

September 11, 2022

The 24th 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 13

7:00 p.m. Mass † Ken and Rhonda Rausch

Wednesday, September 14

8:30 a.m. Mass † Ruben and Valeria Lemke

Thursday, September 15

8:30 a.m. Mass † Delaine Kroll

Friday, September 16

8:30 a.m. Mass Marlena Dhaemers

10:30 a.m. Nursing Home Mass † Duane Laumeyer

Saturday, September 17

5:00 p.m. Mass † Dennis Biermaier

Sunday, September 18

8:00 a.m. Mass † Ruben and Valeria Lemke

10:00 a.m. Mass † Glen Middendorf

11:45 a.m. Mass For the People of Our Parish

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

Monday, September 12

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJS** For Good Weather

Tuesday, September 13

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJGE** † Donald Connors

Wednesday, September 14

5:30 p.m. Mass **SJS** Leonard Dziciwinski

Thursday, September 15

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJGE** Favorable Weather for Farmers

10:30 a.m. No Mass

Saturday, September 17

4:30 p.m. Mass **SJGE** Galen and Geri Allen
65th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, September 18

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJS** † Allan "Corky" Cornell

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

St. Joseph, Clarissa & Christ the King, Browerville

Monday, September 12

8:30 a.m. Mass **CTK** † Mike Hayes

Tuesday, September 13

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJC** † Ed and Doris Goligowski

Wednesday, September 14

11:00 a.m. Mass **CTK** † Sue Duncan

Thursday, September 15

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJC** † Arlan and Bernadette King

10:30 a.m. CTCCC No Mass

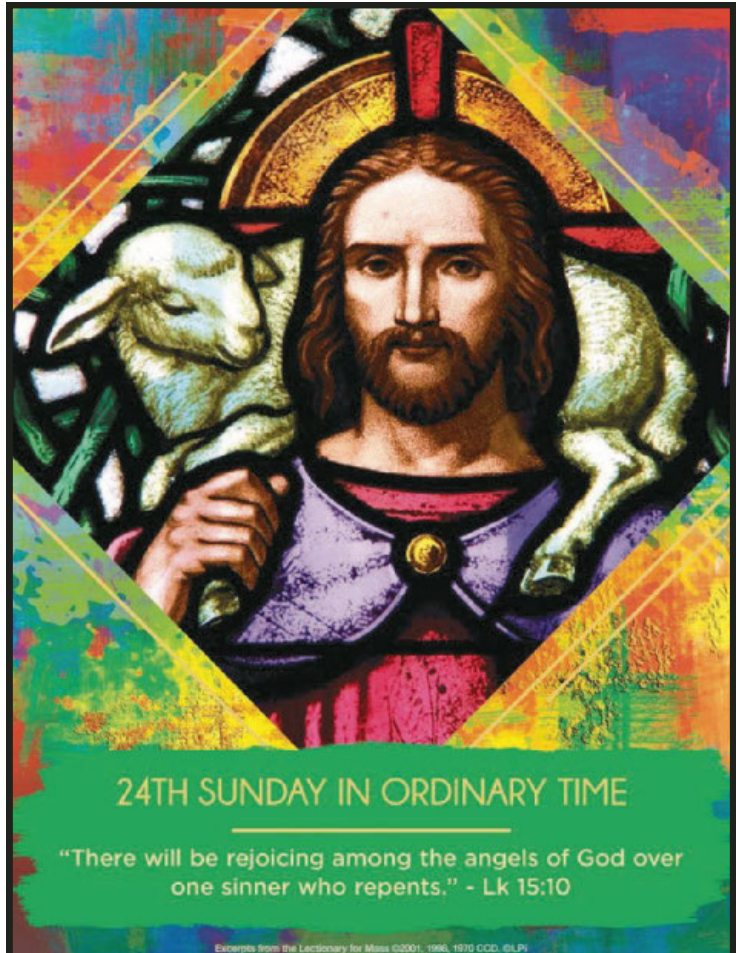
Friday, September 16

8:30 a.m. Mass **CTK** † No Mass

Sunday, September 18

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

10:30 a.m. Mass **SJC** † Bruce Wagner



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

- 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
- Monday:** 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-10
- Tuesday:** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 7:11-17
- Wednesday:** Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn
3:13-17
- Thursday:** 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk
2:33-35
- Friday:** 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday:** 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15
- Next Sunday:** Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

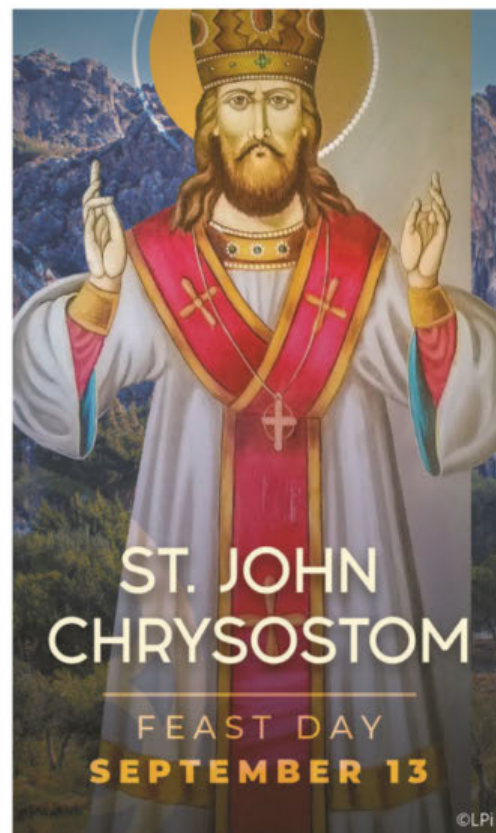
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

- Sunday:** 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Patriot Day; Grandparents' Day
- Monday:** The Most Holy Name of Mary
- Tuesday:** St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Thursday:** Our Lady of Sorrows
- Friday:** Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
- Saturday:** St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

It is easy to worship things other than God. Our perception of reality gets distorted as well as our understanding of truth. Ideologies and theories that find a popular reception are extolled when they are simply lies. Human beings easily get lost. God came to us in the person of Jesus Christ to rescue us from our sins and keep us where we need to be. But we have to realize that we are living in darkness before we can ask for light. We have to recognize that we are lost so that we can desire to be found. And, we have to know that we have sinned so that we can repent. God always patiently waits. God is delighted when one of His children chooses life over death and runs toward His unconditional Mercy. Let's not be so stubborn and stiff-necked that we fail to recognize that we may have wandered into the wrong pasture.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Born in Antioch in the 4th century, and raised by his widowed mother, Saint John received a rigorous classical education. He was first called to the ascetic life, even spending time as an anchorite living in a cave near Antioch. However, this life of extreme mortification was hard on his physical body, and he eventually returned to the city to recover.

Saint John was ordained in 298. He spent the next 12 years preaching in the Cathedral of Antioch, and it was most likely during this time that he earned the name Chrysostom which means "golden-mouthed."

In 397 or 398 he was made archbishop of Constantinople against his will. This post placed Saint John in the midst of imperial politics. But he would not be drawn in. He kept a modest household without extravagance and refused to serve the sumptuous suppers for political supplicants that predecessors in the position had. He preached against corruption and decadence and fought for the reform of clergy even deposing corrupt bishops.

Unfortunately, this high moral stance made enemies of powerful people at court and in the Church. They conspired against him and eventually Saint John was exiled to Armenia. He died in exile in 407. He was made a Father of the Church at the Council of Chalcedon in 451 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1568.



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

A couple of weeks ago I offered the Tuesday evening Mass for all the people that have died during their attempt to come to the U.S. Only God knows how many have lost their lives trying to reach the American dream. I am thankful to those who taught me to see Christ in those who have no documents, among those was Fr. Richard Walz. He himself hosted refugees from Vietnam after World War II and later as a pastor he ministered to them regardless of their status.

“For I was a stranger and you welcomed me”. (Mt 25:35)

At that special Mass we prayed for those who had died at sea, in the desert, or by drowning in the Rio Grande. There are also many who have died inside a truck or due to a fall from the train. They all left loved ones back home for a dream that never came true.

On the journey toward the U.S., immigrants face all kinds of evil. Cartel people, traffickers, gangs and many people that want to take advantage of them. They also find a lot of angels, people of faith and good will that help them with a meal, clothes or a place to stay. Sometimes a little ride from point A to point B is a sign of God’s love and care. May the Lord bless all the organizations and individuals who help immigrants on their journey and also those who help them to relocate once they’re here.

Finally, I am glad to know that Deacon Jim and a group of people from our diocese are traveling to El Paso, TX this coming December. They will learn about the situation along the border as they visit with different people down there. The Bishop of El Paso was the key speaker at our last clergy conference and was kind enough to extend us an invitation to come to know the unique reality of the diocese he shepherds. We wish them well on their mission trip to the US-Mexico border.

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.

Christ the King, Browerville

Sacrament of Reconciliation
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 – 10:00 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.
Friday – 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
The 3rd Friday of each month
adoration is from 7:45 to 8:20 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.

**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.





**St. Joseph Catholic Church
of Grey Eagle**
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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: August 27-28:
Total: Adults \$3,625.00; Loose \$1,079.00; Fuel and Heat \$200.00; Furnace \$2,100.00; Campaign for Human Development \$25.00.
Total: \$7,029.00
Attendance: Saturday 173; Sunday 132

HUGE thank you, thank you, thank you!!!! Thanks to generous donations we are now over the \$40,000.00 for the repairs to the heating system.

Liturgical Ministers
Saturday, September 17th – 4:30 p.m.
Ushers: Leroy Blommel and Ken Sinclair
Servers: Need Volunteers
EM's: Nancy Ritter, Marilyn Blommel, Jim and Linda Gohman
Lector: Laura Boucher
Sunday, September 18th -- 10:30 a.m.
Ushers: Marc Brinkman and Stan Mensen
Servers: Need Volunteers
EM's: Stan and Cindy Mensen, Joanne Pohlmann and Natalie Prasch
Lector: Jim Nies

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.

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



Happy Belated Birthday: Father Ron celebrated his birthday on September 8. We wish him many more blessed birthdays and rewarding years as a priest as he continues to serve us.

Christian Women: Please mark your calendars for the following meetings:
October 6 @ 9:00 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

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.

Knights of Columbus: The Grey Eagle/Swanville Knights of Columbus are having a breakfast at St. John the Baptist in Swanville on Sunday, September 18, 2022. Serving from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage from Paul & Kathy's in Upsala, hash browns, homemade donuts, and beverage. Free will donation. Proceeds will go to help fund local Knights of Columbus charitable activities.

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!



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

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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 12 @ 8:30 a.m.

For Good Weather

Wednesday, September 14 @ 5:30 p.m.

† Leonard Dziciwinski

Sunday, September 18 @ 8:30 a.m.

† Allan "Corky" Cornell

September Ministries

Ushers: Chas Pelzer and Al Wessel

Lector: Ann Peterson

EM's: Rosemary Nienaber and Julie Hollermann

FAITH FORMATION

We still need a teacher for our religious education second grade class. Please consider helping with this very important part of our student's faith education. We do have a program planning guide for you to follow and Marge will be available to help you also. Please call Marge at 547-2513.

Registration for classes will be Wednesday, September 14th 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 Meeting: The Finance Board will met on Monday, September 12th at 7:00 p.m.

Craft Fair and Raffle: If you can't work at or donate to one of the booths, you can give a cash donation 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. More information will be 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@leadstone.com. Please pass the word around about this event and please sell a lot of the raffle tickets. This is one of only two fundraisers.

If you have a wheelchair that you no longer need, please consider donating it to our church. It is good to keep one in our entry way in case someone finds need to use it while in the church. Thank you.

Our ACC cluster of churches has arranged for a speaker to come to Swanville on Wednesday, September 21st at 6:30 p.m. to talk about marriage & family and prolife. We especially hope to fill our church with our young adults, our faith formation students, and their parents as well as many others. The speaker, Lucia Baez Luzondo, JD is highly qualified and has given presentations throughout the world. A light snack will be served after this event.

Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast in Swanville on Sunday, September 18th from 8:00 am. 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.

St. Mary's Church in Upsala has their Quilt Bingo Sunday, October 2nd at 1:00 p.m. Free lunch served. Proceeds will go to St. Mary's Mission Group.



Christ the King Catholic Church of Browerville

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

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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: 260

Stewardship

September 4			
Loose	351.00	Candles	57.00
Adult	4,507.00	CCHD	20.00
Children	19.00	ACH	427.50
Total Regular	4,877.00		

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, September 18

Rosary: MaryAnn Woeste & Eva Buhl

Lector: Bob Schueller

E.M’s: Paula Becker, Karen Benning, Dave Benning

Servers: Stacy Benning & Rhianna Buhl

September Ushers: Chad Becker, Jeff Becker, Scott Determan, Tim Duncan,

Church Cleaning: Derek & Kristine Skaalen family, Robert & Karen Spandl, Ryan & Anna Spandl family

Christ the King Parish News



Banns of Marriage II – Adam Sutlief and Sophia Broz will be married at Christ the King on Saturday, September 24th.

The new Pro-life sign is up and located in front of the grotto by Christ the King School. Thank you to the Tim Duncan family, Don & Lori Clasemann, and Cory Berg from Eagle Bend Welding and Fabrication, for the donations that made this possible.

Christ the King Parish Board of Education meeting is Wednesday, September 14th at 7 p.m.

Knights of Columbus will meet after Mass on Sunday, September 18th, in Christ the King School.

Coffee and rolls will be served after Mass on Sunday, September 18th in the church basement. Everyone is invited.

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

The summarized annual parish report for the 2021-2022 fiscal year is available in the church entrances.

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. For more information go online at www.usccb.org/cchd.

Pro-Life Speaker on September 21. See ACC Community News page for more information.

Christ the King Catholic School News

We had a wonderful first week of school. The students and staff are excited to be back, and we look forward to a great year at CTK School.

The Education Raffle 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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September 4th contributions will be published next week.

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Ministry Schedule – September 18th

Sacristan: Ardele Fedra

EM: Bev Desotell

Lector: Shari Streit

Ushers: Dave Streit and Heather Lancaster

Looking Ahead for September-Potluck will be on Sunday, September 18. Group 1 will be hosting.

Faith Formation-Parent meeting will be on Wednesday September, 14th at 6:00 p.m. Registration forms will be sent out in the mail soon. Please bring this form to the meeting as students must be registered by September 14 for classes.

Please collect Our Family UPC labels for our Faith Formation Program.

St Mary's Mission: St Mary's Mission will meet on September 21st at 9:00 a.m.

A big thank you to all who helped put tables and chairs back in place after the dining room floor was refinished and received a new shiny look.

Men's Meeting: The men's group will meet September 24th at SJC. All Catholic men are welcome to attend.



Since God created human beings, we have struggled to keep our focus on God. We wrestle with the question of "who is God" and foolishly believe some of God's job description can be better completed by us. We wander in different directions, lose our way, think that happiness can be found elsewhere and even construct golden calves to worship. Are we simply too independent or just blatantly stubborn? It's a good question to ask. Even with all of our silliness and distractions, God compassionately and patiently waits. He lets us assert our wills and knows that perhaps one day we will actually wake up and realize how lost we are.

"Since happiness is nothing other than the enjoyment of the highest good and since the highest good is above, no one can be made happy unless he rises above himself, not by an ascent of the body but of the heart. But we cannot rise above ourselves unless a higher power lifts us up ... Divine aid is available to those who seek it from their hearts, humbly and devoutly; and this means to sigh for it in this valley of tears, through fervent prayer (St. Bonaventure)." One of the biggest human struggles is discerning what, exactly, is the highest good. We are ordered to achieve it but if we pursue it with clouded vision, we will never truly find it. One of the greatest obstacles to God's power and love is a stubborn, closed heart of stone. When we are fiercely determined to set our sights elsewhere for happiness or simply ride the popular currents of the day, we will never satisfy the deep ache and longing within. We know that ache well. It is precisely why we scurry all over the place, attempting to find the next best thing to take away its pain. Nothing in the created world ever can or will. We continue our journey. One day, people may wake up and realize that they are grazing in the wrong pasture and putting themselves in harm's way. When this awakening occurs, it will be a most joyous day as we will see God's wide-open arms waiting to receive us. "Lead me, Lord, in your path, and I will enter in your truth. Let my heart rejoice that it may fear your name (St. Bonaventure)." ©LPi



St. Mary of Mount Carmel Catholic Church Of Long Prairie

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September 4th contributions will be in next week's bulletin.

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

Congratulations to Jeronimo Cisneros and Areli Linares in celebrating their daughter Esveidy's baptism with our parish community.

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

Rest in God's Peace

 Eternal rest grant to Beatrice Laumeyer whose funeral Mass was celebrated September 6th.

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

 Eternal rest grant to Allen Siegle whose funeral Mass was celebrated September 9th

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

Raffle tickets, whether or not purchased, can be turned in today (September 11) until 2:30 p.m. Tickets can be given to one of the committee members and dropped in the collection basket or the mail slot at the rectory. The drawing will be at 3:00 p.m.

BINGO at the festival will be played from 11:30-2:30 p.m.

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 p.m.

Knights of Columbus: The KC's will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 20th after Mass.

There is something for everyone in our St. Mary's Church Library at the east entrance of our church. There are DVDs for children and adults and new is The Book of Virtues, a devotional for teaching children. See the many biographies of saints and even one called Batting One Thousand of Christian baseball players.

Welcome back students! We are so blessed to welcome back our staff, students and families. You are a blessing to us...we hope we are a blessing to you! With you, we commit to our school's mission: Out of love for Jesus Christ and as his disciples, the mission of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel School Community is to guide students in developing their intellectual, spiritual, physical and social gifts to their highest potential in order to become contributing members of society and active members of the Body of Christ.

Pancake Breakfast: Mark your calendar on September 25 for a delicious pancake breakfast served by school families! Three varieties of pancakes: pumpkin spice, apple pie, and buttermilk; sausage patties, coffee and milk. Please join us for this time of fellowship and good food with all proceeds going to support St. Mary's School.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS: Faith Formation classes begin Wednesday, September 14! Grades 1-5: 3-4:15 pm and Grades 6-12+: 7-8:30 pm. Please contact Jenna Miller or Justin Connor if you are not registered yet and would like to participate. Grades 1-5 from the public school **MUST** have a signed registration form to ride the bus from school to church on Wednesdays.

Parents of public- or home-schooled First Communion students: please plan to attend next week's bilingual First Communion parent meeting: Sunday, September 18, 11-11:30 am (between the 10 am and 11:45 am Masses) in the parish hall. This required meeting explains the components of the First Communion program, provides your fall home workbook, and gives an opportunity to sign up for the fall meeting with Father Omar. Please contact Jenna Miller if you are unable to attend.

Faith Formation students in grades 6-12: plan to attend the pro-life speaker, Lucia Luzondo, at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, September 21st in Swanville. The parish will be providing buses for students, parents, and other parishioners to attend the event. Any students under age 18 who attend must turn in a permission slip (available at Faith Formation classes and at the back of the church) to ride the bus.

Great opportunity for young adults: Try out this year's new Bible study for grades 12 and 20-somethings, drawn from material in the crowd-funded series *The Chosen*. The study starts Weds, September 14, 7-8:30 pm. Only 12th graders need to submit a Faith Formation registration form for this study; others may simply attend.



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 volunteers
10:00 a.m. Mass Sunday: Mike Pachan, Cheryl Pachan, need volunteers

Saturday, September 17 @ 5:00 p.m. Mass Sacristan: Teresa Pelzer **EM's:** Mary Jo Klick, Dan Peyton, Jerry Bless **Lector:** Richard Wagner **Servers:** Morgan Bosl, Adrian Estrella **Greeter:** Hattie Toenyan **Music:** Open

Sunday, September 18 @ 8:00 a.m. Mass Sacristan: Brenda Kern **EM's:** Brenda Kern, Marcy Weber, Jessica Zinter **Lector:** Brenda Gugglberger **Servers:** Connor Bash, Johann Bash **Greeters:** volunteers needed **Music:** Jessica Bash

Sunday, September 18 @ 10:00 a.m. Mass Sacristan: Darcy Pesta **EM's:** Darcy Pesta, Joe Pesta, Mary May, Mark Liebsch **Lector:** Ann Edwards **Servers:** Hailee Kramer, Carrie Edwards **Greeters:** Tom Roelike and Gloria Roelike, Alice Siegle **Music:** Ave Maria

Sanctuary Cleaners Friday, September 16: Amy Ebnet and Mariann Host **Care of Albs:** Maria Cervantes
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Five Star Area Catholic Community News:

Thursday, September 15 The dedication of the recently expanded Holtkamp-Pasi organ at St. John's Abbey in Collegeville begins with its presentation by Michael Barone and Benedictine Father Robert Koopman at 6:45 p.m. World-renowned organist Stephen Tharp plays the inaugural dedication recital at 7:30 p.m. with selections by George Baker, Charles Tournemire, Marcel Dupré and Franz Liszt. This event will not be livestreamed. (Free will offering accepted)

Friday, September 16 **Diocesan Stewardship Day 2022** with its theme "The Eucharist and the Four Pillars of Stewardship" is from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Seven Dolors Church in Albany. Focusing on stewardship and the Eucharist, this free one-day retreat includes Mass, featured speaker Father Michael Troha, reflection time and lunch. (Free will offering accepted.) For more information, visit www.stcdio.org/stewardship. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/3OHPKso>. (Registration deadline: Friday, Sept. 9.)

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. For more info, contact one of the following: Kathy Hoffman Tax at cmkoinonia@gmail.com, Joel Donnell at joeldonnell697@yahoo.com, or Fr. David Maciej at 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 to register your couples or contact Deacon Jim for more information.

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September 15 SM: ACC Liturgy Meeting 6:30 p.m.

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

Knights of Columbus: The KC's will be serving a breakfast in Swanville on Sunday, September 18th 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.

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 to 2:30 p.m., 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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