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Our Lady of the Lake • Our Lady of Seven Dolors • Sacred Heart • St. James

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402 Nelson Ave. PO Box 256
Brandon, MN 56315

Mass Time

Weekday: Thurs. 8:30 am

Church of St. Edward

201 Douglas Ave.
Henning, MN 56551

Mass Times

Weekend: Sun. 8:00 am

Weekday: Fri. 8:30 am

Church of St. William

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

Mass Times

Weekend: Sun. 8:30 am

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. 5:00 pm

Sun. 10:30 am

Weekday: Wed. 8:00 am

Sacred Heart

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

Mass Time

Weekday: Tues. 8:30 am

St. James

32009 County Hwy 74
Underwood, MN 56586

Mass Times

Weekend: Sat. 4:00 pm

Weekday: Wed. 9:00 am

“Who do people say that the Son of Man is”? “Who is Jesus?” When Jesus heard the verdicts of the crowd, he asked the all-important question: And, ‘you-who do you say that I am’. At that question there may have been a moment’s silence, while into the minds of the disciples came thoughts which they were almost afraid to express in words; and Peter made his great discovery and his great confession; and Jesus knew that his work was safe because there was at least someone who understood. Jesus knew that there was at least someone who had recognized him for the Messiah, the Anointed One of God, the Son of the living God. The word Messiah and the word Christ are the same: the one is the Hebrew and the other is the Greek for the Anointed One.

It is interesting to note that each of the three gospels has its own version of the profession of Peter. St. Matthew has: You are the Christ, (the Messiah), the Son of the living God (Mt 16: 16), St. Mark has the shortest of all three: You are the Christ, (the Messiah) (Mk 8:29) and Luke has: You are the Christ (the Messiah) of God (Lk 9:20).

Peter confessed Jesus as his Lord and Savior, and Jesus, in turn, approved Peter’s words and gave him teaching and ruling authority in his Church. Thus, Jesus establishes a “Magisterium” to serve the spiritual and physical needs of the Church members. His statement, “I will give you the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven,” gives Peter and his successors the power to bind and to loose (make laws; exercise authority) in the Church, with assurance that their decisions would be ratified in Heaven. Thus, Jesus commissions Peter, giving him authority and leadership in the Church.

Our discovery of Jesus must be a personal discovery. Jesus’ question is: you-what do you think of me? When Pilate asked him if he was the king of the Jews, his answer was: “Do you say this of your own or have others told you about me”? (Jn 8:33-34) Our knowledge of Christ can never be second hand. Christianity does not consist in knowing about Jesus; it always consists in knowing Jesus. Jesus demands a personal answer. He did not ask only Peter and the disciples, he asks each and every one of us: you-what do you think about me?



Have a Blessed Weekend

Fr. George



Sunday August 23, 2026 | 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tuesday, August 25th:

8:30 am Sacred Heart, Urbank

Lori Gruber

Wednesday, August 26th:

7:30 am Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

Cooper Madzo

9:00 am St. James, Maine Twp.

† Tony Scander

Thursday, August 27th:

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

† Joanie Gronso

8:30 am St. Ann, Brandon

Klane Steffan

Friday, August 28th:

7:30 am St. William Living Center

Tony & Ida Dropik Family

8:30 am St Edward, Henning

† Kathy Wardlow

Saturday, August 29th:

4:00 pm St James, Maine Twp.

† Harry Opp

5:00 pm Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

† Vera Thoennes

Sunday, August 30th: 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 am St. Edward, Henning

† Jim Reineke

8:30 am St. William, Parkers Prairie

† Mandy Schmidt

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

Mass for the People

10:30 am Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

Mass for the People

CONFESSION

Tuesday:

7:45-8:10 am Sacred Heart, Urbank

6:30 pm Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake

Wednesday:

6:45-7:10 am - Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

8:00 am St. James, Maine Twp.

Thursday:

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

7:45-8:10 am St. Ann, Brandon

Friday:

8:00 am, St. William's Living Center, Parkers Prairie

8:00 am St. Edward, Henning

Saturday:

3:30 pm St. James, Maine Twp.

4:00 pm Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

Sunday:

7:30 am St. Edward, Henning

ADORATION

Tuesday:

7:45-8:15 am, Sacred Heart, Urbank

Wednesday:

5:00-7:15 am, Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

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

Thursday:

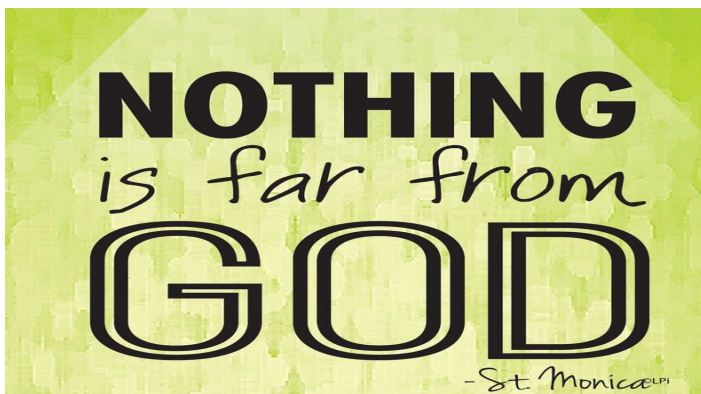
7:45-8:15 am St. Ann, Brandon

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

Friday:

8:00-8:45 am, St. William's Living Center, Parkers Prairie

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



All Things New Updates

Nothing new to report for All Things New. We continue to wait for the decree.

Additional information can be found on the diocesan website at:

<https://stcdio.org/all-things-new/>



Visit the Atrium



What is **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd?**
Come and see!

Tour the atrium after
Mass on Sunday, August
30th in the basement of
OLSD (Millerville)

Refreshments provided!
Everyone is welcome!



The **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)** is a hands-on Christian religious formation program for children ages three to twelve. Rooted in Bible scripture, church liturgy, and Maria Montessori's educational methods, it helps children deepen their personal relationship with God in a peaceful, prepared space called an atrium.

ST. ANN

No News to share.

SACRED HEART

Condolences to family of Adeline Koep, whose funeral was on Friday. Please keep Adeline and her family in your prayers.

ST. WILLIAM

Special thanks to all who helped make our annual steak fry/summer picnic a success!

ST. JAMES

No news to share.

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

*We would like to thank everyone who helped with our Parish Service Group Fundraiser. If you brought a pie, a salad, gave a donation or helped with the preparation and clean up for this event in any way, **we thank you!** The event was a total success because of you. With your help we raised \$ 3,378.78.*

OUR LADY OF SEVEN DOLORS

What is **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**? Come and see! Tour the atrium after Mass on Sunday, August 30th in the basement of OLSD. Refreshments provided! Everyone is welcome!

ST. EDWARD

Faith Formation

SW Site: Teacher Meeting at Vogrin Hall on August 26 at 6:30 pm followed by Parent Meeting at 7:00 pm.

OLSD Site: Teacher Meeting at OLSD basement on September 2 at 6:30 pm followed by parent meeting at 7:00 pm.

Faith Formation at the above sites will begin on Wednesday, September 9 for all students grades 1-10. Safe Environment at both sites.

There will be one site for Faith Formation for the parishes of OLL, SE, and SJ. That site will be at Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake. Please register your students Pre-K (age 4) through Grade 12 ASAP so that materials can be ordered. We plan to start classes on Wednesday, September 16. There will be an optional meal from 6:00pm – 6:30pm with classes 6:30pm – 7:30pm. Please register students on the ACC website: Disciplesofthemissionacc.org

If you are unable to register your student online please contact Sheila Newark, Faith Formation Coordinator at 218-405-0459, or email bl.youth.formation@gmail.com

Would you like to share your faith with our youth?

Teachers and subs are needed at the OLL Site. Do your part to pass on our Catholic Faith! Contact Sheila Newark.

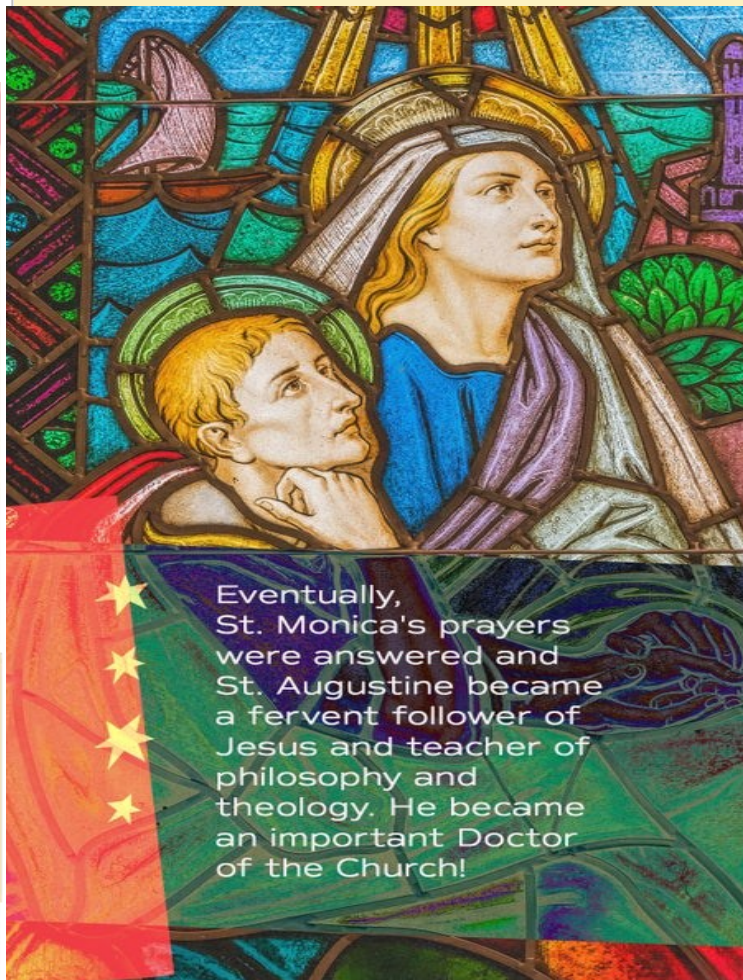
SAVE THE DATE!

**Sunday, August 30
5:30 PM**

PARISH PICNIC

The picnic will be held in the back parking lot. (weather permitting)

Plan to attend and enjoy some good food, Fellowship and games.



Eventually, St. Monica's prayers were answered and St. Augustine became a fervent follower of Jesus and teacher of philosophy and theology. He became an important Doctor of the Church!

Marriage and Natural Family Planning . . .



A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in:

Parkers Prairie by appointment at St. Williams Living Center. For more information, or to register, contact Rachel Denny at racheldenny12@gmail.com or (320) 815-6375. The class is approximately 1½ to 2 hours long. *Note: Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP instruction and follow-up!



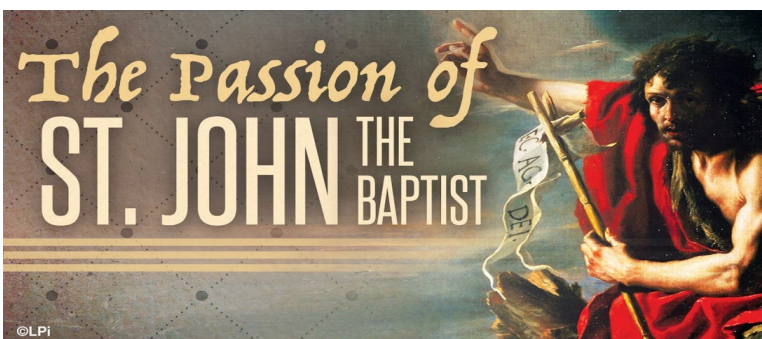
Join us for the 48th Annual Knights of Columbus Oktoberfest Sausage Dinner, sponsored by Chesterton Council #1995, on Sunday, October 11, 2026 at the Our Lady of Seven Dolors Parish Hall in Millerville.

We will be serving Sausage, Kraut, Vegetables, Bread, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Dessert, and Beverage from 11 am -1 pm. Cost is \$12.00 for adults, children age 6-12-\$6.00, children age 5 and under-free. Come and enjoy a great meal with your family and friends! Proceeds from dinner support the charitable works of the Knights of Columbus.

The Bible Timeline

**New Group will start in September
Register by August 31.**

Time & Place to be determined by needs of those who attend. To reserve your workbook for \$43.00 contact Rose Suchy at 320-766-5312 or stanns@gctel.com



Daily Readings

Monday, August 24: *St. Bartholomew*
Revelation 21:9-14; Psalm 145:10-13, 17-18;
John 1:45-51

Tuesday, August 25: *St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz*
2 Thessalonians 2:1-3, 14-17; Psalm 96:10-13;
Matthew 23:23-26

Wednesday, August 26: *Weekday*
2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18; Psalm 128:1-2, 4-5;
Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday, August 27: *St. Monica*
1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Psalm 145:2-7; Matthew 24:42-51

Friday, August 28: *St. Augustine*
1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11;
Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday, August 29: *Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist*
1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Psalm 33:12-13, 18-21;
Mark 6:17-29

Sunday, August 30: *22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
Jeremiah 20:7-9; Psalm 63:2-6, 8-9; Romans 12:1-2;
Matthew 16:21-27

Read Scripture Pray

DCCW Fall Conference

"Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace" is the theme of the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Annual Fall Conference to be held Saturday, September 19, 2026, from 8 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. at Holy Family Parish in Belle Prairie, featuring Fr. Tim Tran as the speaker. The day will also include Mass and a documentary film on the life of Archbishop Fulton Sheen. Registration fee is \$25 by 9/10; \$30 after 9/10 or at the door. Send registration fee to: St. Cloud DCCW c/o Nita Hayes, 16695 Jewel Road, Little Falls, MN 56345. Questions, call Nita at (320) 630-0388.

The Saint Paul Seminary's Catechetical Institute has extended the application deadline for its two-year **Pillars Program** to **August 31, 2026**. Beginning in September, the course walks through the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* as a story from blessing to blessing. Weekly classes are **Mondays from 7:00-9:00 p.m.** at **St. Henry**, Perham, MN, where participants gather in person for fellowship, small-group discussion, and livestreamed lectures. To learn more or apply, call **(651) 962-5072** or visit saintpaulseminary.org/ci. **Register today and join over 3,300 graduates of the Catechetical Institute!**

PRAYER LIST

Please remember the following
in your prayers:

Rita Cichy, Les Freske, Patricia Bushman,
Nancy Benzinger, Helen Heinks, Jim Boesen,
Barry Johnson, Betty Thoennes Hackbarth,
Heidi DornThoennes, Clarence Otto, Savanna
Shepard, JoAnn Volker, Paul Suchy, Patsy
Shea, Susan Strese, Lavern Bitzan, Dennis
Stramer, Don Maslow, Patrick Davis, Steve
Schabel, Mark Streasick, Bernie Koep, Ron
Christianson, Patty Kenaley, Stacy Livingston,
Joann Bauer, 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 August:

- 24 Rev Mitchell Bechtold
Dcn Craig Stich
- 25 Rev Thomas Becker
Dcn Julio Tena Soria
- 26 Rev Julius Beckermann, OSB
Dcn Peter Tran
- 27 Rev David Belland
Dcn James Trout
- 28 Rev Steven Binsfeld
Dcn Luke Waltman
- 29 Rev Mark Botzet
Dcn Leo Wehseler
- 30 Rev Jose Chettoor, VC
Dcn Jeffrey Winkelman



Calendar

August

23-Confirmation Informational Meeting for Parents & Students in
Grade 10 for the parishes of **OLSD, SA, SH, SW** at 1 pm at Our Lady
of Seven Dolors, Millerville.

September

9—Faith Formation begins for SA, SH, SW, OLSD.



**“We must be
a Church
that walks
together, that
seeks peace,
charity and
draws near
to those
who suffer.”**

POPE LEO XIV

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Pray for Priests

Financials

Thank you

	8/16/26	Weekly Budget
Seven Dolors	\$ 3,054.55	\$3,406.00
St. Ann	\$ 1,461.40	\$2,879.00
Sacred Heart	\$ 616.68	\$2,399.00
Our Lady of the Lake	\$ 5,608.00	\$5,325.00
St. Edward	\$ 2,634.00	\$2,997.00
St. William	\$ 7,049.90	\$2,868.00
St. James	\$ 1,232.00	\$1,725.00



Pope Leo August Intention:

For evangelization in the city.

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

THANK YOU

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

A Vocation View:

Many of us fear people in authority, as authority can be used for good or for ill. As Christians, we are called to see power as service. We shall all be judged on love.

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1. Go to **formed.org**
2. Click **SIGN UP**
3. Click **I belong to a Parish**
4. Enter zip code **56515**, that will bring up **Disciples of the Mission ACC**, click on that
5. Click **Next**
6. Enter your name and email address – and you are in!



To install the My Parish app on your cell phone.

1. Go to your app store.
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3. Open App, Click next until you get to "Find my Parish"
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5. Create an account

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