. Only God can bring about something good after so much evil!

In our present times, we have recently witnessed, with exultant spirits, the end of Roe vs Wade. Abortion is no longer a federal legal right and we are blessed to be part of this long-awaited moment. Is this the answer to the countless prayers, vigils, marches and pro-life efforts of many generations? I believe it is; and I also hope that the generations to come will be more pro-life than the generations that have come before us.

I also hope that God may bring about more good to the world and to the Church, after all the evil that for the last fifty years has been perpetrated against millions of unborn babies. We give thanks to God for the recent ruling of the Supreme Court and we pray that God may keep bringing about special blessings to today's world! Blessings, Fr. Omar

**Adoration of Blessed
Sacrament
And
Sacrament of
Reconciliation**

Saint Joseph, Grey Eagle
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday — 3:30 to 4:00 p.m.

**Saint John the Baptist,
Swanville**
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Wednesday after the 5:30 p.m.
Mass.

**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 — 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—9:00 a.m. to 10:00 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— 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.



**St. Joseph Catholic Church
of Grey Eagle**

118 Minnesota St., PO Box 366
Grey Eagle, MN 56336

Website: www.stjosephgreyeagle.org

Parish Office: 320-285-2545 sjoseph@meltel.net

Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. & Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Secretary/Bookkeeper: Mary Woeste

Faith Formation Coordinator: Carissa Bitz
sjosephff@meltel.net

Offering: July 2-3: Adult \$2,480.00; Loose \$996.00;

Dinner/Auction \$750.00; furnace \$22.00

Total: \$4,248.00

Attendance: Saturday 178; Sunday 147

Furnace Collection: Total: \$16,032.00

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, July 16th—4:30 PM

Ushers: Jim and Linda Gohman

Servers: Nathan Wolbeck

EM's: Chuck and Brenda Sprenger, Jim and Linda Gohman

Lector: Michelle Wolbeck

Sunday, July 17th—10:30 AM

Ushers: Stan Mensen and Gene Fischer

Servers: Need Volunteers

EM's: Stan and Cindy Mensen; Rita Fischer and Linda Wegleitner.

Lector: Rita Fischer

Knights of Columbus: The Knights of Columbus will meet in Grey Eagle on Tuesday, July 19th. There will be installation of officers.

Dinner/Auction: Keep checking the bulletin for updates on the auction. We are working on getting everything together and will let you know how it went as soon as possible.

Centennial Mass: St. Joseph Church will be celebrating our Centennial the weekend of July 30-31. Bishop Donald Kettler will be here for the 10:30 a.m. Mass and he will bless the restored Virgin Mary statue. There will be fellowship after both Masses that weekend with refreshments served.

Servers: If there are any boys and girls, 3rd grade and older, who are interested in serving at Mass on Sunday, please call the office and we can get you on the schedule. We will schedule you with someone who has done it previously to help make it easier for you the first several times.

We can learn a great deal from Mister Rogers. Remember him? He was the gentle soul who found his way into living rooms worldwide starting as far back as 1968. Mister Rogers' Neighborhood was a beloved program that celebrated and exalted people, especially children. He taught us that we are neighbors and that everyone has a place. Everyone matters. He had a vision, born of his relationship with God that highlighted every human life's innocence, beauty, and uniqueness. To that end, he called us to be responsible for each other, saying nothing different than what Jesus said. Viewers quickly learned that life is not just about me.

"We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say, 'It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.' Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes (Fred Rogers)." It is so easy to look the other way. After all, I'm not the one who needs to leave home out of fear and try to find somewhere safe. I am not the one who is hungry and without shelter or food. I am not the one who has a child being bullied or ridiculed because of the way they dress or act. I am not the one being threatened with violence or unable to find meaningful work. The distress and agony of our neighbors are our distress and agony. We cannot walk by it with an attitude of indifference, especially if we call ourselves believers. When we no longer care, we have suffocated our souls. This is a great sin.

God's law "is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out." We all have a need for love and acceptance. That's why Mister Rogers' television show was so popular. It spoke to something deeper, something sacred about humanity. God didn't give us his law in a book. He wrote it on our hearts. We know what we need to do. It's a matter of choice. Love is sacred. When we love another human being, especially without regard for ourselves, it is a holy moment. These moments are often missed due to our self-serving agendas and rules. ©LPi



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

21 1st St., PO Box 68
Swanville, MN 56382

Website: www.stjohnschurchswanville.org

Parish Office: 320-547-2920 stjs@sytekcom.com
Hours Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon
Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper: Val Sobania
Faith Formation : Marge Mettler 320-547-2513

Confessions will be after the Wednesday 5:30 p.m.
Mass until further notice.

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 11 8:30 a.m. + David Plakut
Wednesday, July 13 8:30 a.m. † Jerry & Rita Koetter
Please note change to 8:30 a.m.
Sunday, July 17 8:30 a.m. For the People of Our
Parishes

July Ministries

Ushers: Marcia Wentworth and Vern Wessel
Lector: Randy Mettler
EM's: Marge Mettler and Diane Loven

Collection for June 19th & June 26th

Adults: \$1,924 **Plate:** \$590 **Bishop's Appeal:** \$20
Total: \$2,534

Faith Formation

Summer Vacation Bible School for children age 5 through those going into 7th grade will be held July 25, 26, 27, 28 (Monday – Thursday) from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided for children and their families at 5:30 p.m. followed by activities such as crafts, singing, games, etc. until 8:30 p.m. All are welcome.

High school students and other adults are needed as volunteers. This is a great way for 10th graders to earn service hours required for Confirmation.

You can sign your children up for this event on the sheets on the table in the entrance, on Facebook, or call Marge at 547-2513 or the office at 547-2920 in the morning.

Finance Board Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 13th, in the dining hall. All are welcome to come to these meetings. We can explain the collection for the grounds upkeep.

Special Collections: The outside lights are now installed along the sidewalk in the front of the church and provide better lighting on the front of the church building. The cost of this project is around \$10,000. We hope our members will consider a donation for this project.

Landscaping work will start around the church. Plants look nice at this time, but weeds have been growing because most of the mulch is gone and the material under it is in terrible shape. In the past, a donor paid to have this work done each year, but that ended a few years ago. Volunteers then took care of the upkeep for a few years, but they can no longer do it. The bushes are over grown and much trimming needs to be done. The cost of this project will be about \$7,000. This will involve trimming, taking out all the plants, laying new material, covering area with small rocks and replacing plants that can be salvaged.

Please consider a donation for these projects. You can leave your donation in the collection marked "upkeep" or you can mail it to: St. Johns Church, P.O. Box 68, Swanville MN 56382. Thank you.



Wedding Banns I

Emily Loven & Matthew Jelinski

The Knights of Columbus will meet Tuesday, July 19th in Grey Eagle at 7:00 p.m. Officers will be installed. Your choice to join the Knights of Columbus could define your year. Join Catholic men just like you striving to strengthen their faith, their families, and their communities as a member of the Knights. Every Knight makes a difference. Each man brings a unique story, a particular set of skills.

Thanks to all who helped at our Swanville Carnival.

Various clubs and organizations in town get helpers to work in their booths. The profit from this event is returned for our own community projects and needs. We also thank many who come from other areas to help us. All are greatly appreciated.



Christ the King Catholic Church of Browerville

720 Main Street North, PO Box 83
Browerville, MN 56438

Website: www.fivestaracc.org

Facebook: Christ the King Catholic Church, Browerville

YouTube: Christ the King Catholic Church, Browerville

Parish Office: 320-594-2291

fivestaracc.ctkb@gmail.com

Hours Monday –Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Secretary/Bookkeeper: Roxanne Determan

Sacrament Coordinator: Beverly Geraets

320-237-0364 bgeraets.ctkparish@gmail.com

Faith Formation Coordinator: Ryan Perish

320-766-5395 fivestaracc.rperish@gmail.com

Christ the King School: Principal Cindy Iten

320-594-6114 [website: christthekingschool.org](http://website:christthekingschool.org)

Prayer Chain Line: Karen Benning 320-760-0476

Kathy Lucas 320-594-6202

Stephen’s Ministry: For those facing life’s difficult circumstances (death of a loved one, divorce, job loss, etc.) you do not need to face it alone. Contact a Stephen Ministries Leader to learn more about this ministry: Sheri Streit: 320-291-6428, Karen Asfeld: 218-371-9193, John Dorn: 320-594-6380.

Bulletin deadline for CTK is Tuesday noon.

Last Sunday Mass Count: 247

Stewardship

July 3, 2022			
Loose	\$596.00	Candles	\$31.00
Adult	\$4,439.00	Capt. Maint.	\$25.00
Children	\$12.00	ACH	\$377.50
Total Regular	\$5,047.00		

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, July 17

Rosary: Glenda Kotula and Amy Tolifson

Lector: Chris Kassube

E.M’s: Marie Katterhagen, John Dorn, Doug Johnson

Servers: Ben and Nick Biegler

Ushers July: Mike Iten, Roy Perish, Joe Buhl, Jim May

Church Cleaning: Paul Perish, Leah Perish, Robert Perish

Christ the King Parish News

Adoration on Friday, July 15 will be at 7:45 a.m. Coffee and rolls served after Mass.

Ministry trainings this week. See SJC page for details.

Coffee and rolls will be served on Sunday, July 17 after Mass. Everyone is invited.

Welcome to our new members at Christ the King Parish - Humberto and Lorena Luna and family.

Thank you for your participation in our Catholic Church and its growing presence throughout the world by contributing to the World Mission Sunday collection. 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, director, St. Cloud Mission Office

When one door closes, another one opens. Are you feeling like you are stuck between those doors? Central Minnesota Koinonia is a Catholic retreat program that can help you find your way. Sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and designed for adults, the next weekend is scheduled for September 23-25, 2022, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

Christ the King Catholic School News

Thank you for your donations to Christ the King School’s Angel Fund. This fund helps with tuition for those who are not able to pay the full cost of a Catholic Education. Your tax-deductible donations make a difference in the lives of our students.

Preschool for ages 3, 4 and 5 will be opening at CTK School for the 2022-23 school year. It will promote positive learning experiences both indoors and outdoors. Children will experience activities that are developmentally appropriate in a supportive, positive, and nurturing atmosphere. A licensed, experienced teacher and aide will provide the opportunities for the children. Contact the school office at 594-6114 for more information.

Needed - two metal tricycles for preschool program



**Saint Joseph Catholic Church
of Clarissa**
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Clarissa MN 56440

Website: www.fivestaracc.org
Facebook: Saint Joseph Catholic Church, Clarissa
YouTube: Saint Joseph Catholic Church, Clarissa

Parish Office: 218-756-2205
fivestaracc.sjc@gmail.com
Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Secretary/Bookkeeper: Barb Brown
Coordinators Religious Education:
Bev Desotell 320-594-6383 rbdesotell@gmail.com
Kim Marstein 612-280-2403 kmarstein.sjc@gmail.com
Prayer Chain Line: Kathy VanHeel 218-756-2215
Rita Walker 218-738-5781

July 3, 2022			
Adult	\$1657.00	Votive	\$10.00
Loose	\$66.25	Fuel	\$25.00
TOTAL	\$1723.25	Maintenance	\$60.00
Mass Count	113		

Ministry Schedule – Sunday, July 17

Sacristan: Eileen Uhlenkamp
EM: Ardelle Feda
Lector: Shari Streit
Ushers: Dave Streit and Trey Lancaster



Congratulations to Dustin and Elena Alexander in celebrating their daughter Catalina Dale's baptism on July 2, 2022.

Our parish community shares in your joy and is privileged in welcoming Catalina Dale to our faith community.

Please collect UPC Labels for our Faith formation students.

Clarissa Summerfest Luncheon will be Saturday, July 23 at SJC. Group 3 will be hosting.

St. Mary's Mission Meeting will be held on July 20th at 9:00 a.m. at SJC.

Ministry Trainings for those interested in becoming a lector, usher or server (acolyte) will be July 12, 13, and 14.

CTK July 12 - usher training at 6 :30 p.m.
lector training at 7:30 p.m.

July 13 - server training at 6:30 p.m.

SJC July 14 - server training at 6:30 p.m.

The opportunity to become an usher or lector is open to confirmed Catholics, at least 16 years of age. Catholic youth who have received their First Holy Communion may be trained to become servers. Each of these ministries invites us to closeness to Christ, and the altar, in service. I was 23 years of age the first time I served at Holy Mass and it remains one of my fondest memories. Do yourself a favor and ask the Lord if He is calling you to serve at the liturgy in this way. Fr. Mitchell

Got a voice for singing? We've got a choir for you, too! If interested in joining our church choirs, talk with Joan Schueller or Sandy Schorn at CTK; or talk with Gina Motzko or Shari Streit at SJC.

Vacation Bible School –Save the dates

August 15-18
6:00-8:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Clarissa
For K-5th grade children

6th grade students and older are needed as helpers.

Adult volunteers are also needed.

Please RSVP to Bev Desotell or Parish office by July 29th, so proper arrangements and materials can be provided.



St. Mary of Mount Carmel Catholic Church of Long Prairie

409 Central Ave
Long Prairie MN 56347

Website: <https://stmarymtcarmellongprairie.weconnect.com>

Parish Office: Hours: Monday -Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
320-357-0815

Administrative Assistant: Beverly Geraets
stmarysrectory@stmaryslp.org

Bilingual Secretary: Maria Chavez
mchavez@stmaryslp.org

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Angela Connor aconnor@stmaryslp.org

Sacramental Coordinator: Jenna Miller
218-296-3989 jmillier@stmaryslp.org

St. Mary's School: Principal Linda Dinkel
320-357-0813 ldinkel@stmaryslp.org

Prayer Line: Mary Kay Eifert 320-732-3341

Adoration Chapel: Mary Marcoullier 320-732-6289

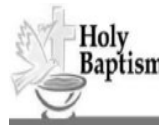
Contributions for July 2-3 will be posted in next week's bulletin.

Bulletin deadline is Tuesday noon. Please email your article to Beverly Geraets and Mary Zastrow. Thank you.



Congratulations to Salvador Godinez and Alma Delia Ramirez who were married on Saturday, July 2, 2022.

May your hands be forever clasped in friendship and your hearts joined forever in love.



Congratulations to Salvador Godinez and Alma Delia Ramirez in celebrating their daughter Vanessa's baptism on Saturday, July 2, 2022.

Our parish community shares in your joy and is privileged in welcoming Vanessa to our Catholic Church Family.



Banns of Marriage II Jeancarlo Maldonado Santiago and Maria Guadalupe Geraldin Vasquez Botello will receive the Sacrament of Matrimony on Saturday, July 23, 2022.

Faith Formation Coordinator St. Mary of Mount Carmel Parish is looking to hire a Faith Formation Coordinator. It is a part-time position, 15-20 hours per week. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Grieving with Grace will meet at 5:00 p.m. at St. Mary of Mount Carmel Parish Hall on Thursday, July 14.

The Knights of Columbus will meet on Tuesday, July 19 at 7:30 p.m. after Mass.

St. Mary of Mount Carmel

**Parish Festival
Sunday, Sept 11, 2022**

Pork chop dinner will begin at 11:00 a.m.

Outdoor activities for all ages

Music from noon to 2:30 p.m. by American Pie

St. Mary's of Mount Carmel Parish Festival

Welcomes

American Pie

Pat & Donna Surface

Sunday, September 11th

noon - 2:30pm

A Free Will Offering will be taken during the performance. Concert is outside so bring a lawn chair.



St. Mary of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, 409 Central Ave., Long Prairie MN
Contact Phone Number: St. Mary's Parish (320) 357-0815

Pat and Donna play a variety of music - from Traditional Gospel and Pat's original Christian tunes to the Jukebox hits through the decades. There will be songs of peace as we pay tribute to this day - 9/11/2001. Their shows are fun, interactive, and bring back memories with timeless tunes.

Get to know Pat & Donna at PatSurface.com

St. Mary's School July Office Hours: (Please call Linda Dinkel or email her to meet outside of these hours.)

Mondays & Tuesdays: 12 noon to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesdays & Thursdays: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Fridays: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

St. Mary's School needs volunteers. JULY 8-31: (Dates/times will be scheduled based on volunteer availability.) 1st- Move everything out of preschool, 1st grade, 5th grade & 6th grade classrooms, 2nd- Pull up the old carpet and haul to the transfer station (savings of \$1,800 if we do it ourselves), 3rd- Paint 1st grade classroom and 5th and 6th, if we have enough help.

August 1-5: Carpet will be laid in these classrooms. **August 3-10:** Move everything back! Please contact the school or rectory if you're willing to help. Call, email, or text the school @ 320-460-1647.

St. Mary's Continued. . .

Faith Formation Please pray for the upcoming Faith Formation year (2022-23). Discipleship of our young people is such an important ministry of our Church. Please consider serving as a catechist, helper, translator, or office support person. As we are moving into a probable "normal" year, we are in need of rebuilding our non-sacramental faith formation programs and need volunteers for all grades (1, 3-10), as well as interested leaders for adult Bible studies or faith-sharing groups. Please contact Jenna Miller, sacramental coordinator, if you feel the Holy Spirit nudging you to ask about helping.

Vacation Bible School continues each Wednesday afternoon in July, 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the parish hall. New students going into grades 1-6 are still welcome to register online at the church website or with a form found at the back of the church. Each week, we incorporate the Bible and Catholic teaching with games, a craft, and a snack. This Wednesday's (7/13) theme is Service to My Family.

Thank you to the local teen girls' rosary-making group for helping last Wednesday's VBS students make their own rosary and/or decade rosary!



July Ushers

5:00 p.m. Mass Saturday: Rich Welters, Paul Siegle, need volunteers

8:00 a.m. Mass Sunday: Greg Graves, Tom Roelike, Jim Nalezny, Gloria Roelike

10:00 a.m. Mass Sunday: Leonidas Miller, Felicia Middendorf, Robin and Kendra DeLage

Saturday, July 16 5:00 p.m. Mass Sacristan: Jean Graves **EM's:** Jean Graves, Mary Pelzer, Jerry Bleess
Lector: Richard Wagner **Servers:** Gloria Miller, Jasper Miller **Greeter:** Hattie Toenyan **Music:** Open

Sunday, July 17 8:00 a.m. Mass Sacristan: Darlene Johnson **EM's:** Patti Weibye, John Martens, Mary Zastrow, Mariann Host **Lector:** Tom Sellnow **Servers:** Jorge Garcia Chavez, Luis Garcia Chavez
Greeters: Volunteers needed **Music:** Ave Maria

Sunday, July 17 10:00 a.m. Mass Sacristan: Darcy Pesta **EM's:** Joe Pesta, Darcy Pesta, Jessica Zinter
Lector: Mike Ambrosius **Servers:** Jayden Richter, Trevor Kramer **Greeters:** Tom and Gloria Roelike, Alice Siegle
Music: Joy

Sanctuary Cleaners Friday, July 15: Teresa Larson **Care of Albs:** Sandy Wienhold **Vacuuming Nave:** Leshel Anderson, Jim Nyhus



July 9 - 10, 2022

Stewardship as a Way of Life: "Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise'" (Luke 10:37).

This was Jesus' command at the end of the Good Samaritan story. Did you know that the Samaritans and Jews despised each other? The moral of the story is to love our neighbor. That means loving someone you may not know, or someone that looks different than you, or someone that has different beliefs than you, or someone that you don't like. All without expecting anything in return.

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Bishop's Annual Appeal: The Bishop's Annual Appeal proudly supports respect-for-life efforts in the diocese. Your generosity helps make this possible. To donate, visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal or mail to: Bishop's Annual Appeal, P.O. Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302.

Five Star Area Catholic Community News:

Faith Formation Coordinator St. Mary of Mount Carmel Parish in Long Prairie is looking to hire a Faith Formation Coordinator. It is a part-time position, 15-20 hours per week. Please contact the parish office for more information at 320-357-0815.

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) is hosting the Source and Summit Tour 2022

This event will be a Eucharistic pilgrimage in the diocese. It will be held Thursday, August 4. The schedule:

8 a.m. – St. Louis Bertand Church in Foreston – Includes Mass promptly at 8 a.m., message from Father Derek Wiechmann, tour of church and St. Ann’s Chapel with time for prayer/adoration

11 a.m. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Isanti – Includes message from Father Don Wagner, tour of church and Mercy Chapel with time for prayer/adoration, lunch (for those who pre-register)

2:30 p.m. St. Andrew Church in Elk River – Includes message from Father Mark Innocent, praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, tour of the church and eucharistic adoration chapel with time for prayer and adoration.

*You are invited to drive yourself or take the bus. All are welcome to join in at any of the stops. Those joining for the lunch in Isanti **must register in advance.***

Bus schedule

A coach bus will be available. Must register by July 15. Stops include:

Sauk Centre: 6:00 a.m.

Freeport: 6:30 a.m.

St. Joseph Park and Ride: 6:45 a.m.

Cost for bus: \$20.00

Call Jean Zwilling for lunch or bus reservations at 320-492-7069

Monday, July 11: A Fare for All food distribution, which sells packages of fruits, vegetables and frozen meats, is from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Salem Lutheran Church, 90 Riverside Drive SE, St. Cloud. Program is open to everyone and does not require registration. Cash, credit, debit and EBT cards are accepted. Fare for All is sponsored by local congregations and community organizations, including Catholic Charities-Emergency Services.

What is Lectio Divina, and how is it associated with the Benedictine Monastic tradition, whose founder, St. Benedict, we honor on July 11?

Benedict desired his monks to live in community, praying the Liturgy of the Hours together, contemplating sacred texts, and doing manual labor. The monks developed a technique to facilitate a spiritual and devotional reading of the Bible known as Lectio Divina, the holy reading of a text. This method encourages the reader to hear the biblical text with an open heart and focus on whatever God wants to highlight and then apply it to daily life.

There are variations on Lectio Divina, but essentially, the technique consists of a three-step process of reflection. When the reflection is done with a group, the responses are shared by all the participants. Once the text is selected, it is read meditatively, and the following are then explored: a word or phrase that attracts you; how and where the content of this reading touches your life today; what you believe that God wants you to do during this coming week (month, year, lifetime).

Thanks to Benedict, the Christian community has been gifted with this special way of entering into the biblical text. This week, use the Lectio Divina process on one of the readings for the coming Sunday and make a note of the life connections you are making. How is this reflection on the biblical text drawing you closer to God and others? ©LPi

Five Star Area Catholic Community News:

Burn Accident Benefit

for Derek Wettstein

Saturday, July 16 3:00-8:00 p.m.

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The money raised will help Derek and his family.

Prayer for a New Bishop

Praise to you, Lord our God, our eternal shepherd and guide.

In your faithfulness, grant to the Diocese of Saint Cloud a shepherd whose watchful care and kindly zeal will continue the good work of his predecessors.

In your love for us, give us a shepherd who will lead us in being Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice.

Help him to fill our minds and hearts with the truth of the Gospel, the power of the sacraments, and the desire to build up your holy Church.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

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