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AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Welcome!

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402 Nelson Ave. PO Box 256
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Mass Times

Weekend: Sun. 8:30 am

Weekday: Thurs. 8:30 am

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201 Douglas Ave.
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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: 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
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Mass Times

Weekend: Sat. 4:00 pm

Weekday: Wed. 9:00 am

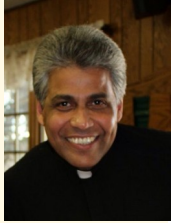
Greetings,

"How long, O Lord? I cry for help but you do not listen". The prophet Habakkuk lived during the fall of Jerusalem in 586 B.C. and encouraged his fellow Jews to retain their Faith during this disaster. He interprets Faith as a persistent confidence in God's saving power. The first two chapters of the Book of Habakkuk are in the form of a dialogue between the prophet and God. The prophet repeatedly complains, and the Lord answers each time. Around 600 BC, God's people had been unfaithful, and, as a deserved punishment for their sins, God permitted a pagan nation, Babylon, to invade Jerusalem. What distressed the prophet was that Judah's punishment came at the hands of a brutal pagan nation, Babylon, who were overly aggressive. It looked as if bad were being punished by worse. To Habakkuk, it seemed that the Lord God was strengthening the arm of injustice in not punishing the excesses of His people's enemy. He saw this as unworthy of God's holiness and justice. Hence, the prophet cried out to God, "How long, O Lord? I cry for help but you do not listen! I cry out to you, violence, but you do not intervene". But God told His prophet to trust in Him, to persevere, and to be patient, because He was aware of both the goodness of the good people and the evil they fought against. Here, Faith is presented as trust and steadfast expectation in the face of suffering: "*The rash one*" (that is one who does not believe), "*has no integrity, but the just one, because of his Faith, will live,*" (Cf Rom 1:17; Gal 3:11; Heb 10:38a). The just man lives because he keeps his relationship with God.

The prophecy of Habakkuk ends with a joyous profession of trust in the Lord, the Savior: "For though the fig tree blossom not nor fruit be on the vines, though the yield of the olive fail and the terraces produce no nourishment, though the flocks disappear from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet will I rejoice in the Lord and exult in my saving God". (3:17-18) That is trust in the Lord. "Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen". (Heb 11:1)

Have a Blessed Weekend

Fr. George



27th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'" - Lk 17:10b

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Sunday October 5, 2025

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Monday, October 6th:

8:00 am St. Ann, Brandon

†† Jim & Pat Lachowitzer

Tuesday, October 7th:

8:00 am Sacred Heart, Urbank

† Kathy Koep

Wednesday, October 8th:

8:00 am Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

Mallory Schaffer

NO MASS St. James, Maine Twp.

Thursday, October 9th:

NO MASS am St. Ann, Brandon

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

† Joanie Gronso

Friday, October 10th:

NO MASS St. William Living Center

8:30 am St. Edward, Henning

†† Wm. & Mary Horesji

Saturday, October 11th:

4:00 pm Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

† Kenny Bitzan Sr.

4:00 pm St. James, Maine Twp.

All Women of the Parish

7:30 pm St. William, Parkers Prairie

† James Kuehn

Sunday, October 12th: 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 am St. Edward, Henning

Mass for the People

8:30 am St. Ann, Brandon

Mass for the People

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

† Dave Himmelspace Jr.

10:30 am Sacred Heart, Urbank

† Elreen Roers

CONFESSION

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

Friday: 8:00 am St. Edward, Henning

Saturday: 3:00 pm Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

3:30 pm St. James, Maine Twp.

Sunday: 7:30 am St. Edward, Henning



ADORATION

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

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

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



**PLEASE NOTE THE NEW MASS TIMES AND CONFESSION TIMES
AT ST. JAMES AND ST. EDWARD BEGINNING IN OCTOBER.**

Saturday at St. James

3:30 pm Confession 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday at St. Edward

7:30 am Confession 8:00 am Mass



As we continue to review the surveys and consider the comments and trends as part of the All Things new process, we reflect on the great number of comments about the closing of a "parish" and the grief, sadness, and sometimes anger.

Let's begin by understanding the Canon definitions:

Canon 515 §1: "A parish is a certain community of the Christian faithful stably constituted in a particular church (diocese), whose pastoral care is entrusted to a pastor (parochus) as its proper pastor (pastor) under the authority of the diocesan bishop"

Canon 518: "As a general rule, a parish is to be territorial, that is, it is to embrace all Christ's faithful of a given territory"

Canon 1214: "The term church means a sacred building intended for divine worship, to which the faithful have right of access for the exercise, especially the public exercise of divine worship."

However, "Church," has three inseparable meanings according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. They are (1) The people that God gathers in the whole world (2) The particular/local church (diocese) (3) The liturgical (above all Eucharistic) assembly.

When we think about closing a parish, we really never close a parish because the people are the parish. Now is the time to come together as an entire community and focus on the strengths and what we can gain by building those strengths, which will in turn, continue to build and unify our community.

Yes, the church (sacred building or buildings) is where we gather to form and build relationships that make us a parish. If a church no longer exists, here's the tough question that may be hard to process, what stops us from gathering and continuing to form and build relationships in a different location?

Change is hard sometimes. Sometimes it is not so much the change but the transition that may make us feel grief, sadness, and anger. We feel like we have lost something but in fact, we may have the opportunity to gain, grow and thrive.

Here are words of Change from a parishioner who has chosen to remain anonymous. Thought it would be a good thing to share as we all contemplate the possible changes we may need to endure.

CHANGE

We are all one part of the Body of Christ, which is the Church.

We also have our own physical body.

We need to nurture and take care of both.

Sometimes our physical body undergoes changes.

We break a leg and need to have plates or screws.

We have cancer and need to have a part removed.

We have an amputation, so we need to find a new way to use our legs or arms.

We are blinded by disease or injury, so we need to rely on other parts of our body.

These are changes to our body and with care and nurturing, we survive and grow.

So too, with the Church, the Body of Christ.

Young people do not attend Mass or receive the Sacraments.

Scandal and abuse have severed a limb.

We are blind to the needs of others.

We need to find a new way to use the parts of the Body of Christ.

This requires thoughtfulness and a willingness to change.

With care and nurturing the Church will survive and grow.

Anonymous



DISCIPLES OF THE MISSION AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH FORMATION

OLSD, SA, SW, SH

Faith Formation grades 6-11, Oct. 8 at 6:45 pm at St. Williams. Optional meal starting at 6:15 pm

Family Formation grades 1-5 Oct. 8 at Our Lady of Seven Dolors at 6:45 pm. Optional meal starting at 6:15 pm

Pre-K/K Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:

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 on Oct 8 at 6:00 pm.

SJ/OLL

Grades 6-12 Oct 8, 5:30pm meal, class 6-7:30.

Grades Pre-K - 5 Sunday School Oct 12, 9:15am.

ST. ANN

Please keep the family of Janice Bjerkness in your prayers, her funeral was last week. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

ST. WILLIAM

Please keep the family of Nancy Haggenmiller in your prayers, her funeral was last week. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

Wedding Banns III: Hannah Miller & Sam Needham.

OUR LADY OF SEVEN DOLORS

Thank you to the anonymous donor who refurbished the ciborium, the large ciborium which is kept in the tabernacle.

Benefit for Joan Koep on Sun., Oct. 5 from 12:00-4:00 pm at the Our Lady of Seven Dolors Parish Hall, Millerville.

Please turn in your calendars by October 19. There is a drop off box in the office door behind the screen door. Thanks!!!

SACRED HEART

Wedding Banns I: Micah Arens & Alexis Froemming

The Fall Raffle/Bingo is on Nov. 23rd starts at 1:30pm. Please contact Gloria Bjerketvedt 320-766-6415 Pam Reger 218-267-2483 for donations for the raffle & bingo prizes.

ST. JAMES

St. James CCW will meet Wednesday **Oct. 15 at 7:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. This is the last meeting for 2025. Please attend. The October calendar is in error - please note the meeting is **NOT** October 8.

SAVE the Date! Did someone say Potluck? We are having a potluck Saturday, November 15 after Mass! Stay tuned for the Theme.

ST. EDWARD

We will be praying the Rosary for America on Saturday, October 11th at Noon in Mary's Garden with a Potluck lunch to follow. Please join us. As human efforts fail to solve America's key problems, we turn to God, through His Holy Mother, asking for urgent help.

Our Fall Bingo will take place on Sunday, October 12th at 1 PM. New this year is theme baskets for prizes. Come and enjoy an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship.

Adult Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, October 15th at 1 PM. We will be watching the Chosen Season 5 and we will have a discussion after each episode. Everyone is welcome to join us and if you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Bolland

Sunday morning Fellowship will begin on Sun., Oct. 12th. We are asking for 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 one more Sunday School Catechist. 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.

Thinking about becoming Catholic?

Contact the office at 218-864-5619 to sign up!

Wedding Banns II: Kristofer Setterstrom and Samantha VanErp

St. Ann, St. William, Sacred Heart, Seven Dolors

The Seven Sisters prayer group for Fr. Theis is in need of additional members. If you would like to pray for Father one hour a week, or if you would be available to sub, please call or text Bethany at 320-808-7958, or email bethanyhellem@gmail.com.

ACC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Bible Timeline Bible Study - coming to a parish near you! What does that mean?

Time & Place to be determined depending on locations of those who sign up. Call Rose Suchy - 320-766-5312 to register before October 15.

Catholic parishes celebrate council of Catholic Women (CCW) Sunday

Bishop Patrick M Neary C.S.C. has proclaimed Sunday, **October 12, 2025** as Council of Catholic Women Sunday in the Diocese of Saint Cloud. The National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) is an organization of concerned women established by the Bishops of the United States in 1920 to offer women the opportunity to increase their knowledge of the Church, strengthen their leadership skills, and deepen their spirituality through prayer and service. CCW Sunday is the day to highlight the activities and leadership carried out by Catholic Women

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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.



**Our Lady of the Hills
Rosary Walk**

Sunday, October 12, 2025, 2:00 pm
All ages are invited

Meet at Our Lady of the Hills at 2:00pm.
Drive to Inspiration Peak to climb to the top
in prayer. For those who cannot make the
climb we will have someone leading the
Rosary at the picnic area.

Snacks and water after in the picnic area

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD



FOR CHILDREN AGE 3-6

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori-inspired program that uses one-on-one presentations and hands-on materials to guide children into deeper understanding of both Liturgy (Mass) and Scripture.

CGS is held in the lower level of Our Lady of Seven Dolours in Millerville. Sessions are 75-90 minutes and run from October through April. Schedule is based on registrations.

For a tour of the atrium or more information, contact Sarah Schaffer at 701-403-3902.



REGISTER YOUR
CHILD HERE!



We need your help!

Every parishioner can help by using their own unique gifts to form the youngest of our faith! We are looking for those called to volunteer with children and material makers. If interested, contact Sarah.

Daily Readings

Monday, October 6: *St. Bruno, Bl. Marie-Rose Durocher*

Jonah 1:1—2:2, 11; Jonah 2:3-5, 8; Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday, October 7: *Our Lady of the Rosary*

Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 130:1-4, 7-8; Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday, October 8: *Weekday*

Jonah 4:1-11; Psalm 86:3-6, 9-10; Luke 11:1-4

Thursday, October 9: *St. Denis & Companions St. John Leonardi*

Malachi 3:13-20; Psalm 1:1-4, 6; Luke 11:5-13

Friday, October 10: *Weekday*

Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Psalm 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Luke 11:15-26

Saturday, October 11: *Pope St. John XXIII*

Joel 4:12-21; Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Luke 11:27-28

Sunday, October 12: *28th Sunday of Ordinary Time*

2 Kings 5:14-17; Psalm 98:1-4; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19

Rosary Rally:

Please join the Public Square Rosary Rally which will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in Battle Lake. It will take place at Halverson Park by Chief Wenonga. This will be one of over 23,000 rallies taking place across the United States that day. The special intention will be to offer reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of the United States. Please contact Julie Proctor at julieaproctor@yahoo.com with questions.

Box of Joy Reminder – Deadline Coming Up!



The deadline for turning in your Box of Joy is approaching fast. To finish your shopping: 1) select an age and gender to shop for; 2) use the gift ideas list to do your shopping; 3) put all items in an assembled Box of Joy; 4) Leave in the church entry (or bring to the Dropoff Center at Seven Dolours church hall in Millerville). Cross Catholic Outreach asks for a \$9 donation which is used to ship the Box of Joy gifts to the children and supports the overall mission work of the in-country priests, religious sisters and Catholic

laypeople who help Cross Catholic Outreach deliver the gifts to children in their communities. Your donation can be sent directly to Cross Catholic Outreach by doing an online donation from boxofjoy.org, by using the postage-paid envelope, or by giving a check to your local Box of Joy leader. If you cannot fill a Box of Joy, donations to support this mission are appreciated. Please make checks out to Cross Catholic Outreach. The Box of Joy Dropoff Center is the Millerville parish hall (12327 Cty Rd 60, Millerville) and dates/times are:

Thursday, Oct 30, 1-5pm

Friday, Oct 31, 1-5pm

Saturday, Nov 1, 1-5pm

Sunday, Nov 2, 1-4pm

Your ACC Box of Joy Coordinator may ask you to have your box(es) turned in prior to November 2nd so they can deliver to the Dropoff Center on your behalf. Your ACC Box of Joy Contact is

Disciples of the Mission ACC: (Brandon, Millerville, Parkers Prairie, Urbank, Henning, Battle Lake & Maine)

- Bonnie Jennen, 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:

Chris Arndt, Therese Peterson, Elliot Boesl, Mike Otto, Patrick Davis, Savanna Shepard, Bob Pietrowski, Eric Volker, Steve Schabel, Mark Streasick, Bernie Koep, 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 October

- 5-Rev. Joseph Herzing
Dcn. Phillip Henneman
- 6-Rev. Patrick Hoeft
Dcn. Stan Hennen
- 7-Rev. Mark Innocenti
Dcn. Jesus Hernandez
- 8-Rev. Bradley Jenniges, OSB
Dcn. Lucio Hernandez
- 9-Rev. Jimmy Joseph, VC
Dcn. Joseph Hilber
- 10-Rev. Alex Juguilon, OSC
Dcn. Terry Jancik
- 11-Sem. Scott Kahler
Dcn. Charles Kampa



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 Dolores, Millerville
- 11-Public Square Rosary Rally at 11:00 am at Halverson Park, Battle Lake
- 12-Lady of the Hills and Inspiration Rosary Walk at 2:00 pm at Lady of the Hills
- 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 Dolores Office, Millerville
- 21-Our Lady of Seven Dolores Finance Council at 8:15 pm at Our Lady of Seven Dolores Office, Millerville
- 23-Finance Council Meeting 6:00 pm, St. James, Maine Twp
Parish Life Committee Meeting 7:00 pm, St. James, Maine Twp.
- 27-Mass at Our Lady of Seven Dolores at 6:30 pm, Millerville

November

- 1-All Saints Day Mass at 8:30 am at Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake

**PRAY
FOR OUR
PRIESTS**

Financials

Thank you

	9/28/25	Weekly Budget
Our Lady of the Lake	\$3,527.15	\$4,410.00
St. James	\$1,591.00	\$1,725.00
St. Edward	\$1,095.41	\$2,997.00
St. Ann	\$3,035.90	\$2,879.00
Seven Dolores	\$2,005.10	\$3,406.00
St. William	\$1,842.15	\$2,868.00
Sacred Heart	\$1,233.44	\$2,399.00



Pope Leo October Intention:

For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

THANK YOU

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

A Vocation View:

The Spirit of God makes us strong, loving and wise. How will you use these gifts to serve the gospel? Consider being a sister, brother, priest or deacon.
(2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14)

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