



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 Dolores • Sacred Heart • St. James

Welcome!

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CHURCHES

Church of St. Ann

402 Nelson Ave. PO Box 256
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Mass Times

Weekend: Sun. 10:30 am

Weekday: Thurs. 8:30 am

Church of St. Edward

201 Douglas Ave.
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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 Dolores

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

Greetings,

We have just celebrated a whirlwind of emotions in the past week of Sacred Liturgies. Palm Sunday we celebrated the coming of Jesus as king into Jerusalem, but not in a way that the Jewish people could have anticipated. Rather than a political savior coming to claim victory over the Roman occupiers, Jesus came to claim victory over sin and death. Within that very Mass we heard the Passion read at the Gospel which immediately turned our hearts and minds to Jesus' ultimate sacrifice for all of humanity. On Thursday we received a brief respite between the two separate readings of the Passion of Jesus Christ. Holy Thursday brings us to the Last Supper and the institution of the priesthood as well as the institution of the Eucharist (the first Mass). These infinitely amazing gifts given to us are oftentimes overshadowed by the events of Good Friday and Easter Vigil/Sunday when Jesus suffered and died for us...to break the bonds of sin and death, and when He rose from the dead to open the gates of Heaven for all of humanity. He did all of this because He loves us...He loves you!! He does not cease to pour His love and mercy upon us if we seek Him.

A wonderful example of this is the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday (Second Sunday of Easter) next weekend. I am writing this a week ahead so that those who wish may be prepared to receive the great gift offered as part of Divine Mercy Sunday.

A plenary indulgence can be obtained by going to a church on Divine Mercy Sunday "in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin," and participating in the prayers held in honor of Divine Mercy.

Those practices could consist of devotions such as the divine mercy chaplet, Eucharistic adoration, and the Sacrament of Confession.

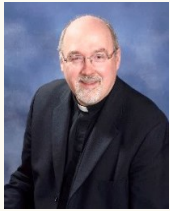
The faithful could also visit the Blessed Sacrament either exposed or in the tabernacle and recite the Our Father, the Nicene Creed, and a devout prayer to Christ. The example of a devout prayer that is given in the decree is "Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!"

In order to receive the indulgence, the three usual conditions of going to confession, receiving Holy Communion, and praying for the intentions of the Holy Father must also be met. While it is appropriate that the two sacraments be received on the same day, the Church permits them to be received up to about 20 days before or after the day the indulgenced work is performed. (Catholic News Agency, 2023)

Happy Easter to all you!

God bless,

Fr Theis



SUNDAY MARCH 31, 2024 | EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tuesday, April 2nd:

8:30 am Sacred Heart, Urbank †† Tony & Mary Suchy

Wednesday, April 3rd:

8:30 am Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville † Rollie Block
NO MASS St. James, Maine Twp.

Thursday, April 4th:

8:30 am St. Ann Brandon † Ed Silbernack
NO MASS Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake

Friday, April 5th:

7:30 am St. William, Parkers Prairie † Patricia McMahon
NO MASS St. Edward, Henning

Saturday, April 6th:

4:00 pm St. William, Parkers Prairie † Seth Kellen
5:00 pm St. James, Maine Twp. † Terry Kambel
7:30 pm Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville People of the Parishes

Sunday, April 7th: Second Sunday of Easter

8:30 am Sacred Heart, Urbank †† Arthur & Justine Thoennes
8:30 am St. Edward, Henning People of the Parishes
10:30 am Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake † Brad Petersen
10:30 am St. Ann, Brandon † Bill Otto

CONFESSION

Tuesday: 9:00 am Sacred Heart, Urbank
Wednesday: 9:00 am Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville
Thursday: 9:00 am St. Ann, Brandon
Friday: 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: 9:00 - 10:00 am Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville
Thursday: 9:00 - 10:00 am St. Ann, Brandon
Friday: 8:00 - 9:00 am St. Williams Living Center, Parkers Prairie



EASTER SUNDAY'S READINGS:

First Reading:

This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

Or:

Clear out the old yeast, so that you may become a fresh batch of dough, inasmuch as you are unleavened.

Gospel:

For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

Gospel Meditation:

Outside Chicago, there is a small cemetery in the woods behind Mundelein Seminary, where I was a student. One night I was exploring it. I looked up and was shocked to see an imposing seventeen-foot angel towering over me and preparing to blow a trumpet. Adrenaline rushed through me. I gasped and uttered, "Oh my!" Quickly I realized it was in fact a massive bronze statue. I tried to calm myself down. But it still freaked me out.

As we begin to celebrate Easter today, this image might seem a bit unnerving. But please recall that for the first disciples on the morning of the resurrection, it was precisely that. It wasn't joyful at first, it was terrifying. It wasn't peaceful, it was unsettling. In that Jerusalem cemetery, something otherworldly had happened. Angels announced that he was no longer dead, but alive. They had blown their trumpets, so to speak, and Jesus had risen. Soon the disciples' shock in that dark cemetery would turn into joy.

We all have our own places of the dead, too, don't we? Deceased loved ones. Our tired patterns of blame. Relationships stuck in resentment. Indifference to the poor. Lost dreams. Despair about our future. Fear of sickness and death. These are our "cemeteries" where we don't expect much to happen. Today we enter — if we dare — those places with the disciples. See the mighty angel standing there, trumpet ready to blare!

— Father John Muir



Daily Readings

Monday, April 1: *Monday within the Octave of Easter*

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Psalm 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11;
Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 2: *Tuesday of Holy Week*

Acts 2:36-41; Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 & 22; John 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 3: *Wednesday within the Octave of Easter*

Acts 3:1-10; Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Luke 24:13-35

Thursday, April 4: *Thursday within the Octave of Easter*

Acts 3:11-26; Psalm 8:2ab & 5, 6-7, 8-9; Luke 24:35-48

Friday, April 5: *Friday within the Octave of Easter*

Acts 4:1-12; Psalm 118:1-2, & 4, 22-24, 25-27a; John 21:1-14

Saturday, April 6: *Saturday within the Octave of Easter*

Acts 4:13-21; Psalm 118:1 & 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21;

Mark 16:9-15

Sunday, April 7: *Divine Mercy Sunday*

Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 John 20:19-31

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

A Happy Ending Isn't the Whole Story

"Is there a happy ending?"

When my kids were young, we never made it past the first whiff of any narrative tension before I got this question. As soon as whatever princess or furry woodland animal who was the hero of the story got into any small scrape, they wanted that reassurance, "Is there a happy ending?"

I can't say I blame them. Don't we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation, and we just want to protect ourselves. We want to know it's not going to go badly — or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It's a human instinct, a reflex. Our inclination to protect ourselves makes it so that we sometimes want to press fast-forward on the bad stuff and skip straight ahead to the happily-ever-after.

Easter is the ultimate happy ending. It's the day of miracles. The day when all the stones roll away and all the sins are forgiven. It's the day that puts everything right.

But if we learned anything from this week — from the Passion and death of the Lord — it's that we can't press fast-forward on the hardships of life. That tension, that loss, that fear — it's crucial, isn't it? As Catholics, we are who we are because of Easter. But Easter doesn't happen without Good Friday.

So, does the story of salvation have a happy ending? We know it does. But we also remember that the ending isn't all that matters.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

DISCIPLES OF THE MISSION AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Father LeRoy will be on vacation from April 1-5.

FAITH FORMATION

Sacred Heart, St William, St Ann, Our Lady of Seven Dolors: Class on Apr 3 at 6:45 pm with optional meal starting at 6:15 pm

St James: Class on Sat, Apr 6 after the 5:00 pm Mass and Potluck.

St Edward: Class on Apr 3 starting at 6:00 pm

Our Lady of the Lake: Edge/Life Teen Apr 3, 5:30 pm meal, class 6-7:30. Sunday School Apr 7 9:15-10:15 am.

SAVE THE DATE: Totus Tuus will be held from July 28-Aug 2 at St. Edwards. Any families who would like their children to attend Totus Tuus, but transportation is an obstacle may contact Darby Bradley - 320-339-0686 or



Rose Suchy - 320-766-5312.

SW, SH, SD, SA 9-11th grade students had an amazing opportunity to see Jason Evert's double feature called Purified and Gender and the Theology of the Body March 13th, in Staples. He spoke with truth, knowledge and laughter, too. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus, Sacred heart Christian Mothers and Catholic United Financial for their contribution to help us go. Also, a thank you to Jacki Suchy for prepping so many lunch bags!

YOUTH GROUP

Any Youth Group members interested in going to the Star of the North Eucharistic Congress on May 18th. Please contact Amy.

ST. ANN

16 Pounds of food and \$100.00 was donated to the Alexandria Food Shelf.

ST. WILLIAM

Welcome to Mary Ruckheim and her daughter Rochelle, who recently registered as new members of the St. William Parish Family. We look forward to celebrating the Holy Mass and all Sacraments of the Catholic Church with you.

OUR LADY OF SEVEN DOLORS

Help Needed: we are in need of 4 couples to volunteer to chair the bazaar plus one single person. Get your friends and family to join you!! Please contact the office.

SACRED HEART

Please pick up the updated Parish Calling List in the back of church.

We are in need of some Mass Intentions. Please contact Laura at 218-338-2761.

ST. EDWARD

Our Nation, our State and our Church are in need of prayers; we will be meeting on Saturday mornings from 9:00-10:00 am in the sanctuary to pray the Rosary and finish with some silent praying in front of the tabernacle. We plan to continue at least through the November election. No one is expected to make it every Saturday. Just come when you can. If you are unable to come, please join us in prayer at home during this time. *"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."* Matthew 20:18.

ST. JAMES

Circle 3 will have a food container for the Food Shelf.

Divine Mercy Sunday is April 7. Novena pamphlets can be found in St. James entry space.

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

Thank you to everyone who participated in the CRS Rice Bowl project. Boxes can be turned in to the parish office or the collection basket in the gathering space.

The first Parish Service Group Meeting of 2024 will be Wednesday, April 3, at 10:30 am. Everyone is welcome.

"Letter To The American Church" Movie Sunday, April 7th 12-1:30 p.m. in St Joseph's Hall

Food will be served after Mass. All are welcome!

Eric Metaxas delivers a call to the Body of Christ to be modern day "Bonhoeffers". This movie is a wake up call to the church as Marxist doctrine is explained, & examples of tactics used to manipulate all into compliance with it are shown from past history. The movie gives practical examples on how to take action and turn our country back to freedom, liberty, and ultimately, God Himself.

ST. JAMES & OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

For our first Marian project before spring planting, we will be clearing out the buckthorn in the woods along the Stations of the Cross that lead to Pickeral Lake at St. James. Buckthorn reminds us of the Crown of Thorns that our Lord had placed on his head. Lent is a time to join our suffering with the Lord's. Look for more information to come. All are welcome.

DISCIPLES OF THE MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

DISCIPLES OF THE MISSION ACC

Join Us for a Disciples of the Mission ACC trip to the Star of The North Eucharistic Congress

Join us for a Disciples of the Mission trip to the Star of The North Eucharistic Congress in Bemidji, MN. The Congress will be held May 17 and 18 and it precedes the May 19 commencement of the Marian Route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage at the headwaters of the great Mississippi River in Lake Itasca State Park. Attend all three days or join the Disciples of The Mission Area Catholic Community bus trip on Saturday, May 18 for Saturday only. Depart at approximately 6:30 am; return by approximately 7:00 pm. Cost for the event is \$40/adult; \$30/7 thru 17 years; Free/6 and under. This is per person and includes the bus ride on May 18 if you decide to attend for that day only. Lodging and transportation are on your own if you choose to attend the entire weekend. Please contact Jackie Caron at 320-808-4208 or caronbj@gctel.com or Amy Evjen 320-304-4127 at amyreligiously@gmail.com with questions or to register.

The St. Mary's Mission Group to Red Lake have spoken at three parishes in our ACC. They are looking for volunteers to join them on their trip June 17-21. The cost for the trip is \$50. Scholarships are available! Anyone 18 or older by trip date will need to complete free Safe Environment training and background checks for the dioceses of St. Cloud and Crookston. There may be an opportunity for a separate trip from July 29 - Aug 2. If you are interested in either opportunity or would like more information about Red Lake, please contact Ian Froslee - 210-608-2980 (ianfroslee@proton.me) or Kylee Collins - 218-579-0404.

On April 19-21 at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Hankinson, ND, men are invited to a retreat called **St. Joseph: Man of no Return**. There will be a Rosary, engaging large group talks, small group discussion, Mass, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, private priest/deacon spiritual direction, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Liturgy of the Hours and more. Room and all meals provided. The cost is \$300.00 (Students \$200). Register at www.ecclesiadomestica.net/registration or call St. Boniface Parish, Lidgerwood ND at 701-538-4604.

March is the Food Drive Campaign (February 26 through April 6). Financial donations are matched on a pro-rated basis (the more money brought in, the higher the financial match). Your local food shelf can purchase food at a lower cost than you can, but all donations are appreciated. Please support your local food shelf through financial donations or by donating non-perishable food items. For **Douglas County**, please make your check payable to Outreach Food Shelf and mail to: 1205 Lake Street, Alexandria, MN 56308. For **Ottertail County**, please make your check payable to your local food shelf and mail to their address.

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On April 19-20. **Bring a friend!**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHESTERTON COUNCIL 1995

Knights of Columbus Chesterton Council meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month in the basement of Our Lady of Seven Dolours at 7:30 pm. Rosary is prayed in the church at 7:00 pm.

FROM THE DIOCESE

Stewardship as a Way of Life: "Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." - Colossians 3:2

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.



Behold
WHO YOU ARE,
Become
WHAT YOU RECEIVE
- St. Augustine

2024 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Bishop's Annual Appeal 2024: The Lord is risen! Blessings to you and those you love on this most holy of days.

PRAYER LIST

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Eddie Koep, Jim & Carol Grotheer, LaVerne Shea, Tanner Wegscheid, Patty Kenaley, David Burgoyne, Andy Suchy, Ruth Jesnowski, Ramona Wippler, Nolan Morical, Joe Hellerman, Norm Umland, Laura Lowe, Pat McNelly, Bill Suchy, Patsy Shea, Dave Jacobson, Grace Abrahamson, Sarah Morgan, Nancy Benzinger, Hyacinth Wagner, Ralph Hanson, Rose Mary Peterson, Stacy Livingston, Janel Bitzan, Regina Fogard, Joann Bauer, Zane Reger, Clarence Otto, Dacia Teberg, Matthew Haugh, Betty Yelle, Joan Koep, 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.

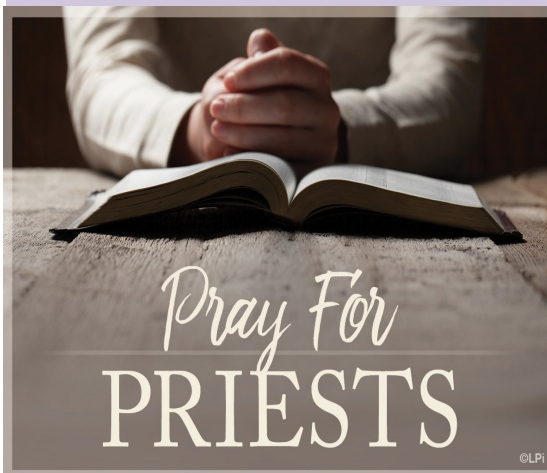
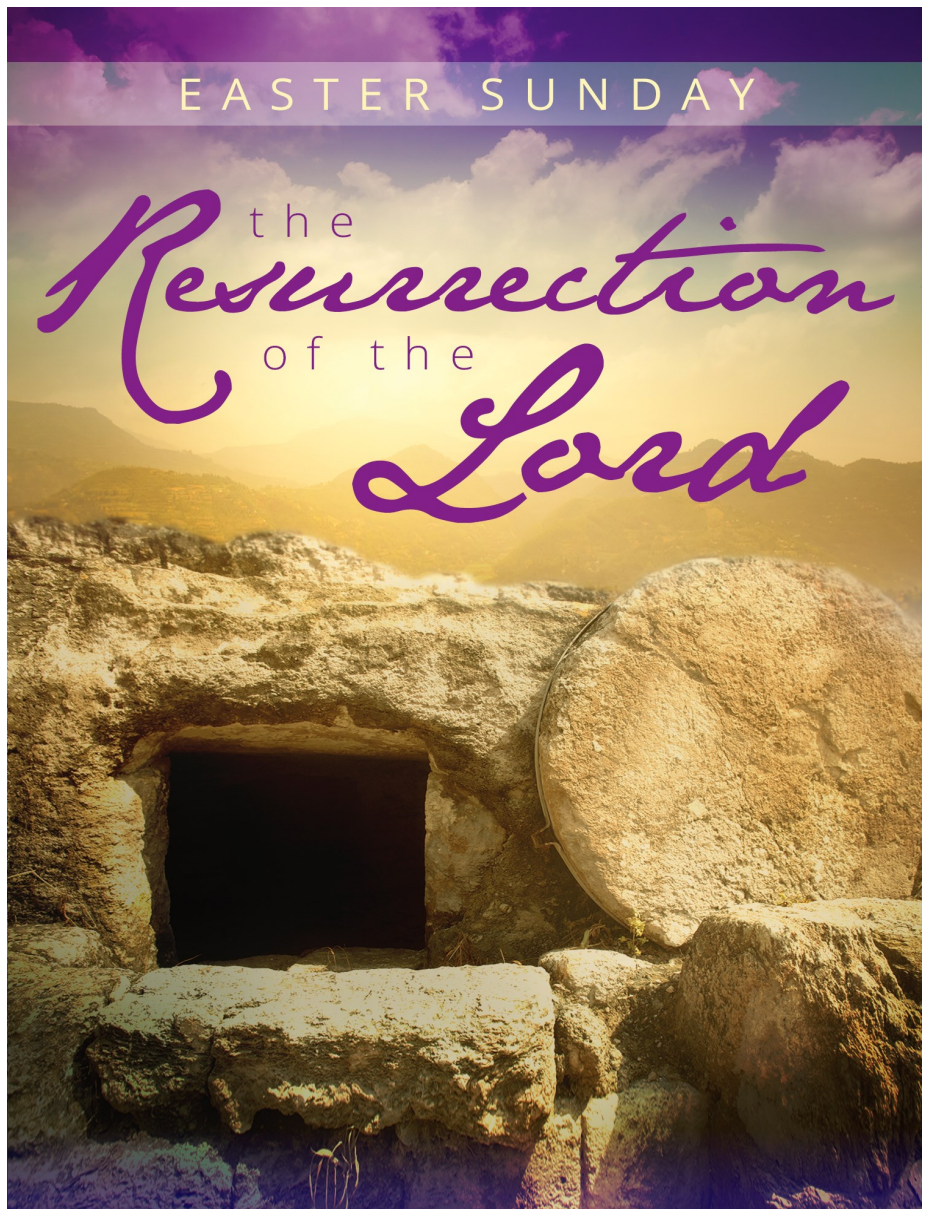
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- 1-Rev. Jose Chettoor, VC
- 2-Rev. Albert Holmes
- 3-Rev. Peter Kirchner
- 4-Rev. Gregory Mastey
- 5-Rev. Oswald Roche
- 6-Rev. George Michael, VC
- 7-Rev. Jimmy Joseph, VC

Calendar of **E V E N T S**

April

- 3- Parish Service Group Mtg 10:30 am, Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake
- 6 - Blessed for 2nd Graders for SW, SD, SH, SA; 8:30 am at Sacred Heart Parish Hall
- 11- 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
- 14-Confirmation Retreat starting with Mass at Sacred Heart at 8:30 am.
- 16-Sacred Heart Finance Council Meeting 7:00 pm, St Williams Basement St. Williams Finance Council Meeting 8:15 pm, St Williams Basement
- 18- Finance Council Meeting 6:00 pm, St. Edward, Henning Parish Life Committee Meeting 7:00 pm, St. Edward, Henning
- 23-St. Ann Finance Council Meeting 7:00 pm, Seven Dolors Office Seven Dolors Finance Council Meeting 8:15 pm, Seven Dolors Office
- 25- Finance Council Meeting 6:00 pm, St. James, Maine Twp. Parish Life Committee Meeting 7:00 pm, St. James, Maine Twp.
- 28-First Communion during the 8:30 am Mass, St. Edward, Henning.





Pope Francis March Intention:

For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

A Vocation View:

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!”
This day changes everything. The power of sin and death are broken, live in the freedom that comes solely in Christ.
(Psalm 118)

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

BAPTISM

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

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

WEDDING

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

RCIA

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

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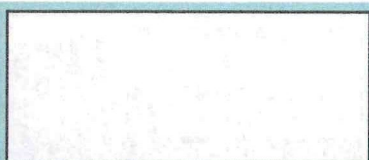


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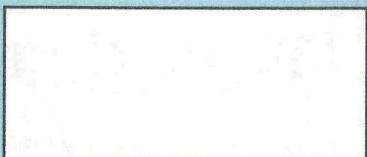
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