

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

Greetings,

Welcome! CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CHURCHES

Church of St. Ann 402 Nelson Ave. PO Box 256 Brandon, MN 56315 Mass Times Weekend: Sun. 10:30 am Weekday: Thurs. 8:30 am

Church of St. Edward 201 Douglas Ave. Henning, MN 56551 Mass Times Weekend: Sun. 8:30 am Weekday: Fri. 8:30 am

Church of St. William 209 West Soo St. PO Box 339 Parkers Prairie, MN 56361 Mass Times Weekend: Sat. 4:00 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. 7:30 pm Weekday: Wed. 8:30 am

Sacred Heart 60 N. Central Ave. PO Box 339 Parkers Prairie, MN 56361 (Located in Urbank) Mass Times Weekend: Sun. 8:30 am Weekday: Tues. 8:30 am

St. James 32009 County Hwy 74 Underwood, MN 56586 Mass Times Weekend: Sat. 5:00 pm Weekday: Wed. 9:00 am "Even now says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart. Rend your hearts and not your garments, return to the Lord, your God" (Joel 2:13). With these penetrating words of the Prophet Joel, we began the gracious season of <u>Lent</u>. The prophetic appeal challenges all of us without exception, that conversion is not to be reduced to outward forms but engages and transforms one's entire existence. We are invited to open our eyes and ears, but especially to open our hearts. What counts is not appearances; but what we have inside us.



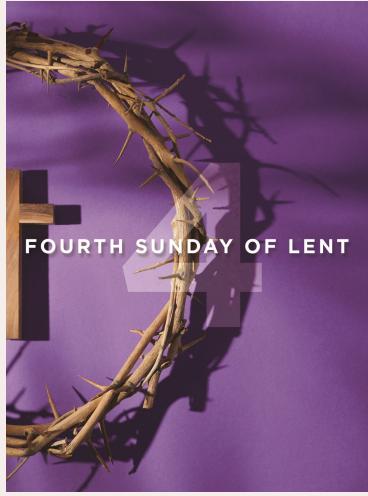
The exhortation which the Lord addresses to us through the prophet Joel is strong and clear: "Return to me with all your heart" (Joel 2:12). Why must we return to God? Because something is not right in us, not right in society, in the Church and we need to change, to give it a new direction.

And this is called needing to convert! Once again Lent comes to remind us that it is possible to create something new within ourselves because God is faithful, always faithful, he continues to be rich in goodness and mercy, and he is always ready to forgive and start afresh.

The Church has designated seven psalms: 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, and 143 as "penitential," that is, appropriate for praver during a time of personal or communal repentance. These psalms take the form of laments because their subject is lamenting over sin and the problems that arise for the sinner. Prayerfully reciting these psalms will help us to acknowledge our sinfulness, express our sorrow and ask for God's forgiveness. "Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord!" (Ps 119:1).

Have a Blessed Weekend.

Fr. George



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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tuesday, April 1st: 8:30 am Sacred Heart, Urbank Living and deceased members of Christian Mothers Wednesday, April 2nd: 8:30 am Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville [†] Corine Thoennes 9:00 am St. James, Maine Twp. †† Ervin & Camille Rocholl Thursday, April 3rd: 8:30 am St. Ann, Brandon Special Intention 8:30 am Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake † Alan McDougall Friday, April 4th: 7:30 am St. William Living Center, Parkers Prairie [†] Pete Kamphake 8:30 am St. Edward, Henning † Karen Daniels Saturday, April 5th: † Scott Steidl 4:00 pm St. William, Parkers Prairie 5:00 pm St. James, Maine Twp. Mass for the People 7:30 pm Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville Mass for the People Sunday, April 6th: Fifth Sunday of Lent 8:30 am Sacred Heart, Urbank ^{††} Ray & Sally Debilzen 8:30 am St. Edward, Henning † Benard Vogel 10:30 am Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake †† Bernard & Rosella Nordick †† Don & Millie Bitzan 10:30 am St. Ann, Brandon

2:00 pm Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake **Confirmation Candidates**

CONFESSION

Sunday, April 6th: Confirmation Mass

Tuesday:	9:00 am Sacred Heart, Urbank 6:30 pm Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake
Wednesday:	8:00 am St. James, Maine Twp. 9:00 am Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville
Thursday:	8:00 am Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake 9:00 am St. Ann, Brandon
Friday:	8:00 am St. Edward, Henning 8:00 am St. Williams Living Center, Parkers Prairie
Saturday:	3:00 pm St. William, Parkers Prairie 4:30 pm St. James, Maine Twp.
Sunday:	8:00 am St. Edward, Henning

ADORATION

Tuesday:	9:00 - 10:00 am Sacred Heart, Urbank	
Wednesday:	8:00 - 9:00 am St. James, Maine Twp.	ma wer
-	9:00 - 10:00 am Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville	1
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-	5:00 pm –10:00 am Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake	State a comparison of the
Friday:	8:00 - 9:00 am St. Williams Living Center, Parkers Pra	airie
-	9:00 - 10:00 am St. Edward, Henning	

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesday:	9:30 am St. James, Maine Twp.	-
	7:00 pm Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake	
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Friday:	9:00 am St. Edward, Henning	~
-	7:00 pm Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville	
Sunday:	9:30 am Sacred Heart, Urbank	
-	9:30 am St. Edward, Henning (Children's Stations	;)
	11:30 am St. Ann, Brandon	





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Bulletin Deadline - Tuesday 11 am

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading:

While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover.

Psalm:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading:

And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Gospel:

"But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."

Gospels Meditation:

A man looking a bit downtrodden approached me as I filled my car's gas tank. He asked, "May I share with you my testimony about how good God is?" "OK," I skeptically answered. He went on to tell me that he had been an alcoholic and drug addict, and that God had healed him; now he was four years sober. He said, "I didn't deserve it, but now I'm a different person. God is so good! Have a terrific Tuesday!" A few minutes later, as I drove away, I saw him smiling and handing a home-less person some money. I was confronted with a choice: either he was a total fraud or God had changed him. *Something* had happened to him, and it didn't seem fake. Maybe it was God.

When Jesus heals the man born blind, the man becomes a challenge to everyone who meets him. They must decide. Is he the same blind person who they knew before? Who healed him and how? And what is the status of the one who can heal such infirmities? We shouldn't be surprised at the storm of doubt, hatred and animosity that swirls around the healed man — so it often goes when Jesus heals someone even to this day.

Like we often do, the religious leaders confronting the healed man declare that God is not at work. They ask with mocking superiority and dismissive disdain, **"You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?"** (John 9:34). And they cast him out. When Jesus clearly works in our lives, in us or around us, we should accept it, and give praise and thanks for this wonderful manifestation of his goodness.

— Father John Muir

Daily Readings

Monday, March 31: *Lenten Weekday* Isaiah 65:17-21; Psalm 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; John 4:43-54

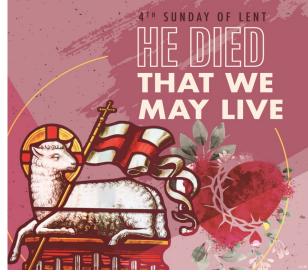
Tuesday, April 1: *Lenten Weekday* Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; John 5:1-16

Wednesday, April 2: *St. Francis of Paola* Isaiah 49:8-15; Psalm 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18; John 5:17-30

Thursday, April 3: *Lenten Weekday* Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 106:19-23; John 5:31-47 **Friday, April 4:** *St. Isidore of Seville* Wisdom 2:1, 12-22; Psalm 34:17-21, 23; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, April 5: *St. Vincent Ferrer* Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 7:2-3, 9-12; John 7:40-53

Sunday, April 6: *Fifth Sunday of Lent* Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126:1-6; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11



Lent and New Life in Christ: The Gift of Grace and Almsgiving

Dr. Michael Barber

Forming Catholics for *Life*. Lent and New Life in Christ: The Gift of Grace

What is the importance of almsgiving? Dr. Michael Barber discusses the transformative power of almsgiving for your life.



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DISCIPLES OF THE MISSION AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH FORMATION

Please keep in your prayers all those preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, April 6. Also pray for the OCIA candidates.

SW, SH, SD, SA: Classes on Apr 2 at 6:45 pm with optional meal at 6:15 pm.

SE: Class Apr 2 at 6:00–7:15 pm for K-12 grade students.

OLL: Edge/Life Teen Apr 2, 5:30 pm meal, class 6-7:30. Sunday School Apr 6, 9:15-10:15 am.

SJ: Class Apr 5, 6:15-7:30 pm following the 5pm Mass.

ST. ANN

If you would like to order flowers for the Easter Season to decorate our worship space, there are order forms in the church entrance.

ST. WILLIAM

Thank you to all who brought salads or bars to the funerals. Please pick up your pans and bowls in the entrance of the church.

OUR LADY OF SEVEN DOLORS

Potato Pancake & Sausage Supper: The Leaf Valley Fire Department is having a Potato Pancake & Sausage Supper on Sat April 5 from 4-8 pm at the Leaf Valley Townhall.

SACRED HEART

Annual Fish Fry Supper will be on Friday Apr 4. There is a signup sheet in back of Church. Please plan on helping out to make it another successful Fish Fry.

ST. EDWARD

Mark your calendars for our 29th Annual Lakes Area Fish Fry Suppers which will be held on the following Friday during Lent ...April 11.

The Lenten Fish Fry Workers' Schedule is available for volunteers to sign up. The sheet is located next to the Parish Office. Let this Annual Lakes Area Lenten Fish Fry be as successful as the past 28 have been. Thank you for volunteering.

ST. JAMES

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, St. James Circle 3 will have a box in the church front entry for non-perishable food items and envelopes for monetary donations (which will have matching funds in March) for the Battle Lake Food Shelf. Circle 3 will collect non-perishable items and monetary donations through March so all donations should be in by March 30, 2025. Final delivery will be made to the Food Shelf Monday, March 31, 2025. Let this be a Lenten experience to help ease hunger in our community.

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

Mark your calendars: The Parish Life Committee will be serving a Belgian Waffle Breakfast after Mass on Palm Sunday, April 13th.

The first Parish Service Group meeting of 2025 will be Wednesday, April 2nd at 10:30 am. Group 4 will be serving. All are welcome.

If you would like to offer a donation for our Easter Flowers, there are envelopes in the pews. Thank you.

During the Thursdays of Lent, the Rosary will be prayed beginning at 8:05 am, prior to the morning Mass.

Stay after Mass during Lent for a meal and a 25 minute video on the Person of the Holy Spirit. Grow closer to the Person of the Holy Spirit and learn how to sense the presence of the Spirit in your life. Videos are led by Fr Dave Pivonka, President of Franciscan University, Steubenville. Bring your family! Stay for the meal, watch the video and leave when you need to. All are welcome!

ANN'S HOUSE-BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to learn about God's plan of Salvation History, and how the Old Testament prophesies are fulfilled in the New Testament through Jesus Christ in the Gospel of Matthew. Join us on **Monday mornings, at 10:30 am at Ann's House in Brandon to begin this journey of discovery!** Each session will last about 1½ hours and we will conclude with a light lunch. Please call 320-766-5312 to register & inform us of any food allergies.

24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration for the week of April 6th-12th

Join with all 7 parishes of our ACC as we each host a 24-hour day of Adoration for the week before Holy Week! Look for a sign-up sheet in the back of each church to choose your hour of preference. Spend an hour with our Lord, looking at him, as he looks lovingly at you! Each day starts at 9 or 9:30 a.m. and ending 24 hours later at 9 or 9:30 a.m. at each church. Check the sign-up sheet for exact details.

Sunday: St. Edward Monday: St. James Tuesday: Sacred Heart Wednesday: Seven Dolors Thursday: Our Lady of the Lake, and St Ann Friday: St. William

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The local Knights of Columbus Chesterton Council meets every second Tuesday of the month at Our Lady of Seven Dolors church, in Millerville. The rosary is said at 7:00 pm in the church with the meeting held at 7:30 pm in the basement.

DISCIPLES OF THE MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

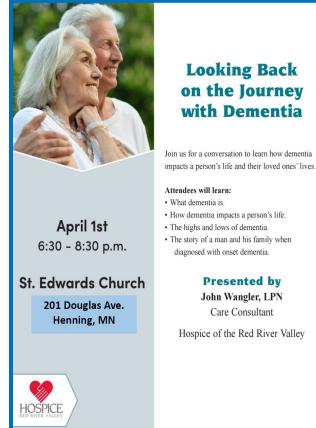
2025 March FoodShare Campaign:

The 2025 campaign begins March 1st and ends April 6th. Feeding America reports that over 537,000 Minnesotans are dealing with food insecurity, 34% of those are under the age of 18. As grocery prices rise and funding for food programs decrease, the number of people visiting food shelves for emergency assistance is on the rise. Food shelf visits have increased by 150% over the last 5 years. Food shelves in our area need your support. Please donate non-perishable food items including: Spaghetti sauce and noodles, sugar, flour, oil, baked beans, rice, canned fruits, vegetable or meat. Collection baskets are in church entries, or you can send a financial donation to your local food shelf. Financial donations go further due to access to food banks and discount purchasing programs, allowing Food shelves to purchase items most needed in their community. The Outreach Food Shelf in Alexandria supports all of Douglas County (1205 Lake Street, Alexandria, MN 56308). Otter Tail has several food shelves (Parkers Prairie, Henning, Battle Lake). God bless you for feeding his hungry children!!

All are invited to participate in the **Diocesan Chrism Mass** being celebrated Thursday, April 10 at 7pm at the Cathedral in St. Cloud.

Tenebrae - A Tradition at St. Mary's Cathedral

Everyone is welcome at St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud on Good Friday evening, April 18, at 8:00 pm for Tenebrae, which is Latin for shadows or darkness. At this event, participants will experience the gradual extinction of all lights in the church, symbolizing the temporary triumph of the prince of darkness over the Light of the World, and loud noises created at the end of the service by the assembly and ministers, suggesting the earthquake described in the Passion Narratives. This is a family event and all are welcome.



Online Registration:



https://bit.ly/ReviveApril2025

or use the QR code



SOCIAL: 6:30-7 PM EVENT: 7:00-8:00 PM PRAYER HOUR: 8:00—9:00 PM

Revive ~ Women's night out ~ Thursday, April 3rd~ starts at 6:30 pm

Guest Speaker Peggy Rezac "Forgiveness, The Gateway to Healing and Peace

Please join us for this women's faith night at **St Elizabeth, Brenny Hall** ~ All women are invited!

The night consists of fellowship with wine/refreshments, chocolates, guest speaker-Angie Polejewski, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, prayer teams as well as personal prayer time. As women, we give so much to everyone and everything – take this time to *REVIVE* <u>YOUR</u> soul to be able to give to others! This is a FREE will offering event. Invite a friend!

Psalm 19:7 "The law of the Lord is perfect, *REVIVING* the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple"

CALLED GIFTED DISCOVER GOD'S CALLEOR YOUR LIFE

Called and Gifted is **designed** to help Christians discern the presence of charisms in their lives. Charisms, or spiritual gifts, are special abilities given to all Christians by the Holy Spirit to give them power both to represent Christ and to be a channel of God's goodness for people. If you would like to discover God's mission for your life, join us at St. Edward in Henning on Monday, March 31 & Monday, April 7. Supper at 5:30 pm. Class from 6:00-8:30 pm. If interested please call. Contact: Darby Bradley— 320-339 -0686 or Rose Suchy—320-766-5312

PRAYER LIST

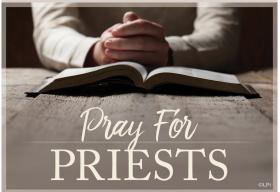
Please remember the following in your prayers:

Mike Wardlow, Paul Suchy. Joan Koep, Steve Hendricks, Patrick Davis, Al Retka, Sarah Wagner, Mary Ann Kuhn, Pat Kirscht, JoAnn Volker, Anne Koep, Fr. Jeff Ethen, Kathy Pauls, Brian Volker, Josh Reger, Ron Christianson, Chris Arndt, Mark Thoennes, Deb Perreault, Savanna Shepard, Patty Kenaley, David Burgoyne, Joe Hellerman, Laura Lowe, Patsy Shea, Grace Abrahamson, Nancy Benzinger, Rose Mary Peterson, Stacy Livingston, Regina Fogard, Joann Bauer, Clarence Otto, Dacia Teberg, Matthew Haugh, Don Maslow, Kathy Stratton, Angela Gilles, Therese Peterson

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.

<u>Please Pray for a Priest, Seminarian &</u> <u>Deacon each day in March/April</u>

- 30-Rev. Leo Moenkedick Dcn. Carl Nord
- 31-Rev. David Belland Dcn. Roger Osborne
 - 1-Rev. Donald Wagner Dcn. Stephan Pareja
- 2-Rev. Thomas Knoblach Dcn. Anthony Pasko
- 3-Rev. Jeffrey Ethen Dcn. Carlos Pesqueda Silva
- 4-Rev. Joseph Vandeberg Dcn. Dean Pawlowski
- 5–Rev. Mark Stang Dcn. Richard Quistorff



Calendar of Events

March

31-Called & Gifted 5:30 pm, St. Edward, Henning

April

- 3–Finance Council Meeting 6:00 pm, St. Edward, Henning Parish Life Meeting 7:00 pm, St. Edward, Henning
- 4-Sacred Heart Fish Fry from 5-7pm, Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Urbank
- 6-Confirmation at 2:00 pm Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake
- 7-Called & Gifted 5:30 pm, St. Edward, Henning
- 7-Finance Council Meeting 6:00 pm Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake Parish Life Meeting 7:00 pm Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake
- 11-Fish Fry Supper 5-7 pm, St. Edward, Henning
- 13-KC Palm Sunday Breakfast from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm, Seven Dolors Parish Hall, Millerville
- 13-Belgian Waffle Breakfast after Mass, Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake

Holy Week Mass Schedule

17-Holy Thursday

7:00 pm St. James, Maine Twp.

7:00 pm Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville **Incense will be used**

18-Good Friday

- 12:00 pm St. Edwards, Henning
- 3:00 pm Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville
- 3:00 pm Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake
- 6:00 pm St. William, Parkers Prairie

19-Holy Saturday

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

- 9:00 pm Sacred Heart, Urbank **Incense will be used**
- 20-Easter Sunday
 - 7:00 am St. Ann, Brandon
 - 8:00 am St. Edward, Henning
 - 8:30 am Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville
 - 10:30 am St. William, Parkers Prairie
 - 10:30 am St. James, Maine Twp.
- 24- Finance Council Meeting 6:00 pm, St. James, Maine Twp. Parish Life Meeting 7:00 pm, St. James, Maine Twp.
- 28-Finance Council Meeting Our Lady of Seven Dolors at 7:00 pm at St. Ann, Brandon

28-Finance Council Meeting St. Ann at 8:15 pm at St. Ann, Brandon 29-Finance Council Meeting St. William at 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart 29-Finance Council Meeting Sacred Heart at 8:15 pm at Sacred Heart

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Pope Francis April Intention: For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

A Vocation View:

God welcomes us home with extravagant love. Let the call to holiness draw you home into a deeper relationship with God. (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

BAPTISM

Parents are required to attend a Baptism Class before their first child is Baptized.

St Ann, Seven Dolors, Sacred Heart, St William: Contact Rose at least 2 months in advance to schedule a baptism.

WEDDING

Contact Fr. George or Fr. Theis at least 6 months before the wedding.

RCIA

Please contact Fr. George or Fr. Theis if interested in becoming Catholic.







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