

September 4, 2022

## The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to our Five Star Area Catholic Community



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### St. Mary of Mount Carmel, Long Prairie

#### **Tuesday, September 6**

7:00 p.m. Mass † Dennis Biermaier

#### **Wednesday, September 7**

8:30 a.m. Mass † Romaine and Veronica Dinkel

10:30 a.m. Home School Mass

#### **Thursday, September 8**

8:30 a.m. Mass † Bob Schenk

#### **Friday, September 9**

8:30 a.m. Mass † Allan Schultz

10:30 a.m. Nursing Home No Mass

#### **Saturday, September 10**

5:00 p.m. Mass † Maria Trinidad Robles Aguilar and

Juan Jose Lemus Espitia

#### **Sunday, September 11**

8:00 a.m. Mass † George and Helen Biermaier

10:00 a.m. Mass † For the People of Our Parish

11:45 a.m. Mass † Marina Becerra

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

#### **Monday, September 5**

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJS** † Lucille Hubner

#### **Tuesday, September 6**

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

#### **Wednesday, September 7**

5:30 p.m. Mass **SJS** † Kalli Doroff

#### **Thursday, September 8**

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJGE** † Poor Souls

#### **Saturday, September 10**

4:30 p.m. Mass **SJGE** For the People of Our Parishes

#### **Sunday, September 11**

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJS** † Ralph Kjeldergaard

10:30 a.m. Mass **SJGE** † Millie Kociemba

### St. Joseph, Clarissa & Christ the King, Browerville

#### **Monday, September 5**

8:30 a.m. Mass **CTK** † Mike Lenhart

#### **Tuesday, September 6**

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJC** † Frank and Mary Plotnik

#### **Wednesday, September 7**

11:00 a.m. Mass **CTK** †Babe Spychalla

#### **Thursday, September 8**

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJC** † Pam Loesch

10:30 a.m. CTCCC † Topsy May

#### **Friday, September 9**

8:30 a.m. Mass **CTK** †Dale Buchta

#### **Sunday, September 11**

8:30 a.m. Mass **CTK** †Thomas Hennessy

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



## 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? ... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."  
- Lk 14:28, 33

## 23<sup>er</sup> DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"Porque, ¿quién de ustedes, si quiere construir una torre, no se pone primero a calcular el costo, para ver si tiene con qué terminarla?"

Así pues, cualquiera de ustedes que no renuncie a todos sus bienes, no puede ser mi discípulo". - Lc 14, 28. 33

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

- Sunday:** Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33
- Monday:** 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11
- Tuesday:** 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday:** 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
- Friday:** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday:** 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49
- Next Sunday:** Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

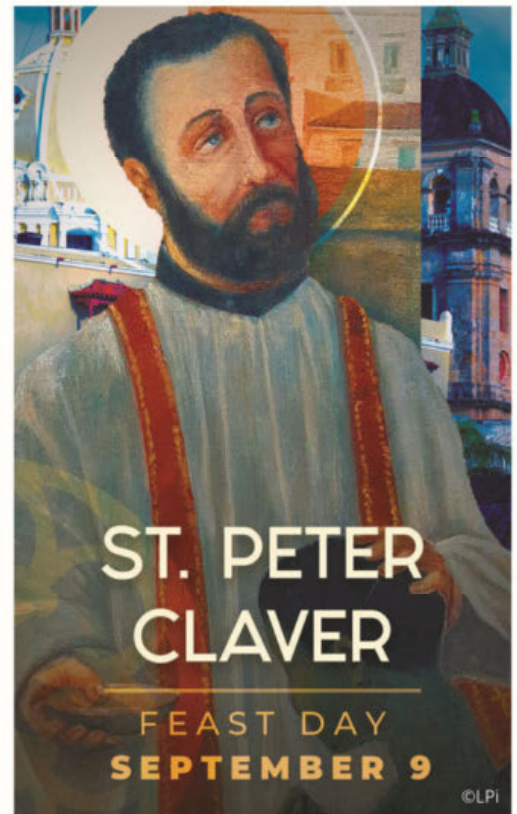
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

- Sunday:** 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Labor Day
- Thursday:** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Friday:** St. Peter Claver, Priest
- Next Sunday:** 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Patriot Day; Grandparents' Day

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

"Stand up straight and don't slouch!" Many a child has heard these words bellowed from their mother's lips. We need the perspective of others to help us understand when we are not walking as straight as we could be. God sends us the Holy Spirit to correct and guide us so that our paths through life can be straight. Without this assistance, how we see and understand ourselves and the world around us is incomplete. We will also lack the virtue of fortitude. It takes courage to listen to the Holy Spirit and devote ourselves to the task of discipleship. We have to put aside things that the world says are necessary and follow a path placed before us by Jesus Christ. Jesus is asking us to follow him. We must consider what we have to do to be free enough to do so. God needs us to show the world a complete picture of what life is meant to be, correct its vision and tell it to stand up straight!



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

Born in Catalonia Spain in 1580, Saint Peter Claver studied at first at the University of Barcelona and then joined the Jesuits. He became friends with fellow brother Saint Alphonsus Rodriguez who encouraged him to be a missionary in the New World. Accordingly, Saint Peter went to Cartagena, a city in present-day Columbia where he was ordained in 1615.

Cartagena was a center for the slave trade, and the young missionary knew where he could best serve God. He proclaimed himself, "the slave of the Negroes forever." As ships would arrive with their human cargo, Saint Peter and a group of interpreters would rush into the hold with food and medicines. When the slaves were moved to pens to await sale, the saint continued to work among them, communicating God's love with acts of generosity and teaching the Catholic faith.

He also led missions in the interior, refusing the hospitality of plantation owners and preferring to stay in the slave quarters. He organized charitable societies and is said to have baptized and catechized more than 300,000 enslaved persons.

Saint Peter Claver died on September 8, 1654. He was canonized with his friend Saint Alphonsus Rodriguez in 1888, by Pope Leo XIII. He is the worldwide patron saint of African Americans and of enslaved peoples.





**Five Star Area Catholic Community  
Browerville - Grey Eagle - Clarissa - Long Prairie - Swanville**

Celebrating Birthdays is a blessing for us every year. I have been to a birthday party of the energetic life of someone who was 1. I was also at birthday party of a fragile life of someone 106. Seeing families gathering to celebrate, brings joy, smiles, laughter, and yes even sorrow. Sorrow sometimes as someone that was at the party last year is no longer here, as that person hopefully is celebrating with God in Heaven. Life is so precious. Many times, life is so joyful and pleasant. At other times, like Christ, we carry our cross. On September 8, another special person is celebrating her Birthday. Mary, the mother of Jesus. I am sure, she smiled, was joyful, patient, loving, caring, just as we try to be every day. Yet, as a mother she had her sorrows, as she saw her son, suffer and die on the Cross. During this month of September as we celebrate the birth of Mary on September 8, we thank God for the gift of life. Our Life, and the gift of life in all of those we meet. I invite all to St. John the Baptist in Swanville, on Wednesday evening September 21, to listen to a talk on the gift of life. Thanks to Deacon Jim for organizing this talk, and to all in our ACC parishes for taking time out of our busy schedules who will be coming to listen. Thanks be to God for the gift of LIFE.

*Fr. Ron*

**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 9:30 a.m.



**St. Joseph Catholic Church  
of Grey Eagle**  
118 Minnesota St., PO Box 366  
Grey Eagle, MN 56336  
**Website:** [www.stjosephgreyeagle.org](http://www.stjosephgreyeagle.org)

**Parish Office:** 320-285-2545 [sjoseph@meltel.net](mailto: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](mailto:sjosephff@meltel.net)

**Offering: August 20-21:**  
**Total:** Adults \$2,165.00; Loose \$603.75; Fuel and Heat \$10.00.  
**Total:** \$2,778.75  
**Attendance:** Saturday 139; Sunday 139

**Fund:** We are very close to reaching our goal of \$40,000.00 for the repairs to the heating system. Currently, we are \$1,000.00 short of reaching this goal and it would be amazing to go over! Please put your donation in an envelope marked for furnace fund. Thank you.

**Liturgical Ministers**  
**Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> – 4:30 p.m.**  
**Ushers:** Ken Sinclair and Chuck Sprenger  
**Servers:** Need Volunteers  
**EM's:** Chuck and Brenda Sprenger, Janice Lind and Mark Larson **Lector:** Patti Brake  
**Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> -- 10:30 a.m.**  
**Ushers:** Richard Seifert and David Brinkman  
**Servers:** Need Volunteers  
**EM's:** Shirley Hulinsky, Richard Seifert, Rita Fischer and Linda Wegleitner **Lector:** Carissa Bitz

**Volunteers needed:** Volunteers are needed to be servers at Mass – anyone can be a Mass server – adult or student, male or female. Call the office and let us know. We will train you. We are also in need of Eucharistic Ministers. If you are interested, please contact Sherry Larson at 320-285-2164 or 320-309-8735

**Thank you:** Thank you for the anonymous donation of the beautiful wooden stand for our newly restored Blessed Virgin Mary statue located in the sanctuary. It gives her a place of honor.

**Congratulations:** Congratulations to Galen and Geri Allen as they celebrate their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.  
*May God, hold you close, and guide you on your journey. And may His blessings continue to follow you all the years of your life.*

**Congratulations to Justin and Madison Brinkman** in celebrating their son Enzo Michael's baptism with our parish community.

**Congratulations to Matthew and Chelsea Wolbeck** in celebrating their daughter's Kora Ann and Keeva Marie's baptism with our parish community. *Our parish community shares in your joy and is privileged in welcoming Enzo, Kora, and Keeva to our Catholic Church Family.*

**Fellowship News:** We have fellowship once a month from September to May, after either the Saturday evening or Sunday morning Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with others over a light meal. There is a monthly schedule of volunteers to help with fellowship, 6-8 people donate food and help with set up and cleaning. We are always looking for parishioners to help with this event; either by donating a food item or helping with clean up. If you are not currently on a scheduled month, please consider volunteering your time. Call the Fellowship Coordinator – Carol Duke at 285-2396  
**Christian Women:** The September 8 meeting has been cancelled. Please mark your calendars for the following meetings:  
October 6 – 9 a.m. - Business Meeting - Social event  
November 10 – 8:30 a.m. - Mass of Remembrance - Light Breakfast - Silent Auction  
December 8 - Mass and Christmas Meeting

**Catholic United Financial:** Catholic United Financial will have an all you can eat pancake and sausage breakfast on Sunday, September 11, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Free will offering. This is a matching grant breakfast that helps keep the price of our Religious Education program very reasonable. Registration cost for the year is \$15 per student (\$20 for non-parishioners) with a cap of \$45 per family (\$60 for non-parishioners). Your help is greatly appreciated!!

**Catholic United Financial:** Volunteers are needed to help the local Catholic United Financial group clean the road ditch on County Road 102 ( Safety vests, water and snacks will be provided. If you can help, please call Sherry Larson 320-309-8735. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. on October 8, 2022, at KB's Specialties parking lot.



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

21 1<sup>st</sup> St., PO Box 68  
Swanville, MN 56382

**Website:** [www.stjohnschurchswanville.org](http://www.stjohnschurchswanville.org)

**Parish Office:** 320-547-2920 [stjs@sytekcom.com](mailto: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, September 5 @ 8:30 a.m.  
+ Lucille Hubner  
Wednesday, September 7 @ 5:30 p.m.  
† Kalli Doroff  
Sunday, September 11 @ 8:30 a.m.  
† Ralph Kjeldergaard

**September Ministries**

Ushers: Chas Pelzer and Al Wessel  
Lector: Ann Peterson  
EM's: Rosemary Nienaber and Julie Hollermann

**August 21st and 28th Collections**

Adult: \$2,342 Plate: \$388 Assumption of Mary: \$23  
In loving memory of Jay Thieschafer: \$250  
Youth Group and Summer Vacation Bible School: \$250  
**Total: \$3,253.00**

**Craft Fair and Raffle:** If you can't work at or donate to one of the booths, you can donate cash as this is a fundraiser event.

**Sign up sheets** are on the table in the entrance. Please volunteer to help in one of the booths. There will be more information posted in September asking you to bring different items for our church booths. If you want to set up a booth for your crafts, please call Charee Pelzer at 320-573-4271 or email at [cpelzer@leedstone.com](mailto:cpelzer@leedstone.com). Please help in spreading the word about this event and please sell a lot of raffle tickets. This is one of only two fundraisers.



**We are in need of two teachers for our religious education classes.** One for our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade from 12:20 p.m. to 1:10 p.m. - and one for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade in the evening from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please consider helping with this very important part of our student's faith education. There is a program planning guide for you to follow and Marge will be available to help you also. You can call Marge at 547-2513 for more information.

**Registration for classes will be Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Students and parents should come.** We will have a small social gathering and meet the teachers and go over the calendar schedule. Please call Marge at 547-2513 or Val at the office at 547-2920 if you cannot come to register at this time.

**Finance Board Meeting:** The Finance Board will meet Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p. m.

**Knights of Columbus:** The KC's will be serving a breakfast in Swanville on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Please join others for a great breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage from Paul & Kathy's in Upsala, hash browns, beverage, and of course their delicious homemade donuts. This is a free will offering and all proceeds go to help local Knights of Columbus' charitable activities. By now we all should know what a great job the Knights of Columbus does for others in need.

**Lost and Found:** A hooded sweatshirt was found in the church. Please call 547-2920 in the morning if it is yours. Thank you.

**Wheelchair:** If you have a wheelchair that you no longer need, please consider donating it to our church. It will be kept in the entry way of the church. Thank you.

Have a great weekend and I hope all parents and students are ready for the new school year. Study, enjoy, learn and keep God in your life. Just me - Val

**Something Val saw and wants to share:** Wife says to husband (or husband says to wife). I would agree with you, but then we would both be wrong!



**Christ the King Catholic Church  
of Browerville**

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320-594-6114 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: Shari 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:** 206

**Stewardship**

<b>August 28</b>			
Loose	516.00	Candles	15.00
Adult	4,580.00	Capital Maint	25.00
Children	9.00	Assumption	30.00
<b>Total Regular</b>	<b>5,105.00</b>		

**Liturgical Ministers**

**Sunday, September 11**

**Rosary:** Lee & Mary Martinek

**Lector:** Marlene Tschida

**E.M:** Tim Duncan, Judy Noska, Kathy Lucas

**Servers:** Ben Biegler and Nick Biegler

**Sept. Ushers:** Chad Becker, Jeff Becker,  
Scott Determan and Tim Duncan,

**Church Cleaning:** Gary & Mary Schultz, Thane and  
Angie Schultz family, Treg and Wendy Schultz family

**Christ the King Parish News**



**Banns of Marriage III** – Allie Benning and Dalton Butler will be married at Christ the King on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.



**Banns of Marriage I** – Adam Sutlief and Sophia Broz will be married at Christ the King on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

**St. Isidore’s Church, Moran Township,** will

have a Harvest Mass on Saturday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>,  
at 10:00 a.m. Potluck meal follows Mass.



Everyone is invited to attend.

**St. Ann’s Mission group** will meet Monday,  
September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Christ the King Parish Board of Education** meeting is  
Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

**Faith Formation** parent meeting for Grades 1 and  
grades 3 - 9 will be held Sunday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> at  
5:30 p.m. Please call Ryan Perish with questions.

**Faith Formation** is looking for a 10th grade  
Confirmation Assistant Catechist. Please call Beverly  
Geraets for more information.

**If you are interested in joining the Peace Choir,**  
please call Joan Schueller at 320-219-2437.

**Christ the King Catholic School News**

**Prayer for the Beginning of a New School Year**

*Gracious God, we come to you at the beginning of  
this academic year with our many feelings,  
expectations, fears and hopes. Help us to remember,  
however, we have the comforting assurance from  
you: “I will always be with you.”*

The first day of school is Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Thank you** to all who bought Education Raffle  
tickets. We are sold out. The drawing is Monday,  
September 12, at 12:45 p.m. Everyone is welcome to  
attend.

**Give away** – Upright piano. Contact the school at  
320-594-6114.



**Saint Joseph Catholic Church  
of Clarissa**  
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**Parish Office:** 218-756-2205

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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](mailto:rbdesotell@gmail.com)

Kim Marstein 612-280-2403 [kmarstein.sjc@gmail.com](mailto:kmarstein.sjc@gmail.com)

**Prayer Chain Line:** Kathy VanHeel 218-756-2215

Rita Walker 218-738-5781

<b>August 28th</b>			
Adult	\$1630.00	Votive Candles	\$9.00
Loose	\$412.00	Religious Ed	\$50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2042.00</b>	Assumption	\$65.00
Mass Count	122		

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**Ministry Schedule – Sunday, September 11th**

**Sacristan:** Kathy VanHeel

**EM:** Russ VanHeel

**Lector:** Judy Hinzmann

**Ushers:** Allen Blommel and Charlet Blommel

**Please collect** Our Family UPC Labels for our Faith Formation. They can be brought to our parish office.

**Looking Ahead:** The September potluck will be Sunday, September 18. Group 1 will be hosting.

**Faith Formation.** There will be a parent meeting on Wednesday, September 14th at 6:00 p.m. Registration forms will be mailed soon and please return at the meeting as students must be registered by September 14th for classes. Classes are starting September 28th.



**Why do Catholics light candles in church?** Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death.

The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically "shining a light" on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints.



**St. Mary of Mount Carmel Catholic  
Church of Long Prairie**  
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Long Prairie MN 56347

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

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**Faith Formation Coordinator:** Justin Connor  
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**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

Stewardship	August 28	* To Diocese	
Adult	\$6057.00	Votive Candles	\$69.60
Loose	\$1392.00	Assumption	\$50.00
Youth	\$111.00	Sponsor A Child	\$20.00
EFT's	\$543.00	Adoration Chapel	\$300.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8542.60</b>		

*Baptism* Congratulations to David and Maria Yesenia Martinez n in celebrating their daughter Adriana Itzel's Baptism with our parish community.

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

**BINGO at the festival will be played from 11:30-2:30:**

25 cents a game-split the pot. \$2/card for blackout; Winner of blackout receives a blanket/quilt. Two blackout games will be played; 1st blackout for the quilt will be played 1:15. 2nd blackout for another quilt will be played at 2:15

**St. Mary's Annual Corn Hole Tournament** will be September 11 at 11:30 a.m. Join us for an exciting afternoon of bags, fun, and prizes! Register your team by picking up a registration form in the back of the church and/or call or text: Amy Middendorf-320.760.4559, Scott Albers-320.309.4608, Tyler Pesta-320.808.0427. The registration fee is \$25 per team. Cash prizes for adult and youth tournament! 1st-\$200, 2nd-\$150, 3rd-\$100.

**Festival News- Cake Walk:** Baked goods may be brought to the Parish Hall the weekend of the festival. Contact Deloris Peyton if questions: 320-630-1193.

**Ice Cream: Pails of vanilla ice cream** may be brought to the Parish Hall the weekend of the festival.

**2 liter pop:** Any flavor is welcomed! Pop will be used for ring toss. Drop off in advance at the rectory (or if dropping off the weekend of the festival, then bring directly to the Parish Hall, please.)

**Prizes:** We are in need for kid-friendly prizes for the winners of the kids' games. Please contact Missy Becker at 320-309-6351 if you have any questions. Drop them off at the rectory in advance. Thank you!

**Country Store:** New items (or "like-new"), homemade items, fresh garden produce, canned goods, etc. are needed. Drop off the weekend of the festival in the Parish Hall on Saturday *OR* if bringing items on Sunday morning bring them directly to the country store tent that is set up in the parking lot. Contact Amy Ebnat at 320-760-7995 if you have questions.

**Pies:** If you would like to donate a pie for our pork chop dinner dessert, please call Sandy Wienhold at 320-732-2680. Pies can be dropped off Saturday or before mass Sunday in the Parish Hall.

**Kitchen helpers and servers** (men and women) are needed for shift one (10:30-noon) and shift two (noon- 1:30 p.m.) for the St. Mary's Parish Festival Dinner on Sunday, September 11. **Dish washers** are needed for the first and second shift for the parish festival. Call Wally Zastrow at 320-732-2421 if you can help. **Help is needed in the dining room** for the parish festival. Please contact Darcy Pesta at 612-508-6720.

**Raffle:** If you would like more tickets, they are available at the rectory. We request that all tickets be returned to us whether sold or unsold. Please place your ticket stubs, along with the money, in an envelope marked "St Mary's Raffle". The tickets can be turned into the rectory, dropped into the collection basket, put in the mail slot by the rectory door, or dropped off at the Long Prairie Vet Clinic. We would appreciate it if tickets were returned by Sunday, September 4th but we can take tickets up until 2:30 pm the day of the festival.



**Registration deadline for Faith Formation is September 6!** Find the online form at the church website or paper forms in English and Spanish at the back of the church. We are registering grades PS-12, including sacramental prep classes. Please contact Jenna Miller with questions.

**Faith Formation classes start September 14:** 3:00 to 4:15 pm for grades 1-5 and 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. for grades 6-12+. Afternoon students must be registered to ride the bus from the public school.

**Please welcome Justin Connor** as youth and young adult minister for the parish! Justin will be coordinating grades 6-10 Faith Formation, as well as youth group activities, retreats, and events. Jenna Miller will continue to coordinate sacramental prep classes and will be taking on administration for grades PS-5 and 12+ and other Faith Formation coordination.

**We still need help in the coming school year with:** Afternoon snack helper, Afternoon elementary catechist (2), evening catechist (3), Male Confirmation small group leader (1), and Female Confirmation small group leader (1). Please contact Jenna Miller if you can help!

**Mark your calendars for a field trip to Swanville,** Wednesday, September 21 to hear the pro-life speaker Lucia Luzondo at 6:30 p.m. St. Mary's will be providing a bus to the event for students (middle school and up) and chaperones/parents. Stay tuned for more information and a student permission slip for the event.

**St. Ann's Mission:** All ladies of the parish are invited to join St. Ann's Mission Group at 1:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month with a few exceptions. This is a time for prayer, fellowship, putting together baby layettes and gathering personal items for homeless folks. We make baby quilts, diapers, burp cloths, and bibs, but no sewing skills are needed. At this time, all items are used in the St. Cloud Diocese as it too expensive to send things overseas. Watch the bulletin and please join us in the Parish Hall as often as you are able. Questions can be directed to Linda Kielty at 612.720.4859. Please come to the Parish Hall on Wednesday, September 7 at 1:30 p.m.



**September Ushers: 5:00 p.m. Mass Saturday:** De Eberle, Mike Eberle, need volunteers

**8:00 a.m. Mass Sunday:** Lee Bruder, Richard Hennen, need volunteer

**10:00 a.m. Mass Sunday:** Mike Pachan, Cheryl Pachan, Bob Retka, Renee Retka

**Saturday, September 10 5:00 p.m. Mass Sacristan:** Sue Shutter **EM's:** Sue Shutter, Jane Mitzel, Jim Mitzel

**Lector:** Tom Peck **Servers:** Jada Stocco, Sophia Chavez **Greeters:** Melissa Westerberg **Music:** Open

**Sunday, September 11 8:00 a.m. Mass Sacristan:** Darlene Johnson **EM's:** Gloria Roelike, Betty Schenk, Mariann Host, Tom Roelike **Lector:** Open **Servers:** Jorge & Luis Garcia Chavez

**Greeter:** Betty Schenk **Music:** Ave Maria

**Sunday, September 11 10:00 a.m. Mass Sacristan:** Mary Schmidt **EM's:** Deacon Jim Schulzetenberg, Mary Schmidt, Patti Weibye **Lector:** Bonnie Schulzetenberg **Servers:** Emilianna Elmer

**Greeters:** Carole Archambault, Rick Archambault **Music:** Joy

**Sanctuary Cleaners Friday, September 9:** Lisa Chapin and Ron Chapin **Care of Albs:** Maria Cervantes

**Vacuuming Nave:** Patti Weibye



**Stewardship as a Way of Life:** *"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you" (Luke 14:13-14).*

One of the main principles of living a stewardship lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in the consumerist culture we live in. This is opposed to our parish offertory at Mass, where you unite your sacrifice with Jesus', renewing our covenant relationship with Him.

## **Five Star Area Catholic Community News:**

**September 8 – Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Leader Gathering: “The Well”** – The first gathering for parish faith formation, youth and young adult ministry will be held at St. John’s University in Emmaus Hall. The day will start at 9:30 a.m. for fellowship and refreshments. We will be gathering from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. for prayer, learning and networking. Our topic for this day will be recruiting volunteers and building leadership teams. To register, please visit: <https://forms.gle/mJQ12c6fyERUJt28>. For more information about our scheduled gatherings and events, please visit: <https://stcdio.org/cem/>.

Friday, September 9—A Theology Day: **“The Synod at the Halfway Point: Where are We Now?”** Presented by Kristin Colberg from 9:00 to 11:15 a.m. at Emmaus Hall, St. John’s University, Collegeville. In this synchronous event (in-person at SJU or online webinar), Colberg explores the theology of synodality, Pope Francis’ vision for the Church and what it means to more fully become a “listening church.” Participation is free but preregistration is required at [www.CollegevilleMN.com/TheologyDay](http://www.CollegevilleMN.com/TheologyDay) or call 320-363-3560.

**Saturday, September 10—Diocesan Blue Mass:** A Mass at 5:00 p.m. honoring police, fire and emergency medical service personnel who serve in the Diocese of Saint Cloud will be at the Church of Saint Mary in Alexandria. All are welcome! For more information call 320.255.9068.

**Diocesan Stewardship Day 2022 is Friday, September 16.** This one-day retreat features presentations, reflection time and celebration of the Eucharist. For more information, visit our website: <https://stcdio.org/stewardship>. To register: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/53D7LW6>

**September 17 – Catholic Women’s Conference:** This event will be held at the Church of St. Mary in Alexandria from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This year’s theme is Eucharist – *God’s Greatest Gift* and our keynote speakers are Marge Steinhage Fenelon and Leah Jacobson. Join women of all ages and walks of life for a “faith lift”. There will be opportunities for additional breakout sessions, Mass with the bishop, reconciliation, display tables and vendors along with lunch and refreshments. Find more information by visiting <https://stcdio.org/event/catholic-womens-conference-2022/>.

**Central Minnesota Koinonia:** If you’re looking for a community experience in Christian living, a Koinonia weekend will be a faith-filled, rewarding weekend for you! Designed for adults ages 20 and above, and held at the TEC Center in Belle Prairie, our next weekend will take place September 23-25. We are a Catholic program, under the guidance of the St. Cloud Diocese. Our time together revolves around the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ, and includes Mass, speakers, group sharing and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Cost for the weekend is \$70, but help is available for those unable to afford this. You can register at: [centralmnkoinonia.org](http://centralmnkoinonia.org). For more info, contact one of the following: Kathy Hoffman Tax at [cmkoinonia@gmail.com](mailto:cmkoinonia@gmail.com), Joel Donnell at [joeldonnell697@yahoo.com](mailto:joeldonnell697@yahoo.com), or Fr. David Maciej at [frdmaciej@gmail.com](mailto:frdmaciej@gmail.com). You’re also welcome to call Fr. David at (320)232-0346.

**Saturday, September 24 -Sponsor Couple Training** at the Pastoral Center from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. View our website for details: <https://stcdio.org/marriage-ministries/sponsor-couples/> Contact Janet at 320-258-7616 or [jdusek@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:jdusek@gw.stcdio.org) to register your couples or contact Deacon Jim for more information.

## Five Star Area Catholic Community News:

### Calendar of Events

**September 11:** SJGE Pancake/Sausage Breakfast 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**September 11 SM:** Fall Festival

**September 18 SJS:** KC Breakfast, serving 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

**Back to School Prayer:** Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer. Today we pray for our children as they begin their new school. Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace and tiredness with energy. Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students.

**St. Mary of Mount Carmel Parish Fall Festival** starts with Mass at 10:00 a.m. followed by an indoor grilled pork chop dinner with pie and ice cream served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Outdoor events include music by American Pie Pat and Donna Surface Band playing 12:00 noon 2:30pm, youth and adult beanbag tournament, bingo from 11:30 to 2:30, bouncy houses, games for all ages, barrel train rides for kids, face-painting, cake walk, authentic Mexican food stand, beer/wine garden, root beer float stand, country store, cash raffle drawing at 3:00 p.m. with \$2,000 top prize and more.

**Save the Date:** Nationally acclaimed Catholic speaker is coming to our Area Catholic Community on Wednesday September 21 in Swanville. **Lucia Baez Luzondo, JD** is an attorney, practical theologian, television and radio host and co-founder of Family Renewal Ministries, INC. (Renovacion Familiar), a ministry dedicated to promoting God's design for the human person, marriage and family life. Along with her husband, Ricardo Luzondo, M.D., Lucia co-hosts a weekly television series "Created to Love" aired on EWTN television and a weekly live radio program, "In the Day to Day with Ricardo and Lucia" aired on EWTN radio in both English and Spanish worldwide. Lucia has presented extensively in the United States, Latin America and Europe and has led hundreds of lectures, retreats, and trainings. She is a devoted wife and mother to one son.

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