

September 25, 2022

The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to our Five Star Area Catholic Community



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

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

**Tuesday, September 27**

7:00 p.m. Mass † Bryan James Muenchow

**Wednesday, September 28**

8:30 a.m. Mass † Ernest and Veronica Muenchow

**Thursday, September 29**

8:30 a.m. Mass † Angie Colling

**Friday, September 30**

8:30 a.m. Mass † Dennis Biermaier

**Saturday, October 1**

5:00 p.m. Mass † Myrtle Starry Nelson

**Sunday, October 2**

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

10:00 a.m. Mass † Glen Middendorf

11:45 a.m. Mass † Ismael Hidalgo

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

**Monday, September 26**

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJS** † Wayne Notsch

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**Thursday, September 29**

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJGE** Intention of Dale & Judy Dirkes

**Saturday, October 1**

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

**Sunday, October 2**

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJS** † Norbert and Dorothy Koetter

10:30 a.m. Mass **SJGE** † Dorothy Berscheit

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

**Monday, September 26**

8:30 a.m. Mass **CTK** † Eugene Huncha

**Tuesday, September 27**

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJC** † Ron and Jerry Pachan

**Wednesday, September 28**

11:00 a.m. Mass **CTK** † Yvonne Feneis

**Thursday, September 29**

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJC** † Mary Jane Kahlert

10:30 a.m. CTCCC No Mass

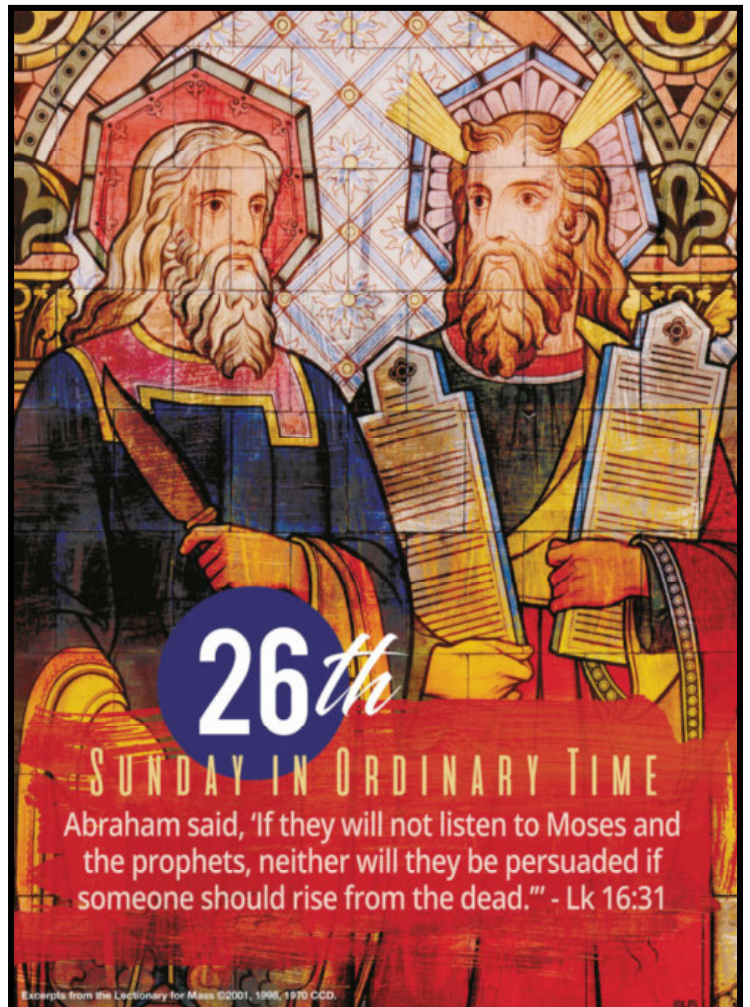
**Friday, September 30**

8:30 a.m. Mass **CTK** † Don Lemm

**Sunday, October 2**

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

10:30 a.m. Mass **SJC** † Jason Motl



# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

- Sunday:** Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31
- Monday:** Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50
- Tuesday:** Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8/Lk 9:51-56
- Wednesday:** Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Lk 9:57-62
- Thursday:** Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51
- Friday:** Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Lk 10:13-16
- Saturday:** Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24
- Next Sunday:** Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

- Sunday:** 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Migration Week
- Monday:** Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
- Tuesday:** St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
- Wednesday:** St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
- Thursday:** Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
- Friday:** St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday; The Holy Guardian Angels

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

We can be blindly arrogant and selfish. For some, the lens through which we view life is the lens of self-benefit. Having this myopic vision, the plight and station of others are off our radar and of no genuine concern. Being self-sufficient and resilient, we can wonder if all of this "God-talk" is for real. If we believe we are solely responsible for our destiny and well-being, what place is there for God? Tangible faith requires an actual change of heart, a conversion. It involves walking a courageous journey of transformation that consists of a shift in priorities and focus. Humility becomes the order of the day. An authentic loving relationship with God blossoms within a person's soul. God becomes an ever-faithful companion. Whether this faith is stumbled upon because of messages heard from prophets in our midst or from someone coming back from the dead, the journey is the same. Faith has to be owned and become something permanent. If we are unwilling to lose the arrogance, any truth-filled message will fall on deaf ears.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

You may know St. Wenceslaus better than you think, he is in fact, the "Good King Wenceslas" from the Christmas carol penned in the 19th century.

He was born in 907 near Prague, the son of the Duke of Bohemia, raised and educated as a Christian by his paternal grandmother, Ludmila, who herself became a saint. The land of Bohemia at this time was a place in turmoil. Christianity had not yet taken hold and there were power struggles even within the noble family. When Saint Wenceslaus' father died, his Christian grandmother became regent. However, his mother who may have been a pagan or at least held anti-Christian sentiments, upset at being overlooked, had Ludmilla killed. Wenceslaus, though young, eventually prevailed.

He ruled from 921-929, working at unification, he supported the Church building many churches, including the rotunda of Saint Vitus at Prague Castle. And like in the carol, he cared for sick, poor, widowed, and orphaned in his kingdom. To make peace with Germany, Wenceslaus recognized King Henry the Fowler as the successor of Charlemagne, which put Bohemia under King Henry. The peace was not a popular move with the non-Christian sects and nobles who wanted to remain outside of German rule.

Legend holds that his brother, Boleslaus the Cruel, led some anti-Christian movements. Whether Boleslaus plotted to murder Saint Wenceslaus, or they just had a disagreement that ended in his death, it is generally accepted that the saint was killed by Boleslaus or his men. His last words were to forgive his brother.

Saint Wenceslaus was immediately recognized as a martyr for the faith and sainted. The Holy Roman Emperor Otto, I posthumously gave him the title "king." He is the first Czech saint and the patron saint of the Czech state.



## Five Star Area Catholic Community

### Browerville - Grey Eagle - Clarissa - Long Prairie - Swanville

#### But I Am Not Rich

Are you rich, the Guatemalan man asked me. I chuckled and with a quick “of course not”. I am not rich; I don’t own luxury homes and cars. I work hard to keep ahead of the rising costs, but I am not rich. Curiously, I ask him why he thought that I was rich? He then laughed and asked if I own a car? Do I have a place to live with enough food to last more than one day? Can my children attend school beyond elementary grades? “If you have that, then you are rich” said the man with a serious look on his face.

Today’s Gospel tells of a foolish rich man. But I am not rich, I am not that person. Really? That uneducated, impoverished Guatemalan man taught me a great lesson. It is not just the other person who is rich and foolish, who should share and help the poor.

That Guatemalan helped me see that I live in a great nation, a land of opportunity. I may not have as many resources as some, but I am rich and so are many of you. We are that man. We are that person who can offer help to the needy. We are that person who can make a difference on earth before it is too late. Who will tell us? Will we listen?

*Deacon Jim*

### Adoration of Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation

**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.  
Saturday – 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.  
(w/ Confessions)  
The 3rd Friday of each month from  
7:45 a.m. to 8:20 a.m.

**Saint Joseph, Clarissa**  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Thursday – 9:00 to 9:30 a.m.

**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.






**St. Joseph Catholic Church  
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**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  
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**Offering: September 17-18:**  
**Total:** Adult \$1,415.00; Loose \$1,256.00;  
Fuel and Heat \$500.00; Campaign for Human  
Development \$100.00  
**Total:** \$3,271.00  
**Attendance:** Saturday 125; Sunday 84

**Liturgical Ministers**  
**Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> @ 4:30 p.m.**  
**Ushers:** LeRoy Blommel and Will Brown  
**Servers:** Need Volunteers  
**EM's:** Marilyn Blommel, Nancy Ritter, Mark and Sherry Larson  
**Lector:** Patty Brake  
**Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 10:30 a.m.**  
**Ushers:** Ken Sinclair and David Brinkman  
**Servers:** Need Volunteers  
**EM's:** Rosemary Berscheit, Linda Wegleitner, Marc Brinkman and Joanne Pohlmann  
**Lector:** Pete Berscheit

 **Congratulations to Brandon and Alexandria Vogel** in celebrating their daughter Sadie Marie's baptism with our parish community on September 18, 2022  
*Our parish community shares in your joy and is privileged in welcoming Sadie Marie to our Catholic Church Family.*

**Fellowship:** St Joseph's fellowship for October will be after 4:30 pm mass on Saturday, October 1. We will be celebrating our prior choir director, Peg Newberg, and welcoming Jeannie Bonfig. Due to covid, we were not able to honor Peggy's retirement and welcome Jeannie. Please enjoy fellowship supper with us!

**Faith Formation News:** Faith Formation Classes will begin Wednesday, September 28, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. If you have not registered and need to, please email [sjosephff@meltel.net](mailto:sjosephff@meltel.net).

**The success of the Faith Formation** of our children is due, in part, to the generosity and dedication of volunteers. They share their faith and love for Jesus while teaching the youth of our parish as they grow in the Faith. We need volunteers for the upcoming 2022-2023 season. If the Lord is calling you to be part of this ministry, please contact Carissa Bitz 320-304-4654 or Mary Woeste 285-2545, or email [sjosephff@meltel.net](mailto:sjosephff@meltel.net) by September 23. Various grade levels from 3rd - 9th are available. Thank you!  
**October 5 Class:** Safe Environment Presentations/ Personal Safety. Each year the US Catholic Conference of Bishops in the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People requires that our Catholic schools and Faith Formation Programs offer training for all children about personal safety. This will be done on Wednesday, October 5 at 6:30 p.m. Parents are welcome to view the video prior to its showing or to join us for class.

**Christian Women:** Please mark your calendars for the following meetings:  
October 6th at 9:00 a.m. - Business Meeting - Social event. Come play Bunco and win prizes, no experience necessary. Box of Joy - service project. We will be filling shoe box size boxes with school supplies, toys, hygiene items etc. to donate to needy children for our service project this year. We will be collecting items during the month of October.

**Catholic United Financial:** Volunteers are needed to help 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 9:00 a.m. on October 8, 2022, at KB's Specialties parking lot.

**Thank you:** The local Catholic United Financial Holy Family PVT #300 would like to thank everyone who attended and helped make the matching grant Pancake and Sausage Breakfast a success on September 11. The profit of \$1,332.88 will allow them to receive a grant of \$666.44. All of this money will be put towards the Faith Formation program.



**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 26 @ 8:30 a.m.  
+ Wayne Notsch  
Wednesday, September 28 @ 5:30 p.m.  
† Emma Jean Knopik  
Sunday, October 2 @ 8:30 a.m.  
† Norbert and Dorothy Koetter

**October Ministries**

**Ushers:** Dan Primus and Dean Doroff  
**Lector:** Joni Primus  
**EM's:** Marge Mettler and Val Sobania



Marge Mettler Coordinator  
320-547-2513

Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, Regular Classes at 6:30  
p.m. for fourth through eleventh graders.

**Craft/Raffle News:** We need more volunteers to work at the craft/raffle event Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Signup sheets are on the table in the entrance. Please help. If you cannot sign up on the sheets, you can call the office 547-2920.

**We are asking** that you bring cakes for the cake walk, pies, cake, rolls, etc for the lunch booth and items to sell at the craft and country store booths. These items should have a price on them.

**Raffle tickets** must be turned in no later than 2:30 p.m. Remember to bring in you sold and unsold tickets. Thank you!

**LOVE IS WORTH MORE THAN MONEY.**

A short version of this story. A rich man's son is killed in the war. The son's service friend drew a portrait and after the war he went to the father to give it to him. The father was so proud of his son and treasured his portrait so he put it up where everyone who came to his home would see it. After the father died there was an estate auction. The first item was the portrait of his son. No one was bidding on it and some shouted to pass that by and get on with the bidding of the "valuable items". The auctioneer continued for a bid on the "son". The faithful servant of the father did not have much money but he bid the little he had because he knew how much it meant to the father. The servant got the portrait, and the auctioneer said the auction was over. Others protested and asked to auction off the other valuable items. The auctioneer said, "It is the father's wish that whoever buys the "son" has bought the whole estate."

Where would each of us fit into this story ?

**Picture it: family game night. What are you playing? Monopoly? Clue? Chess? Poker?** Whatever your game of choice, I'll bet the night is a lot more fun when everyone tries their best to win. Sure, no one likes an obnoxiously competitive opponent — but if we're being honest with ourselves, it's actually more annoying to face off with someone who just doesn't care. A little competition gives the activity a pulse. It keeps everyone interested. It speaks to the worthiness of the endeavor.

We are told to "compete well for the faith." These are confusing words, perhaps, since cutthroat competition doesn't jive with the spiritual ideals of submission and humility. So why is God asking this of us? He isn't setting up some kind of cosmic contest to reward the smartest, strongest, and fastest among us with His mercy and grace.

Competition doesn't have to mean aggressive self-interest. It doesn't have to mean ferocity and lack of principle. Competition can — and should — mean witness. Think of the Olympics. There's a competition that isn't a conquest or a performance but rather a testimony — a feat of strength! A celebration of ability, hard work, and effort. Does anything glorify God more than that?

Let's strive to be competitive, but with the competitive nature of an everyday steward: that which seeks the good of all running the race. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



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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:** 230

**Stewardship**

September 11			
Loose	249.00	Candles	19.00
Adult	3,536.00	CCHD	230.00
Children	9.00	Coffee & rolls	130.00
<b>Total Regular</b>	<b>3,794.00</b>		

**Liturgical Ministers**

**Sunday, October 2**

**Rosary:** Glenda Kotula & Amy Tolifson

**Lector:** Walt Lucas

**E.M:** M. Katterhagen, MaryAnn Woeste, Jim Woeste

**Servers:** Asher Cebulla, Phillip Buhl

**October Ushers:** Anna Butler, Mark Irsfeld,  
Jim and Arlene Woeste

**Church Cleaning:** Ron & Jill Stalberger, Andy Statema,  
Charles & Laura Stier

**Christ the King Parish News**



**Banns of Marriage I** – Jarid Johnson and Danielle Pratt will be married at Christ the King on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Safe Environment Training** – Each year the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops in the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People require that our Catholic schools and Faith Formation programs offer training for all children about personal safety. Parents were notified of the training done at CTK School this past week. The Faith Formation students in grade 1 and grades 3 through 9 will have the training on October 2<sup>nd</sup>

**The NET Team** is here today, Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, for a Confirmation Retreat.

**The first session for the Faith Formation** program for grades 1 and 3 - 9 will be 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 2, in Christ the King School. This session will include safe environment training for students. Contact Ryan Perish with questions or concerns or if you wish to opt out of safe environment training for your children.

**Looking ahead: Coffee Cake Planning meeting** will be held on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. All are invited to come and discuss what needs to be done to help with this event.

**Men of St. Joseph prayer group** will again be collecting donations for MaryJo Copland’s “Caring & Sharing Hands” on Friday, October 14, from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 15, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the parking lot of St. Joseph Church, Clarissa. Clean clothing and household items will be accepted. No furniture or electronics please.

**Christ the King Catholic School News**

**The Marathon for Non-public education** is Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Students are collecting pledges. Our school goal this year is \$10,000. Please call the school at 320-594-6114 or contact one of the students if you would like to make a donation and have not been contacted.



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

Rita Walker 218-738-5781

<b>September 18th</b>			
Adult	\$1390.00	Votives	\$6.00
Loose	\$277.50	Religious Ed	\$75.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1617.50</b>	Human Dev	\$45.00
Mass Count	119	Labels for Learning	\$25.00

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**Ministry Schedule for Sunday, October 2nd**

**Sacristan:** Ardelle Feda

**EM:** JacyRea Almquist

**Lector:** Bev Desotell

**Ushers:** Thad and Leann Olson

**Faith Formation** classes will begin on October 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be a teacher meeting on Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. **Please collect** Our Family UPC labels for our Faith Formation.

**Men of St. Joseph prayer group** will again be collecting donations for MaryJo Copland's "Caring & Sharing Hands" on Friday, October 14, from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 15, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the parking lot of St. Joseph Church, Clarissa. Clean clothing and household items will be accepted. No furniture or electronics please.



"If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead." Regardless of how the message of faith is received, a total conversion of mind and heart is needed for it to take root and have meaning. It is easy to become complacent and comfortable with all that life can afford us. Life can become "all about me," preserving my livelihood and protecting my securities. Often, this drive can become so strong that we eagerly strive to protect our self-interests at the expense of others. Other people are necessary only to the extent that they are "useful" to us and profitable.

Merriam-Webster defines entitlement as "the belief that one is deserving of or entitled to certain privileges." In a world that pretends to offer us so many necessities, this is perhaps the greatest contemporary sin. When we feel "entitled" to something, even if it is perceived necessary, our relationships can get skewed. Unless we adopt a global vision of entitlement wherein everyone is entitled to the same things, we risk becoming extremely self-focused and selfish. All we care about is defending our rights and protecting our turf. This impulse can be so strong that we pursue it even at the expense of another. Is this what God intends for his children?

Holding on to this myopic vision, the plight and station of others are off our radar and of no real concern to us. Relying on our own merits and becoming resilient to life's challenges, we replace the true and real God with the one we created ourselves. Jesus and the prophets before him have consistently reminded us of the dangers of wealth, ignoring the poor and the needy, and becoming too fiercely independent and arrogant. Yet, we conduct our lives as if that message has never been preached. We give our faith a nod and never consider for a moment that we may be wrong in terms of what we see as important. "The things that we love tell us what we are (attributed to St. Thomas Aquinas)." Ponder those words a bit and remember that when we leave this world and go to the next one, what we loved here is what we will look for there. What we sought here may not be there. ©LPi



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<b>Stewardship</b>	<b>09/18/22</b>	* To Diocese	
Adult	\$3831.00	Votive Candles	\$40.23
Loose	\$963.25	Maintenance	\$20.00
Youth	\$132.75	Assumption	\$20.00
EFT's	\$453.00	Sponsor a Child	\$20.00
Rent Parish Hall	\$200.00	Campaign Human Dev.*	\$565.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5680.23</b>		

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

**Rest in God's Peace**

Eternal rest grant to Peter Baron whose funeral Mass was celebrated September 17.  
*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

**Rest in God's Peace**

Eternal rest grant to Sheila Milner whose funeral Mass was celebrated September 22.  
*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.*

**Parish Information Meeting:** The next meeting is this Tuesday, September 27th at 7:30 p.m.

**Monday, October 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Post Parish Festival Meeting:** We will discuss what worked well and make notes of any changes for next year. If you are not able to come to this meeting but have a suggestion(s), please contact Jessica Zinter at 320.815.8109 with your feedback.

**Sunday, October 9th:** KC Pancake Breakfast!

**Two volunteers** are needed to vacuum the nave of the church during the month of October. Please contact the rectory at 320-357-0815 if you can help.

**St. Mary's School News: Montessori Corner** - The Prepared Environment is Montessori's term for a carefully readied and organized setting for children. It is especially organized with logical groupings of material sequenced from left to right. Each of these groupings represents a specialized topical area such as language arts, mathematics, geography or other such curricular subjects. The room or environment is furnished with shelves to contain and organize the materials, child size furniture, and a variety of interesting workspaces for the children. (A big thank you to Erv May for the beautifully built shelves in our Children's House, paid through the Schulz Family Foundation Grant.)

**Faith Formation News: Confirmation Parents** plan to attend the bilingual Confirmation parent meeting on Wednesday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m., on the top floor of St. Mary's school. Please contact Jenna Miller, DRE, if you are unable to attend.

**Faith Formation help needed:** We still need an afternoon helper and 3rd or 4th grade catechist. Your time commitment would be about 2:30-4:00 p.m. (helper) or 3:30-4:15 p.m. (catechist--plus some prep time). Our next generation of faithful Catholics needs your help to learn about our Faith! Please contact Jenna Miller if you might be able to help.





**October Ushers**

**5:00 p.m. Mass Saturday:** Paul Siegle, Mary Beth Siegle, Pat Pelzer, need volunteer

**8:00 a.m. Mass Sunday:** Richard Rauer, Ken Woeste, Allan Host, need volunteer

**10:00 a.m. Mass Sunday:** Mike Terwey, Melissa Terwey, Cheryl Ambrosious, Mike Ambrosious

**Saturday, October 1 @ 5:00 p.m. Mass Sacristan:** Lois Stueve **EM's:** Philip Stueve, Jerry Bless, John Suck

**Lector:** Robin DeLage Sr. **Servers:** Leonidas Miller, Gloria Miller **Greeters:** Lois and Philip Stueve **Music:** Open

**Sunday, October 2 @ 8:00 a.m. Mass Sacristan:** Brenda Kern **EM's:** Mariann Host, Al Lemke, Brenda Kern

**Lector:** Mark Buntjer **Servers:** John Paul Buntjer, Diego Montañez **Greeters:** Nancy Krauel, Rick Krauel, Jane Lemke, Al Lemke **Music:** Joy

**Sunday, October 2 @ 10:00 a.m. Mass Sacristan:** Patti Weibye **EM's:** Patti Weibye, Mark Liebsch, Amy

Middendorf, Jessica Zinter **Lector:** Emmanuel Razo **Servers:** Emilianna Elmer, Hailee Kramer

**Greeters:** Volunteers needed **Music:** Ave Maria

**Sanctuary Cleaners Friday, September 30:** Doris Biermaier **Care of Albs:** Maria Cervantes

**Vacuuming Nave:** Patti Weibye



**Stewardship as a Way of Life:** *“My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established...”* (Luke 16:25-26).

When God created the world, He declared that it was good and He gave it to all humankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years, we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little.

**Bishop's Annual Appeal:** The Diocesan TV Mass and parish livestream Masses have been a lifeline for the homebound. Other ministries of the Appeal continue their work in support of faith formation, family life, our Catholic schools, multicultural ministries, evangelization and vocational discernment. Will you help keep these ministries strong? Visit [www.stcdio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal).

**Who is St. Jerome and why is he so significant that we honored him with a feast on September 30?** St. Jerome (345–420) was considered the greatest biblical scholar of his day, conversant with Latin, Greek, and Hebrew. He set about translating the books of the Bible from their original languages into Latin.

Much of Jerome's correspondence has survived and gives us a powerful glimpse into the kind of person that he was, as well as the time in which he lived. Jerome eventually became Pope Damasus' (366–384) personal secretary. In the West, Latin was overtaking Greek as the language of the common people. The pope desired a translation of the Bible that would be accurately translated from the original languages into the language and idiom of the people. Previous Latin translations existed, but they were poor in quality. Jerome set about this task and spent the rest of his life meticulously translating. He is credited with the translation of the Bible known as the Vulgate, a Latin translation intended to address the needs of the common people. That translation became the standard and the only one used by Catholics until modern times. Catholics did not actively engage in a similar process until 1943, when Pius XII allowed Catholic scholars once again to go back to the original languages and translate an accurate and meticulous version of the Bible. We carry on that tradition to this very day. ©LPi

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

**40 Days for Life Fall Campaign is September 28 to November 6.** There will be a vigil on the public sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood, 451 East St Germain, St Cloud, MN from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. We need people to fill these hours. You can sign up by contacting Judy Haag at 320-453-7592 or email [judy4life@meltel.net](mailto:judy4life@meltel.net). Or you can just come join us as we have someone there to welcome you. If you have done the vigil in the past and wish to do the same day and hours, simply contact your day captain to sign up.

Do not park in the Planned Parenthood parking lot. Instead, park on adjacent street or St. Augustine's parking lot. The opening rally is Saturday, October 1, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. It will begin at the Vigil Site followed by a prayer procession to St. Mary's Cathedral in the lower church. We will have a program, sharing and pizza.

**September 30-October 5 Revival relic tour** – Relics of St. Manuel Gonzalez Garcia and Blessed Carlo Acutis will be available for veneration in parishes around the Diocese of St. Cloud. The relics are on tour as part of the National Eucharistic Revival, a three-year focus on the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. **St. Mary's Parish in Alexandria** will be the first stop on the diocesan tour with a youth event Friday, Sept. 30, titled "Evening with the Saints" at 6 p.m.; veneration on Saturday, Oct. 1, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., followed by 5 p.m. Mass, and resuming veneration until 6:30 p.m. Additionally, the relics will be displayed again at 7:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, pausing during the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses, and resuming veneration after Mass until noon. **On Tuesday, Oct. 4**, the relics will be on display and available for public veneration at St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud in the upper church following the 7 a.m. Mass. There is also a regularly scheduled daily Mass at 12:05 p.m. and a special evening Mass at 6:30 p.m., both held in the upper church. **The final opportunity to venerate the relics** in the diocese will take place at Our Lady of Victory Parish in Fergus Falls on Oct. 5 from 3 to 8 p.m. Crookston Bishop Andrew Cozzens will present a talk at 6 p.m. on the National Eucharistic Revival, which he chairs, as part of a joint Regional Ministry Gathering event. All are welcome.

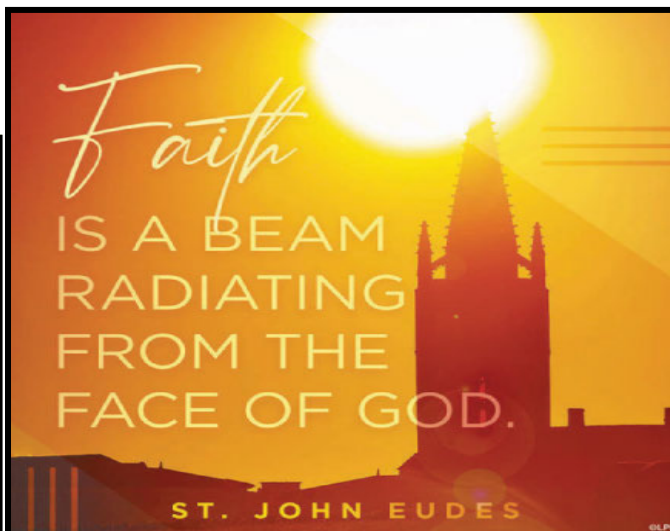
**World Mission Month:** October is just around the corner! Be sure to celebrate World Mission Month and World Mission Rosary Day! The weekend of October 22nd/23rd we will join Catholic parishes all over the world in celebrating World Mission Sunday. This year, Pope **Francis asks us to respond to the call saying, "You shall be my witnesses." We act in solidarity this day, as we** pray and share our gifts to help build-up the church around the world where the witness of Christ and support of the poor is still needed most. Envelopes are available in your monthly packets or as your Sunday collection. All funds collected on World Mission Sunday support the pastoral, catechetical, charitable, and evangelizing work of the Church in over 1,111 of the most in-need dioceses in 180 countries through the efforts of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, a Pontifical Mission Society directed by Pope Francis and administered by the local St. Cloud Mission Office. Please plan to give generously. For more information on the mission needs of our world and mission activities of our diocese, visit: [www.stcloudmissionoffice.com](http://www.stcloudmissionoffice.com).

## Five Star Area Catholic Community News:

### Calendar of Events

**October 9th SM: KC Pancake Breakfast**

Our Stephen Ministries team is needing more men and women to become trained Stephen Ministers, especially men. During the academic year of 2021-22, 4 Stephen Ministry leaders trained 8 new Stephen Ministers, are our need is already outpacing our numbers. For more information on this dynamic ministry, and ways you can become involved, please attend an informational meeting at the Christ the King Catholic Church Basement on Tuesday, October 4, at 6:00 p.m.



**October 5** – The National Eucharistic Revival is a three-year initiative to inspire and prepare the People of God to be formed, healed, converted, united and sent out to a hurting and hungry world through a renewed encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist. Responding to this invitation will help us fall more deeply in love with Christ and share this love with others. The first gathering is being planned in Fergus Falls. This is a joint event with the Diocese of Crookston. Bishop Andrew Cozzens, bishop of Crookston and chair of the National Eucharistic Revival for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, will be the keynote speaker and will share with us his vision for the three-year initiative. These gatherings are free. To register to be in person or via livestream go to <https://stcdio.org/eucharistic-revival/>.

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