

September 17, 2023

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 19

7:00 p.m. Mass † Joan Wettstein

Wednesday, September 20

8:30 a.m. Mass † Angie Colling

Thursday, September 21

8:30 a.m. Mass † LaVerne Sticha

Friday, September 22

8:30 a.m. Mass † Pete and Evelyn Race

Saturday, September 23

5:00 p.m. Mass For the People of our Parish

Sunday, September 24

8:00 a.m. Mass † Lila Claseman

10:00 a.m. Mass Clara Mary Lee Magnussen

11:45 a.m. Mass † Audelia Montañez and

Guadalupe Garcia

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

Monday, September 18

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJS** † Louis Chock

Tuesday, September 19

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

Wednesday, September 20

5:30 p.m. Mass **SJS** † Jay Thieschafer

Thursday, September 21

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJGE** † Luverne, Lucille, and Janet Hollenkamp

Saturday, September 23

4:30 p.m. Mass **SJGE** † Dave Blaeser

Sunday, September 24

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

10:30 a.m. Mass **SJGE** † Roman and Martha Vos

St. Joseph, Clarissa & Christ the King, Browerville

Monday, September 18

8:30 a.m. Mass **CTK** † Kevin and Kenneth Hoelscher

Tuesday, September 19

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJC** † Stephanie Foote

Wednesday, September 20

11:00 a.m. Mass **CTK** † Dustin Biegler

Thursday, September 21

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJC** † Richard, Josephine and Monica Sobotka

10:30 a.m. CTCCC Mass † James Kotula

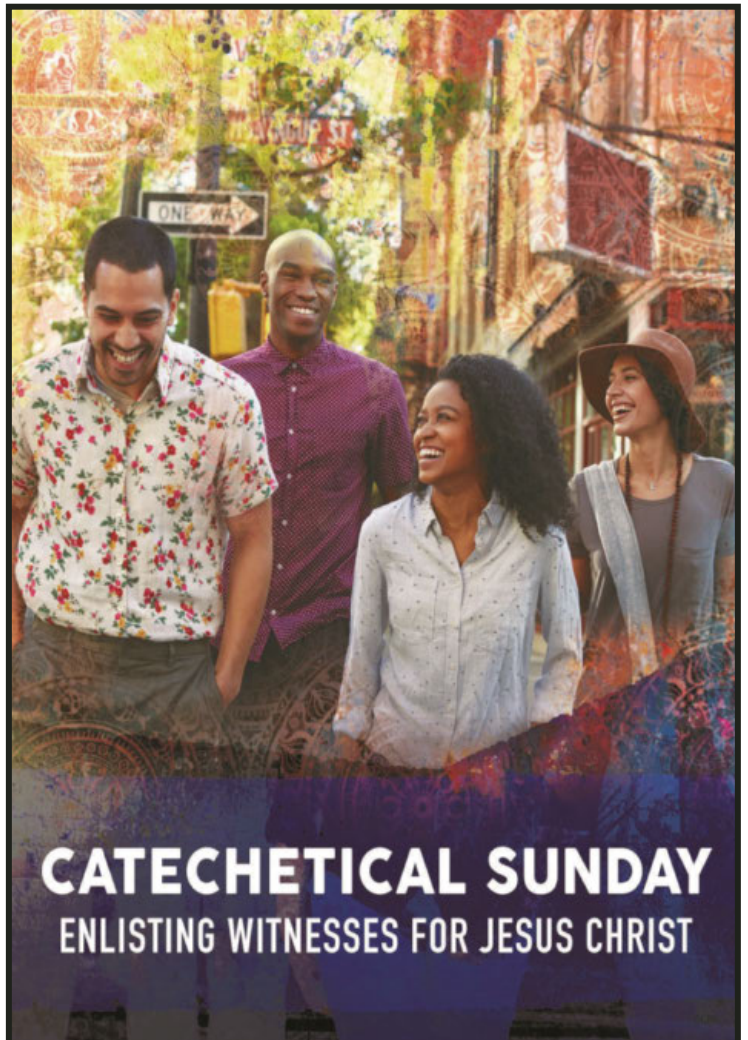
Friday, September 22

11:00 a.m. Mass **CTK** † Funeral for Gary Johnson

Sunday, September 24

8:30 a.m. Mass **CTK** † Andrew Hudalla

10:00 a.m. Mass **SJC** For the People of Our Parishes



Five Star Area Catholic Community



Greetings.

The Catholic Church has always valued and hailed the importance of prayer and Sacraments. This is seen quite obviously when we think of what I commonly call 'pastoral emergencies.'

Pastoral emergencies are crisis matters for which the prayers and/or presence of a priest is deeply needed. These can include interventions, news of life diagnosis', deaths in the family and danger of the death of a loved one.

Although it may be obvious, it is important to make clear that a pastoral emergency is not a substitute for, but a complement to needed medical attention.

What does one do in case of a pastoral emergency? Call a priest. It may be the case that the person for whom you are concerned does not want a priest to visit (hopefully this is not the case). At the very least, the priest can be joining you in your prayers for this person.

A very important point, which I cannot stress enough: If you or a loved one have been given the indication that you may likely pass within the coming days, weeks or months, please do not wait until the final minutes or hours to call a priest. Please call a priest right away. Last rights (i.e. – the Apostolic Pardon which is the removal of all temporal punishment due to sin) are a blessing given to the living, not the deceased.

'I am a Catholic. Please call a priest' cards are now available. Please grab one, put it in your wallet, purse, house, car, etc. and make your wishes known to family members in case of emergency.

May God bless you.

Father Mitchell

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 9:30 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.



Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of September 17, 2023

Sunday:

Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Monday:

1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday:

1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday:

1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday:

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Friday:

1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday:

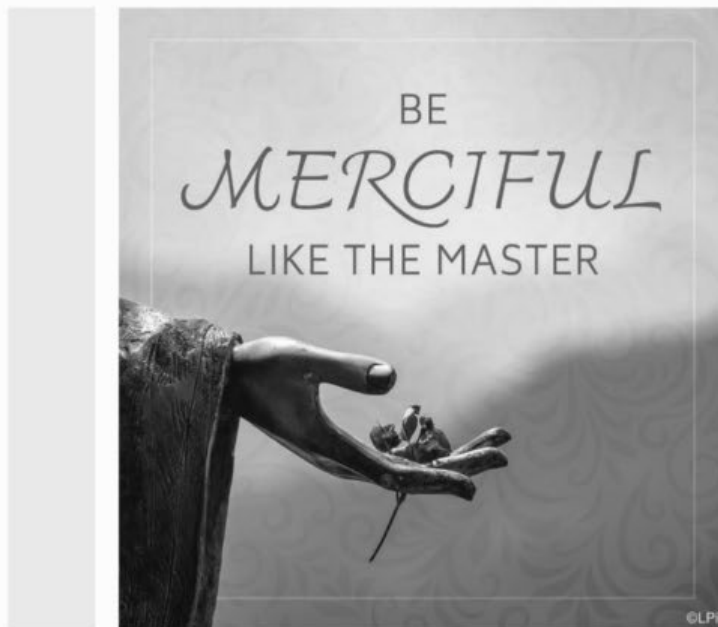
1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday:

Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was in second grade, my prized possession was a metal Star Wars-themed lunch box. After school one day, another student ripped it from my hands. I helplessly watched in horror as my classmate threw it to the ground and violently stomped it into an unrecognizable heap of junk. I came home covered in tears of shame and rage. After a few months, I never thought about it again ... until I was almost thirty years old and on a retreat to prepare for ordination to the priesthood.

That childhood memory — and the attendant outrage — came back afresh. My spiritual director helped me in the process of acknowledging that I was angry because that kid owed me my lunch box. Then she helped me, through the grace of Jesus, to forgive the debt. Almost immediately I felt a new peace. I was amazed that I hadn't forgotten what I had lost, even from years before. Aren't we human beings simply amazing at remembering what people owe us?

We see this week in Jesus' parable a servant who is forgiven much but then commands another servant: "Pay back what you owe!" He can't forget or let go of how he was wronged. He remembers — and he becomes a monster because of it. If only he had remembered not only the debts owed to him, but also his greater debt owed to — and forgiven by — his master. It's natural for us to remember what others owe us. But when we contextualize those offenses in Jesus' mercy toward us and them, we're free to be merciful like the Master and less like a monster who never forgets.

— *Father John Muir*



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Collection: September 9-10
Adults \$2,438.00; Loose \$554.00; Campaign for Human Development \$50.00
Total: \$3,042.00
Attendance: Saturday 168; Sunday 109

Liturgical Ministers
Saturday, September 23 – 4:30 p.m.
Ushers: Ken Sinclair and Leroy Blommel
EM's: Marilyn Blommel, Carissa Bitz, Mark and Sherry Larson
Lector: Laura Boucher
Sunday, September 24 -- 10:30 a.m.
Ushers: David Brinkman and Stan Mensen
EM's: Nancy Ritter, Stan and Cindy Mensen, Linda Wegleitner
Lector: Patty Brake



Congratulations to Mark and Sherry Larson on celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.
Wishing you love and happiness today and forever. May the Lord continue to bless you always.



Congratulations to Tom and Vickie Keppers in celebrating Philip Paul's baptism with our parish community on September 3, 2023.

Congratulations to Andrew and Ashley Vogel in celebrating Hadley Rae's baptism with our parish community on September 9, 2023.

Congratulations to Gary and Hailey Fuechtmann on celebrating Addalee Rae's baptism with our parish community on September 10, 2023.

Our parish community shares in your joy and is privileged in welcoming Philip, Hadley, and Addalee to our Catholic faith community.

Fellowship: There will be fellowship in the parish hall on **Sunday, September 24th** after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please join in some good food and visit with fellow parishioners. **Please note the change of dates from Saturday to Sunday.** Thank you.

Attention Volunteers: The Diocese of Saint Cloud requires all adults who work or volunteer to complete safe environment training which includes a background check every five years. If you routinely volunteer for St. Joseph's Catholic Church, especially with children or vulnerable adults, please complete the online training and background check form at <https://StCloud.CMGConnect.org>.

You may also attend a training session on either Wednesday, September 20 at 6:30 p.m. or following the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 24 to go through the online training together. Bring a computer or device to use to complete the training. RSVP for a training session to Carissa Bitz at 320-304-4654. It is appreciated for planning purposes, but is not necessary. You may also contact Carissa Bitz with questions about completing the training.

The Hateful Things We Hug Tight At the end of "Lord of the Rings: Return of the King," Gollum fights with Frodo for possession of the One Ring. He wins the fight, but in doing so topples over the edge of the mountain ledge, falling into the cavernous fires of Mount Doom. As he falls, we see him smile, and clutch the ring to his chest. He is happy. He has won what he spent his life pursuing.

It is only in the last millisecond before his face slips below the lava that we see his eyes widen in terror as he realizes the truth: the thing he clutches to his heart is the thing that killed him. In choosing the ring, he chooses death. Sin, and the fallen nature of this world, makes us addicted to something that kills us. Like any addiction, it is a vicious cycle. The less we forgive, the more hardhearted we become ... and the less we seek forgiveness ourselves.

What breaks the cycle? Reconciliation with God — or, Confession, as we call it. In fact, it does more than break the cycle. It turns it backward. Not only does it detoxify our souls of sin, it weakens our addiction to sin's effects — anger, vengeance, unforgiveness. The confession of evil works is the first beginning of good works, said St. Augustine.

Ultimately, I view our whole human life as a struggle on the ledge of a mountaintop. It is certain that we will choose sin — we always do. We will tumble over the side, toward ruin. But let us be Frodo, and not Gollum. Let us cling to the rock of the sacraments and accept the hand that would drag us away from the flames. *"Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight."* — Sirach 27:30 ©LPi



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

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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 18 @ 8:30 a.m.

+ Louis Chock

Wednesday, September 20 @ 5:30 p.m.

† Jay Thieschafer

Sunday, September 24 @ 8:30 a.m.

For the People of Our Parishes

SEPTEMBER MINISTRIES

Ushers: Chas Pelzer and Al Wessel

Lector: Ann Peterson

EM's: Ann Peterson and Peggy Dragseth

Stewardship	September	3 rd & 10 th	
Adult	\$ 2,023.00	Plate	\$729.00
Fall coll.	\$ 185.00	Votive	\$ 22.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,959.00		

Faith Formation

Marge Mettler Coordinator 320-542513

Wednesday, September 20: Regular Class 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 27: Regular Class 6:30 p.m.

Confirmation Retreat is September 24th for 10th and 11th graders at Christ the King Catholic Church in Browerville from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. This retreat is mandatory for you to get confirmed!



Craft Fair/Raffle is Saturday, October 7, 2023 at the Swanville School gym from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Please get the word out and plan to come to visit many crafter booths, win a cake, find many items you need or want for yourself or others. Come for a fun day and a good meal served most of the day.

More help is needed at the craft fair. Please sign up after Mass today. Thank you.

Thank you for picking up your raffle tickets. If you need more, please contact the office.

Attention Parishioners: Our church purchased a defibrillator. We need someone who has experience using it properly to give instructions to several others in case an emergency arises when we need it to save someone's life. We also need several people who are willing to learn how to use this unit. Please contact the office in the morning at 320-547-2920 so we can set a date and time for this learning session. Thank you.

Saint Mother Teresa: Some months ago someone asked that I put in some quotes, etc. about Mother Teresa. I purchased a book about her life and I recommend it to any and everyone to read. Leaders of different beliefs and faiths respected her. Some gave her access to places no one else was allowed so she could help the children in dire need. Some did not like her because she was liked by so many others. As faithful as she was, she often asked God to help her be a better Christian and person. Teresa says of herself, "I am Albanian by blood. By nationality, Indian. By faith, I am a Catholic nun. As for my vocation, I belong to the world. As for my heart, I belong entirely to the Heart of Jesus."

Are Catholics allowed to visit psychics? It's part of human nature to experience some sense of unease and fear about the future. This can lead some people to seek out the services of psychics or consult horoscopes or turn to other occult practices or resources (e.g. Ouija boards or tarot cards). The Catechism of the Catholic Church is very clear that Catholics should avoid such practices: "Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone" (no. 2116). Despite the uncertainties we might feel, we are called to have faith and trust in God, confident of God's desire for what is best for us. This means that we are called to surrender, to pray and to reflect on how we can best move into the future in hope, knowing that God is with us. ©LPI



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

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Christ the King School: Principal Cindy Iten

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 at 11:00 a.m.

September 10 Mass Count: 195

Stewardship

September 10			
Adult	\$3917.00	Candles	\$22.00
Loose	\$236.00	Capital Main.	\$20.00
Child	\$7.00	CCHD	\$20.00
Total Regular	\$4160.00		

Liturgical Ministers

September 24

Rosary Leaders: MaryAnn Woeste and Eva Buhl

Lector: Walt Lucas

E.M: Marie Katterhagen, Mary Ann Woeste and Jim Woeste

Servers: Logan and Mason Brown

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

Church Cleaning: Richard and Amy Kotula, Kevin and Kathryn Kremers, Samantha Kruse

Christ the King Parish News



Rest in God’s Peace

Eternal rest grant to Joseph Iten, whose funeral Mass was celebrated on September 6th. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

The Knights of Columbus will meet after Mass today in the conference room.

Coffee and Rolls will be after 8:30 a.m. Mass today in the church basement. Please join us.

Stephen’s Ministry: An informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, **September 19th** at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. Find out what it means to be a Stephen’s Minister. The only requirement is a willingness to learn to be a skilled listener and to be a faith-filled support for others who are going through life’s difficult seasons.

Men of St. Joseph Faith/Prayer Group will be accepting clothing donations to take to Mary Jo Copeland’s Sharing and Caring Hands ministry in October. Clean clothing and household items will be accepted. No furniture or electronic items. Donations can be submitted Friday, October 6th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 7th from 9:00 a.m.-noon at St. Joseph’s Church parking lot in Clarissa.

Faith Formation News: Today, we celebrate the Rite of Sending for our Confirmation candidates. Please keep them in your prayers. Reminder: parents with children in grade 1 and 3 through 9 will meet tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the church basement. The Confirmation Retreat is Sunday, September 24 for grades 10, 11 and 12.

Christ the King Catholic School News

9-Hole Golf Scramble will be held at the Double Eagle Golf & Grill in Eagle Bend on Saturday, September 23rd. 4-person team with shotgun start at noon. Please join us for split the pot, door prizes and a delicious meal. All proceeds support CTK Catholic School.

Thank you to all who purchased tickets for our big raffle. The live drawing is posted on our Facebook page. Congratulations to all the winners!



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Prayer Chain Line: Kathy VanHeel 218-756-2215

Rita Walker 218-738-5781

Stewardship	Sept. 10		
Adult	\$1685.00	Rel. Ed.	\$380.00
Loose	\$174.00	Votive candles	\$6.00
TOTAL	\$1859.00		
Mass Count	112		

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.

Ministry Schedule for September 24th

Sacristan: Eileen Uhlenkamp

EM: Allen Blommel

Lector: Kim Marstein

Ushers: Mike and Laura Rolfes

Thank You to Kathy and Jolene and Group 2 for hosting the September potluck after Mass. Everyone is welcome to come to the potlucks for food and fellowship.

Faith Formation: If any parents and children were unable to attend the meeting Wednesday night, please call office for information 218.756.2205.

The Men of St Joseph Faith/Prayer Group will be accepting clothing donations to take to Mary Jo Copeland's Sharing and Cards Hands Ministry in October. Clean clothing and household items will be accepted. No furniture or electronic items will be accepted. Donations can be submitted on Friday October 6th from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. and Saturday October 7th 9:00 a.m. till noon at St Joseph's Church parking lot. If questions, call the church office at 218.756.2205.

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Stewardship as a Way of Life: "For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." – Romans 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: Have you attended a baptism, First Communion, confirmation, wedding, or ordination? All of these sacraments are supported through the ministries funded by the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Help continue to support these vital milestones of our faith through a gift at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.



**St. Mary of Mount Carmel Catholic
Church Of Long Prairie**
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Thank You **Thank you** to all that helped with the parish festival this past weekend! We thank God for this opportunity of fellowship and for the beautiful weather that allowed us to come together and celebrate the gift of being in community with others.

The Bean Bag Tournament was a great success!

Adult winners: 1st - Kyle Pesta & Tyler Pesta

2nd - Rod Hinnenkamp & Joe Farrow

3rd - Paul Urman & Tom Warner

Youth Winners: 1st - Max Berscheid & Jonah Urman

2nd - Hagen Brunkhorst & Travis Warner

3rd - David Liebsch & Kole Hinnenkamp

4-Bagger Winners: Tyler Pesta and Jonah Urman

Overall Champions: Max Berscheid and Jonah Urman

Congratulations to you all! Thank you to everyone who made the tournament a great success, and a fun afternoon. To all the Sponsors: American Family Ins., Hometown Title and Abstract, Impact Technology, Lakeland Dental, Magnifi Financial, Pesta Family Farm, P.J.'s Carwash, Prairie Family Dental, Thunder Lodge, and Vanguard Ins. Also, to everyone who helped the day of the tournament and with the behind the scenes work! You are all awesome!

Stewardship	September 10	* To Diocese	
Adult	\$5000.00	Votive Candles	\$123.75
Loose	\$1517.00	Maintenance	\$15.00
Youth	\$74.00	Assumption	\$70.00
EFT's	\$473.00	Stole Fee	\$80.00
TOTAL	\$7372.75	*Human Develop.	\$20.00

August Average Mass Count	
Saturday @ 5:00 p.m.	187
Sunday @ 8:00 a.m.	154
Sunday @ 10:00 a.m.	169
Sunday Hispanic Mass @ 11:45 a.m.	Not counted

Baptism **Congratulations** to Matthew and Jessica Zinter in celebrating their daughter Ava Mary's Baptism with our parish community.

Congratulations to Jose Rosario Paramo Orozco and Maria De Los Angeles Carrillo Reyes in celebrating their son Fernando's Baptism with our parish community.

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

2023 Fall Festival Raffle Winners! Congrats!

1. Ms. Romi Riddle	\$2,000.00	14. Zenaida Guznter Dyole	\$100.00
2. Beverly Burger	\$1,000.00	15. Denise Middendorf	\$100.00
3. Lloyd Graves	\$600.00	16. Brent Reinbold	\$100.00
4. Heide Johnson	\$500.00	17. Hans Kroll	\$100.00
5. Marj Zastrow	\$500.00	18. Joe & Judy Zastrow	\$100.00
6. Melissa Nelson	\$300.00	19. Zuleika Reyes	\$100.00
7. Leah & Adrian Murtha	\$250.00	20. Wally Zastrow	\$100.00
8. Gloria Miller	\$250.00	21. Joe & Judy Zastrow	\$50.00
9. Judy Breiter	\$250.00	22. June Elmes	\$50.00
10. Elizabeth Geisenhof	\$100.00	23. Esteban Ramirez	\$50.00
11. Tyler Pesta	\$100.00	24. Ronald Brown	\$50.00
12. Dhangerli Gil	\$100.00	25. T (Terry) Mentele	\$50.00
13. Roger Zastrow	\$100.00	Mike Spieker	\$100.00

St. Mary's Continued. . .

Thank you to those who visited St. Mary's Parish Life/Stewardship table during the festival. Thank you to the group of ladies who volunteered their time and talent in preparing the St. Mary's Ministry Booklet. It contains parish groups and committees with contact information, "The Little Burgundy Booklet" of stewardship reflections, and a sign-up sheet for parish ministries. The booklets will be available for all parishioners beginning next weekend. Mark your calendars for October 7 and 8 (Stewardship weekend) when Father Greg Paffel will speak on Attitude of Gratitude. More information in next week's bulletin.

St. Mary's School News: Hotcakes Hustle Fun Run/Walk & Pancake Breakfast: Saturday, September 30, 8:30 a.m. to noon. Parishioners are welcome to participate in the 3K or 5K run/walk by registering at the school office with a \$25 registration fee or plan to join us for a delicious brunch of apple, pumpkin or buttermilk pancakes, sausage patties, bananas and coffee! Free will offering for the breakfast.

Changes around Campus: People arriving early for week day mass have noticed a "herd" of students exiting church at 7:50 a.m. We are serving a free, grab-and-go breakfast provided by LPGE Schools from 7:30 a.m. to 7:50 a.m. in the church basement. For security reasons, the west door to the church hall will remain locked during school hours.

Part-time Classroom Teacher Position Opening: Hourly position in the 5th grade from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday or Friday. Responsibilities: supervision of 5th grade students during independent, individual afternoon work; instruction in 5th and 6th grade Religion. Please contact Linda if you are interested in learning more. Hourly wage is subject to experience.

Faith Formation News: Faith Formation classes for grades 6-12, including Confirmation, start this Wednesday, September 20, 7:00 p.m.-8:30 pm. Grades 6-10 start in the church basement; Confirmation meets on the top floor of St. Mary's School.

Faith Formation classes for grades K-5/6 start Sunday, September 24, 6:00 p.m.-7:30 pm for parents and students in the church basement.

There are still openings in the Atrium for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for ages 3-K, Mondays during the school year (1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.). Please contact Jenna Miller if you are interested in registering.

The Well-Read Mom Group meets Thursday, September 28, 11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. in the Family Center. Women are welcome to join at any time, or stop by to try a meeting. Contact Jenna Miller.

St. Mary's Faith Formation still needs volunteers this year. Please prayerfully consider if you have time to help! We need Wednesday evening catechists, grades 6-10 and Confirmation small group leaders. About one Sunday per month: catechists for elementary grades, someone to help lead parent discussion in English or Spanish, and people to help set up or put away tables and chairs.



September Ushers

5:00 p.m. Mass Saturday: Doug Becker, Paul Siegle

8:00 a.m. Mass Sunday: Lee Bruder, Richard Hennen, Greg Graves

10:00 a.m. Mass Sunday: Dan Middendorf, Matt Middendorf

Saturday, September 23 @ 5:00 p.m. Mass Sacristan: Teresa Pelzer **EM's:** Jerry Bleess, Mary Pelzer, volunteer **Lector:** Robin DeLage Sr. **Servers:** Gloria Miller, Jasper Miller **Greeter:** Lloyd Graves **Music:** Open

Sunday, September 24 @ 8:00 a.m. Mass Sacristan: Mary Zastrow **EM's:** Doris Biermaier, Mary Zastrow, Mark Buntjer **Lector:** Maria Cervantes **Server:** John Paul Buntjer **Greeter:** Doris Biermaier **Music:** Joy

Sunday, September 24 @ 10:00 a.m. Mass Sacristan: Patti Weibye **EM's:** Mark Liebsch, Patti Weibye, Dan Bebault, volunteer **Lector:** Mike Ambrosius **Servers:** Jayden Richter, Okley Dreher **Greeters:** Beth Rohr, Jane Kleinschmidt **Music:** Ave Maria

Sanctuary Cleaners Friday, September 22: Doris Biermaier, Sue Ecker **Care of Albs:** Maria Cervantes **Vacuuming Nave:** Patti Weibye

Five Star Area Catholic Community News:

As we enter the parish year of the Eucharistic Revival, there are three diocesan events Catholic Education Ministries is offering with Catholic composer/musician and national speaker Steve Angrisano.

October 28 – High School Youth Day: Chosen Vessels - The youth day will be held at Lake Geneva Convention Center in Alexandria from 11:30 a.m. - 7:45 p.m. Packets were mailed to youth ministry leaders in each parish. If you have not received a packet for your parish, please contact Laura Gorder at laura.gorder@gw.stcdio.org.

More information about the event and registration materials can be downloaded from <https://stcdio.org/event/chosen-vessels-high-school-youth-day/>.

October 29 – Young Adults: Vessels of Hope Steve Angrisano, Catholic musician and speaker will lead our Diocesan Young Adult Day on Saturday, October 28 from 10:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. at St. Cloud Newman Center and St. Cloud State University. For more information and to register, please visit <https://stcdio.org/vessels-of-hope/>.

October 30 – Retreat: Vessels of Faith All are invited to attend a day of renewal and reflection with Catholic musician and national speaker Steve Angrisano. This day will provide an opportunity for you to be renewed in your love of the Eucharist and reflect on your mission to be the Body of Christ in the world. This event will be held at St. Mary Help of Christians in St. Augusta. The day will start with hospitality at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 2:00 p.m.. Cost for the day is \$15 person.

Please register by October 23 at <https://stcdio.org/event/vessels-of-faith/>.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Through the generosity of the “Building Bridges for a Thriving Mission”; the book, Living Liturgy for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, will be given free to all participants at the workshops listed below. All present Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, as well as those interested in this ministry, are encouraged to participate. There is no fee and registration will be onsite.

September 23 @ 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Our Lady of Victory, Fergus Falls

September 30 @ 9:30 – 11:00 am St. Mary’s, Alexandria

October 5 @ 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Our Lady of Lourdes, Little Falls

Questions—contact Sr. Jeanne Wiest, OP, Director of Worship at Jeanne.wiest@gw.stcdio.org or call 320.255.9068



Please join in praying for our Nation on Saturday October 7 at 3:00 p.m. at St John Cantius Church outside at the statue of Mary. If inclement weather it will be held inside the church. The Rosary will be prayed simultaneously with Rosary Rallies across the United States so please arrive a little early so it can begin right at 3:00 p.m. We would love to see you there! If you can’t join in person, consider praying the Rosary at 3:00 p.m. Central Time wherever you may be. May God Bless the United States of America!

CCHD Collection: Please be generous in this week’s special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, more than 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and support those working on the margins. More information about this campaign can be found at www.uscb.org/cchd.

Five Star Area Catholic Community News:

Calendar of Events

Saturday, September 23 CTK: CTK School Golf tournament at Double Eagle Golf Course.

Thursday, September 28 SMMC: ACC Liturgy Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 30 SMMC: St. Mary's School Hotcakes Hustle 3K/5K Fun Run 8:30 a.m.-Noon

Thursday, October 5, 2023 SMMC: Mass of Hope and Healing @ 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 7, 2023 SJBS: Craft Fair in Swanville Gym 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Mississippi River Church Pilgrimage: Tuesday, September 26—Wednesday, September 27

Join Fr. Bechtold, Fr. Guanchez and many others on pilgrimage as we visit the Cathedral of St. Mary in St. Cloud, then onto Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in La Crosse with Wednesday visits at Mary of Angels Chapel, Saint Paul Cathedral and Saint Paul Seminary. Cost is \$250/person. Tour bus leaves from Christ the King at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Parking available on site. For more information please call Christ the King Parish Office at 320.594.2291 . All Five Star ACC parishes have brochures which can be found in the parish church or office.



Mass of Hope and Healing * Thursday, October 5, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

St. Mary of Mount Carmel Catholic Church



This special Mass is for couples who are experiencing infertility as well as those who have suffered the loss of a child through miscarriage, SIDS, illness, accident, or abortion. There will be a candle-lighting ceremony remembering those who have died. Refreshments will be served after Mass.

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