



Disciples of the Mission

AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Church of St. Ann • Church of St. Edward • Church of St. William
Our Lady of the Lake • Our Lady of Seven Dolors • Sacred Heart • St. James

Welcome!

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CHURCHES

Church of St. Ann

402 Nelson Ave. PO Box 256
Brandon, MN 56315

Mass Times

Weekend: Sun. 8:30 am

Weekday: Thurs. 8:30 am

Church of St. Edward

201 Douglas Ave.
Henning, MN 56551

Mass Times

Weekend: Sat. 5:00 pm

Weekday: Fri. 8:30 am

Church of St. William

209 West Soo St. PO Box 339
Parkers Prairie, MN 56361

Mass Times

Weekend: Sat. 7:30 pm

Weekday: Fri. 7:30 am

Our Lady of the Lake

407 N. Lake Ave. PO Box 671
Battle Lake, MN 56515

Mass Times

Weekend: Sun. 10:30 am

Weekday: Thurs. 8:30 am

Our Lady of Seven Dolors

16921 Co Rd 7 NW.
Brandon, MN 56315
(Located in Millerville)

Mass Times

Weekend: Sat. 4:00 pm

Weekday: Wed. 8:00 am

Sacred Heart

60 N. Central Ave. PO Box 339
Parkers Prairie, MN 56361
(Located in Urbank)

Mass Times

Weekend: Sun. 10:30 am

Weekday: Tues. 8:30 am

St. James

32009 County Hwy 74
Underwood, MN 56586

Mass Times

Weekend: Sun. 8:30 am

Weekday: Wed. 9:00 am

Greetings,

Pope Francis recounted in one of his homilies an episode in the life of St. Philip Neri. "A woman went to confess, and she confessed of having gossiped". Then "the saint, who was cheerful, good, also generous, told her: 'Madam, as penance, before I give you absolution, go home, pick up a chicken, pluck the chicken, then go through the neighborhood and scatter the chicken feathers throughout the neighborhood, and then come back'. The next day, Francis continued, "the lady returned: 'I did it, Father, will you give me absolution?'". St Philip Neri responded eloquently: "No, there is something missing, Madam. Go throughout the neighborhood and pick up all the feathers", because "this is how gossip is: it sullies the other person". Indeed, the Pope added, "those who gossip, sully, destroy the reputation, destroy the life and often without reason, contrary to the truth".

The Apostle St. James, in the third chapter of his letter, says about the power of the tongue: "If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we also guide their whole bodies! Even a ship with a very small rudder can be steered". Can we not control our tongue? Because the tongue, St. James writes, "is a small member and yet has great pretensions" (James 3:3-5) and he describes how easy it is to fall into sinful speech: "Consider how a small fire can set a huge forest ablaze. The tongue is also a fire, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing" (James.3:6, 8-10).

When we detract from others in our speech, our malicious words are scattered abroad and cannot be gathered back. They continue to dishonor and divide many days, months, and years after we speak them as they linger in people's minds and pass from one tale-bearer to the next.

It doesn't take much to speak a rumor, and once we do, we can never completely undo the wrong. Pope Francis confirmed: the tongue "can destroy a family, a community, a society; by sowing hatred, war and envy".

We often do not realize the power of our words. Our words can be used to build up or to tear down. We can have a positive impact on other people's lives when we use our words for good. Conversation that focuses on what is good and honorable can edify other people's lives and help strengthen the community. "A good name is more desirable than great riches, and high esteem, than gold and silver". (Proverbs 22:1)

Have a Blessed Weekend

Fr. George



Sunday September 21, 2025 | Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tuesday, September 23rd:

8:30 am Sacred Heart, Urbank

†† Tony & Mary Suchy

Wednesday, September 24th:

8:00 am Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

Logan Allion

9:00 am St. James, Maine Twp.

† Lauretta Schneider

Thursday, September 25th:

8:30 am St. Ann, Brandon

†† Harry & Jarrett Davis

8:30 am Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake

Poor Souls in Purgatory

Friday, September 26th:

7:30 am St. William Living Center

† Ron Koep

8:30 am St. Edward, Henning

† Nell Bechtold

Saturday, September 27th:

4:00 pm Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

Mass for the People

5:00 pm St. Edward, Henning

† Fr. Al Holmes

7:30 pm St. William, Parkers Prairie

†† Gilbert & Marge Marso

Sunday, September 28th: 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 am St. Ann, Brandon

††† Leo, Helen & Patrick Klimek

8:30 am St. James, Maine Twp.

† Mary Kuehn

10:30 am Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake

Mass for the People

10:30 am Sacred Heart, Urbank

Mass for the People

CONFESSION

Tuesday:

9:00 am Sacred Heart, Urbank

6:30 pm Our Lady of the Lake Battle Lake

Wednesday:

7:00 am Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

8:00 am St. James, Maine

Thursday:

8:00 am Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake

9:00 am St. Ann, Brandon

Friday:

8:00 am St. Williams Living Center, Parkers Prairie

8:00 am St. Edward, Henning

Saturday:

3:00 pm Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

4:30 pm St. Edward, Henning

Sunday:

8:00 am St. James, Maine Twp.



ADORATION

Tuesday:

4:00 - 10:00 am Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

9:00 - 10:00 am Sacred Heart, Urbank

Wednesday:

7:00 - 7:45 am Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

8:00 - 9:00 am St. James, Maine Twp.

Thursday:

9:00 - 10:00 am St. Ann, Brandon

9:00 - 10:00 am Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake

Friday:

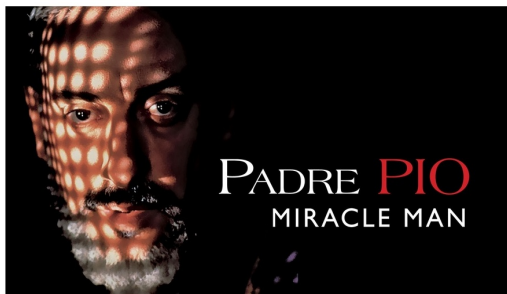
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9:00 - 10:00 am St. Edward, Henning



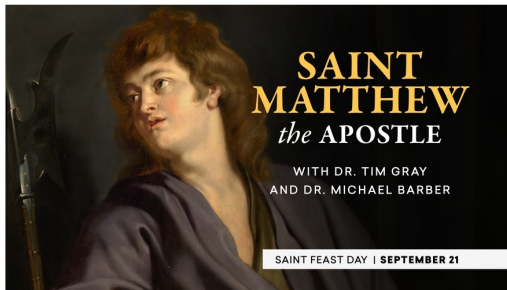
This Week on Formed

Week of September 21, 2025



Padre Pio: Miracle Man

This movie captures the Capuchin friar's intense faith, devotion, and deep spiritual concern for others, as well as his great compassion for the sick and suffering. It reveals the amazing details and events in Padre Pio's life as a boy and throughout his fifty years as a friar, dramatizing the frequent attacks from the devil, as well as the persecution he suffered at the hands of people, including those in the Church.



Saint Matthew | Catholic Saints

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. We are all familiar with the four Gospels, but what makes them stand out from the rest? Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber as they discuss St. Matthew, the great Apostle and evangelist.



Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Blessed with incredible spiritual gifts, including healing, bi-location, reading of souls, and the stigmatic wounds, Padre Pio was a powerful witness for Christ, and a great spiritual guide to countless souls for over fifty years.

Our parish has a Formed subscription.

DISCIPLES OF THE MISSION AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH FORMATION

OLSD, SA, SW, SH

Faith Formation grades 6-11, Sept. 24th at 6:45 pm at Our Lady of Seven Dolors or St. William. Optional meal starting at 6:15 pm

Pre-K/K Faith Formation Opportunity:

Our Lady of Seven Dolors is offering a Montessori-inspired method of faith formation called Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, open to children ages 3-6 in our ACC. CGS uses 1-on-1 presentations and hands-on materials to engage the child in a deeper understanding of both Liturgy (Mass) and Scripture. If interested or have questions, contact Sarah Schaffer at 701-403-3902 (call or text). Adult leaders/assistants are also needed, as well as people willing to make materials; contact Sarah.

SE

Classes begin on Sept. 24 at 6:00 pm.

SJ/OLL

Grades 6-12 Sep 24, 5:30pm meal, class 6-7:30.
Grades Pre-K - 5 Sunday School Sep 28, 9:15am.

ST. ANN

No news to share.

ST. WILLIAM

Wedding Banns I: Hannah Miller & Sam Needham.

OUR LADY OF SEVEN DOLORS

Inspiration Peak Post and Auxiliary #527 of Millerville will be serving their annual Meatball Dinner from 11 - 1 on Sunday, September 28 at the Millerville Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome.

SACRED HEART

Thank You from the Sacred Heart Bazaar Committee to everyone who made our annual bazaar a great success; without all of your help, the bazaar would not be possible.

The Fall Raffle/Bingo is on Nov. 23rd starts 1:30pm, please contact Gloria Bjerketvedt 320-766-6415 for donations for the bingo prizes. Please note that this is the Sunday before Thanksgiving

ST. JAMES

Are you looking for a special night out? Then please join us Saturday, October 25 after Mass for food and fun! All are Welcome.

ST. EDWARD

Welcome to Michael & Jane Heinks, who recently registered as new members of the St. Edward Parish Family. We look forward to celebrating the Holy Mass and all Sacraments of the Catholic Church with you.

Faith Formation is looking for teachers and substitute teachers.

Sunday morning Fellowship will begin on Sun., Oct. 12th (Our Annual New Parishioner Fellowship will be held on Sun., Oct. 5th). We are asking four families/singles to sign up to provide goodies, serve and cleanup for each Sunday in October, November and December. Check your calendars to see when it will work for you. Thank You

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

We are in need of Sunday School Catechists for 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades. Please contact Sheila Newark 218-405-0459 if you are interested in teaching.

We are also looking for someone to clean the restrooms. This is a paid position. Please call the office at 218-864-5619 if you are interested.

The Parish Service Group will be hosting Hospitality Sunday on Sept. 21st. They will be serving chili with toppings, cornbread muffins and root beer floats. Hotdogs and chips are also being served. Everyone is welcome.

Thinking about becoming Catholic? Contact the office at 218-864-5619 to sign up!

St. Edward, St. James and Our Lady of the Lake:

Beginning in October the Confession & Mass Schedule will change as follows:

Saturdays

Confessions at 3:30 PM St. James (note time change)

Mass at 4 PM St. James (note time change)

Sundays

Confessions at 7:30 AM St. Edward (note time change)

Mass at 8:00 AM St Edward (note time change)

Mass at 10:30 AM Our Lady of the Lake

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The 47th Annual Millerville Knights of Columbus Council Oktoberfest Sausage Dinner is coming up. This year the dinner will be held on Sunday, October 12, 2025 from 11 AM to 1 PM at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Urbank. The menu consists of Sausage, Kraut, Vegetables, Bread, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Dessert, and Beverage. Cost is \$12.00 for adults; children 6-12 \$6.00; and children 5 and under eat free. Max per family is \$36, bring all the kids! Come and enjoy a great meal with your family and friends. Proceeds from dinner support the charitable works of the Knights of Columbus.

The Northwestern DCCW

"The Northwestern Deanery Council of Catholic Women" invites you to their annual fall meeting: a baby shower for Lakes Area Pregnancy Support Center clients. The baby shower/meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 8 at Sacred Heart Catholic in Dent (36963 State Highway 108, Dent). Registration begins at 12:30 pm. \$10/person. Call or text Joy Stich 320.333.3303 or email secretary.nw.ccw@gmail.com for more information or to register by October 3. Please bring new baby items to be donated to LAPS."

DISCIPLES OF THE MISSION AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, February 11, 2026
7:00 - 9:00 PM
Wadena Memorial Auditorium
Wadena, MN 56482

REBOOT

A LIFE-CHANGING EVENT

This high-energy, 2-hour event with internationally acclaimed speaker **Chris Stefanick** will awaken your faith, reignite your joy, and equip you with tools to live the life God created you for: A life of JOY!

It will help you rediscover the JOY you were created for, and is perfect for everyone... even friends, family, and children (12+) who may not be actively practicing their faith.



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Daily Readings

Monday, September 22: Weekday

Ezra 1:1-6; Psalm 126:1-6; Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 23: St. Pio of Pietrelcina

Ezra 6:7-8, 12, 14-20; Psalm 122:1-5; Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 24: Weekday

Ezra 9:5-9; Tobit 13:2-4, 7-8; Luke 9:1-6

Thursday, September 25: Weekday

Haggai 1:1-8; Psalm 149:1-6, 9; Luke 9:7-9

Friday, September 26: Sts. Cosmas & Damian

Haggai 2:1-9; Psalm 43:1-4; Luke 9:18-22

Saturday, September 27: St. Vincent de Paul

Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15; Jeremiah 31:10-13; Luke 9:43-45

Sunday, September 28: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 6:1, 4-7; Psalm 146:7-10; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31



2025 Box of Joy Kickoff:

Box of Joy® gifts are Christmas gifts sent to children in developing countries like Haiti, Malawi and the Dominican Republic. Filled with toys, clothing, school supplies, a rosary and *The Story of Jesus*, these gifts represent Christ's love. Your donation will demonstrate Christ's compassion to a child who may have never before received a Christmas gift. Help us bring a small bit of Christ's joy to them by participating in the Box of Joy program. It may seem early to start this now, but it takes a few months to get

the shopping done, boxes filled and turned in, and then shipped to children in economically deprived countries. Think of those children – eyes aglow as they open their Christmas gifts. If you have questions or do not see materials at your parish, please contact your local Box of Joy leader. You can visit boxofjoy.org for more information. Our goal for the seven ACC's in the Northwestern Deanery is to fill 1000 boxes by the end of October! *Sponsored by the NW Deanery Council of Catholic Women.*

Disciples of the Mission ACC:

- Bonnie Jennen, bonniejennen@gmail.com, 218-205-6730 (Henning, Battle Lake & Maine)
- Sheri Streasick, slstreasick@gmail.com, 320-805-0010 (Urbank, Parkers Prairie, Brandon & Millerville)

PRAYER LIST

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Therese Peterson, Anthony Reineke, Nancy Haggenmiller, Elliot Boesl, Mike Otto, Patrick Davis, Savanna Shepard, Bob Pietrowski, Eric Volker, Steve Schabel, Mark Streasick, Bernie Koep, Maureen Vogel, Paul Suchy, Joan Koep, Al Retka, Mary Ann Kuhn, JoAnn Volker, Brian Volker, Ron Christianson, Patty Kenaley, David Burgoyne, Joe Hellerman, Laura Lowe, Patsy Shea, Nancy Benzinger, Stacy Livingston, Joann Bauer, Clarence Otto, Dacia Teberg, Matthew Haugh, Kathy Stratton, Angela Gilles

Have a prayer request? Please call or email the Parish Office. Names will only be published in the bulletin for parish prayers with permission from an immediate family member or from the person we are praying for. Their name will stay on for one month, unless you contact your parish secretary to keep them on.

Please Pray for a Priest, Seminarian & Deacon each day in September

- 21-Rev. Jean Claude Duncan
Dcn. Randolph Bayerl
- 22-Sem. Tobias Ellis
Dcn. Peter Bellavance
- 23-Rev. Marvin Enneking
Dcn. Michael Benda
- 24-Rev. Jeffrey Ethen
Dcn. Bertrum Bliss
- 25-Rev. Paul Folsom
Dcn. Charles Bobertz
- 26-Rev. Isaiah Frederick, OSB
Dcn. Jorge Carrillo Ambriz
- 27-Rev. Timothy Gapinski
Dcn. Vincent Charles



September

- 20-DCCW Fall Conference 9:00-2:30 pm St. Benedict Church, Avon MN
- 22-Mass at 6:00 pm at Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville
- 24- OLSD, SA, SW, SH 6th-11th Class night at SW or OLSD site
- 24- OLSD, SA, SW, SH 2nd grade 1st Reconciliation prep class SW or OLSD site
- 24-Faith Formation Class for K – 12th Grade at 6 PM, St. Edward Parish
- 28-Inspiration Peak Post and Auxiliary #527, Annual Meatball Dinner from 11 - 1, Our Lady of Seven Dolors Parish Hall, Millerville

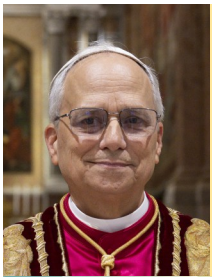
October

- 8-NW DCCW Meeting the Lakes Area Pregnancy Support (LAPS)
Center baby shower at 12:30pm at Sacred Heart in Dent.
- 9-Finance Council Meeting 6:00 pm, Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake
Parish Life Committee Meeting 7:00 pm, Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake
- 11-Millions of Monicas Prayer Group from 8:00-9:00 am, Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville
- 16-Finance Council Meeting 6:00 pm, St. Edward, Henning
Parish Life Committee Meeting 7:00 pm, St. Edward, Henning
- 20-Sacred Heart Finance Council at 7:00 pm at St. William, Parkers Prairie
- 20-St. William Finance Council at 8:15 pm at St. William, Parkers Prairie
- 21-St. Ann Finance Council at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of Seven Dolors Office, Millerville
- 21-Our Lady of Seven Dolors Finance Council at 8:15 pm at Our Lady of Seven Dolors Office, Millerville
- 23-Finance Council Meeting 6:00 pm, St. James, Maine Twp
Parish Life Committee Meeting 7:00 pm, St. James, Maine Twp



Financials *Thank you*

	9/7/25	Weekly Budget
Our Lady of the Lake	\$3,801.56	\$4,410.00
St. James	\$2,244.00	\$1,725.00
St. Edward	\$2,160.25	\$2,997.00
St. Ann	\$3,996.52	\$2,879.00
Seven Dolors	\$2,500.10	\$3,406.00
St. William	\$2,772.42	\$2,868.00
Sacred Heart	\$1,394.50	\$2,399.00



Pope Leo September Intention:

For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

THANK YOU

T O U R A D V E R T I S E R S

A Vocation View:

You cannot serve two masters.
Whom do you choose to follow?
You have to make a choice.
(Luke 16:1-13)

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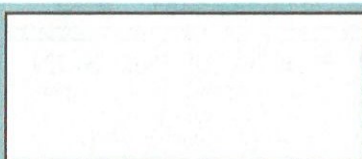
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To install the My Parish app on your cell phone.

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6. You are in!



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