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SG: St. Gall SFH: St Francis Home  
TTV Twin Town Villa

**Monday September 1st**  
Fr. Leo Day Off  
**Tuesday September 2nd**  
SFH 10:30 am Resident of SFH  
ST 4:00 pm +Frances Rezac  
**Wednesday September 3rd**  
SM 8:40 am +Al Jirele  
Adoration  
**Thursday September 4th**  
SG 7:00 am Lucas Tischer  
**Friday September 5th**  
SM 8:00 am+Jane West  
TTV 10:30 am  
**Saturday September 6th**  
SM 4:00 pm Rosary  
SM 4:30 pm Tom Barkwell  
SG 6:30 pm People of the ACC  
**Sunday September 7th**  
SM 7:30 am Rosary  
SM 8:00 am +Joanne Haire  
ST 10:00 am People of the ACC


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Deadline for Bulletin : Tuesdays 10:00 am

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**St. Thomas Church**  
Kent, MN

# Fall Bazaar

**Sunday, September 7**  
Mass at 10:00 am.  
**Turkey and Ham Dinner**  
with all the trimmings!  
11:00 am. to 1:30 pm.  
*Takeouts available!*  
For dessert, enjoy a treat from the  
Frozen Farmer Ice Cream Truck!

**Free will offering for the meal!**

**Music by Rick Fiedler—11:30 to 1:30**  
Children's Games - Cake Walk - Raffle  
Country Store - Crafts - Theme Baskets



*St. Mary's School*  
BRECKENRIDGE, MN 1925 - 2025

# CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2025**

Join us in celebrating 100 YEARS of St. Mary's School!

- Mass 10am
- Activities & Games
- Luncheon following Mass
- School History Exhibit

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**Mass Time will be Switched  
Next Weekend  
Sunday September 7th**

**St. Mary's will be at 8:00 am  
St. Thomas will be at 10:00 am**

Everyone welcome to come to  
St. Thomas Mass & Fall Bazaar

**COPING WITH LIFE ALONE**

Beginning Experience, a non-profit Christian Support Group for Divorced, Widowed or Separated people, begins a 10 Week Session "COPING WITH LIFE ALONE" Monday, September 8, 2025 in Fergus Falls. This group is not a dating club, they are here to help others that have suffered a loss. All facilitators are volunteers who have experienced a divorce, been widowed or are separated from their partner. Call 218-560-1686 to sign up and for more information. (If there's no answer leave your name and phone number and they will call you back).

**Town Hall Meeting  
All Things New**

**Wednesday September 10th  
7:00 pm - St. Mary's Parish Hall  
for all three parishes  
Working on our Proposals for Bishop**



**All Things New Committee**

- Fr. Leo 218-955-0570
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- Amanda Kinn 701-640-4349
- Nancy Nordick 218-557-8585
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If you have any questions feel free to call any one of us!!



**PARISH OFFICES  
WILL BE CLOSED  
ON MONDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2025  
IN OBSERVANCE OF  
LABOR DAY**

**OCIA Classes**

If you are thinking about becoming Catholic, or you want to learn more about your faith - this is the class for you!

We will be collaborating with St. John's and starting OCIA Classes again. First class is September 14th at 2:00 pm

Call Nancy at the Parish Office  
218-643-5173  
Or Fr. Leo's Cell  
218-955-0570.

## LITURGICAL *MINISTERS*

St. Mary of the Presentation  
Saturday September 6th 4:30 pm  
Lector: Cathy Johnson  
Servers: Charles Krump  
Eucharist Ministers: Cathy Johnson  
Ushers: Tim Kressin & Diane Rettig

St. Gall's  
Saturday September 6th 6:30 pm  
Lector: Marcie Petermann  
Server: Noah Kinn & Vega V.

St. Thomas Aquinas  
Sunday September 7th 10:00 am  
Lector: Sarah R  
Servers: Hunter & Owen  
Eucharist Minister: Dennis  
Sept Ushers: Pat F & Paul T  
Collection Counters: Pat F & Paul T

St. Mary of the Presentation  
Sunday September 7th 8:00 am  
Lector: Christy H  
Servers: Colton & Sadie  
Eucharist Ministers: Kim L, Gail, Sharon T  
Ushers: Terry T & Steve T  
Collection Counters: #1

### Town Hall Informational Meeting for Breckenridge Public School Referendum

Monday September 8<sup>th</sup>

Wolverton Community Hall  
5:30 pm  
or  
Kent Community Hall  
6:30 pm

Kristi Sullivan, Superintendent  
of Breckenridge Schools will be presenting  
and will be able to field questions.

Please come to hear firsthand information.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

September 7th  
Kent Bazaar

September 21st  
St. Mary's School Centennial Celebration

September 28th  
Confirmation 2:00 pm Mass

October 26th  
St. Mary's Fall Festival

### Banns of Marriage



Brandee Kuznia  
And  
Bradley Rivard  
September 20, 2025

Emilie Haire  
and  
Elijah Hoaby  
September 27, 2025

### New Bible Study (From FOCUS) The Crux here at St. Mary's

Dates: Sunday Evenings  
6:30 pm to 7:45 pm Starting  
October 5<sup>th</sup> – November 9<sup>th</sup>  
In Parish Hall – Enter through Door #1

All you need is your Bible

Register with Nancy in parish office  
By September 26th 218-643-5173  
(limited number)

Any Questions contact Stacy Diaz  
after 4:00 pm 701-899-1993

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in  
Fergus Falls, MN,  
Annual Fall Festival on Sunday, Sept. 21  
with a turkey dinner with all the trimmings and  
homemade pies for dessert from 11am - 1pm  
with dine in or drive thru available.  
BINGO, raffles, quilt sales, silent auction,  
country store, children's raffle, cake walk games and  
MORE! Grand Raffle with a \$5,000 prize and  
dozens of cash prizes at 2pm.  
Raffle Tickets available by calling (218) 736-2429.  
Your support following their January church office  
fire is greatly appreciated!

## ALL THINGS NEW

### All Things New – Continuing the Journey

Every generation of Catholics must wrestle with the 'signs of the times'. Catholics settling in the state of Minnesota were no different. There is a two-volume set of books titled 'The Spirit in Central Minnesota'. Written in 1989 on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the diocese, it provides a historical view on the then 147 parishes. The parish of Kent was established in 1857. The church was first built in 1885 in McCauleyville, near Fort Abercrombie. In 1889 the railroad built its line a mile east. It was time to move the church to the village of Kent. The parish of Tintah started to offer Mass in 1881 when the priest from Wahpeton came to say Mass once a month. When the diocese was established, Tintah became a mission of St. Thomas. By 1892 Tintah was able to build a church. In the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, Catholics from Breckenridge attended Mass in Wahpeton. In 1897 those from the east side of the river decided to build a church. That was then.

One of the factors affecting the number attending Mass in our churches is the shift of population from rural to urban. In 1960 51.2 % of the population lived in an urban setting.

Currently that number is 80%.

In ALL church denominations, 63%% attended a weekly service in 2007. This has dropped to 40% in 2024. This is now.

Did you know? Mass is a gathering of the faithful who share prayer. Canon Law as well as liturgical guidelines prioritize active participation in the liturgy. I love hearing the voices.

'All Things New' requires a collective effort on our part to participate. Even though much of the work is done by a smaller group, that group has the benefit of listening to others across the diocese and listening to the broader community.

This means all three parishes in our Area Catholic Community. Avoiding hard decisions will weaken our ability to move forward. Embracing these decisions together will move us toward a thriving parish. All of us in our Area Catholic Community needs to play our role in this process.

There is a town hall meeting September 10<sup>th</sup>.

What will we gain? As everyone works together through this process; we build trust, resilience and hope. We thrive.

## Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is held at St. Mary's Church on Wednesdays from 9:30 am - 3:45 pm. Fr Leo will conduct the Chaplet of Mercy at 3:45 pm, followed by Benediction at 4:00 pm.

Adoration will also be held on Fridays after Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Thomas will be after Mass on Tuesday.

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Gall's will be after Mass on Thursday.

## Bishop's Annual Appeal:

*The diocese recognized the need to walk with individuals and their loved ones experiencing mental health challenges by providing spiritual support and accompaniment, practical resources and educational opportunities for mental health awareness. Our 11-member Mental Health Ministry Team is currently working to form a ministry of presence in the ACCs for those affected by mental illness. To learn more about mental health ministry, please use your smartphone or visit: <https://youtu.be/TDs-TL2FKGM>*

## Stewardship as a Way of Life:

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

One of the main principles of living a stewardship lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our "consumerist" culture that we live in. This is even difficult for many parish communities that have become heavily dependent on parish fundraising events to support the mission and ministry of their local parish. Generally speaking, at a parish fundraiser, you pay money and receive something in return, it's just a financial transaction. This is opposed to our parish offertory at Holy Mass, where you unite your sacrifice with Jesus', renewing our covenant relationship with Him.

## Reconciliation

Saturday in Breck: 4:00 - 4:30 pm  
Saturday in Tintah: 6:00 - 6:30 pm  
Sunday in Kent: 7:30 - 8:00 am  
Sunday in Breck: 9:30 - 10:00 am

or by Appointment  
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