



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 Dolours • 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. 10:30 am

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: 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 Dolours

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

Mass Times

Weekend: Sat. 7:30 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. 8:30 am

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

Reflection: Though little is known for certain about Saint Mark's life, the Gospel attributed to him is unquestionably one of the most important scripts ever written. In a nearly breathless way, Mark recounts Jesus' public ministry in concise and vivid detail. The shortest of the four Gospels is packed with information. Mark's Gospel was most likely written primarily for Roman Gentiles, rather than for Jews, which is why he often describes various Jewish customs to the reader.

The Acts of the Apostles and various Epistles speak of "Mark" as well as "John Mark." Most scholars believe that Mark and John Mark are the same person and the Gospel writer. Saint Mark is believed to have been born in Cyrenaica, modern-day Libya, which was under Roman rule at the time. "John" is his Jewish name, and "Mark" his Roman name. His father might have died when he was young, and his mother, named Mary, most likely moved with Mark to Jerusalem. His mother's home might have been the location of the Last Supper and also the place where Peter went after the angel released him from prison. "When he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John who is called Mark, where there were many people gathered in prayer" (Acts 12:12). As a teenager, Mark might have been nearby when Jesus was arrested. "Now a young man followed him wearing nothing but a linen cloth about his body. They seized him, but he left the cloth behind and ran off naked" (Mark 14:51-52). Many scholars believe that this young man is Mark. Saint Barnabas, the missionary companion of Saint Paul, was either Mark's cousin or uncle (See Colossians 4:10).

Shortly after Peter escaped from prison and arrived at Mark's home, Mark traveled north to Antioch in Syria with Barnabas and Paul. From Antioch, he accompanied Barnabas and Paul on a missionary journey to another Antioch in Pisidia, modern-day Turkey. Before completing their journey, Mark left Paul and Barnabas and returned to Jerusalem. It is unclear why Mark left, but Paul was not pleased and saw his departure as Mark abandoning them. Later, when Paul and Barnabas were going to set out on another missionary journey, Barnabas wanted to take Mark with them. Paul was so opposed to the idea that Barnabas and Paul went their separate ways (see Acts 15:37-40). Barnabas took Mark with him to Cyprus, and Paul took another companion with him through Syria and Cilicia.

Mark appears to have been close to the Apostle Peter, because Peter refers to him as "Mark, my son" (1 Peter 5:13) in a letter addressed to several Christian communities. Peter sent greetings to them all from Mark, indicating that Mark was also well known to those communities. That letter from Peter was most likely written from Rome where Peter would later be martyred. It might be that, while Mark was with Peter in Rome, he wrote his Gospel at Peter's request, basing it on Peter's preaching.

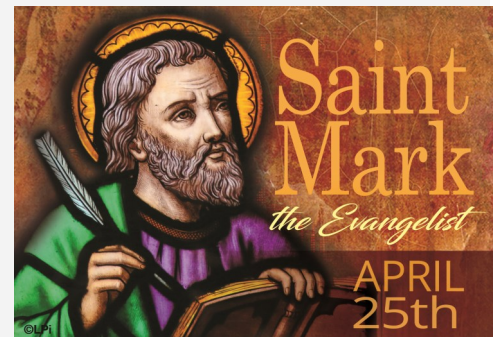
According to later traditions, Mark was ordained a bishop and sent to Alexandria, Egypt, to preach the Gospel (that he himself wrote) and establish the first Church in Africa. He is therefore considered the first bishop of Alexandria. In Alexandria, Mark encountered the wrath of the local Alexandrians and was martyred after almost twenty years of ministering to them. In the eighth century, Saint Bede describes Mark's death in this way:

Afterwards, being arrested for the faith, he was bound, dragged over stones and endured great afflictions. Finally he was confined to prison, where, being comforted by the visit of an angel, and even by an apparition of our Lord himself, he was called to the heavenly kingdom in the eighth year of the reign of Nero.

Ponder the significance of this one man. It appears he began his life fearful of his mission. He ran when Jesus was arrested, left Barnabas and Paul on their missionary journey, but he didn't give up. He turned back to the mission and ultimately died a martyr, bestowing on us one of the greatest treasures ever given. If you feel regret at any failure, or even numerous failures in your life, take inspiration from Saint Mark. Failures can be remedied. Recommit yourself to God's mission, and know that, if you do, God will use you in unimaginable ways.

Prayer: Saint Mark, I thank you for your "Yes" to Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Thank you for your ministry and especially for your Gospel account. Please pray for me, that I may never tire of turning back to the mission that God has entrusted to me. May I imitate your fidelity and hard work for Christ, going so far as to lay my life down for others. Saint Mark, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

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Sunday April 26, 2026 Fourth Sunday of Easter

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tuesday, April 28th:

NO MASS Sacred Heart, Urbank

Wednesday, April 29th:

NO MASS Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville
9:00 am St. James, Maine Twp.

† Jim Lindenfesler

Thursday, April 30th:

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

† George Morgan

Friday, May 1st:

NO MASS St William Living Center
8:30 am St Edward, Henning

† Ron Skudlarek

Saturday, May 2nd:

8:30 am Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake
4:00 pm St. William, Parkers Prairie
4:00 pm St. James, Maine Twp.
7:30 pm Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

† Bob Young

† Tim Steidl

Mass for the People

Mass for the People

Sunday, May 3rd: Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am St. Edward, Henning
8:30 am Sacred Heart, Urbank
10:30 am St. Ann, Brandon
10:30 am Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake

† Jim Hansen

†† Urban & Loretta Klimek

Sister Parish in Barbacoa, Venezuela

† Chuck Blonigan

CONFESSION

Tuesday: No Confession Sacred Heart, Urbank
6:30 pm Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake

Wednesday: No Confession Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville
8:00 am St. James, Maine Twp.

Thursday: No Confession St. Ann, Brandon
8:00 am Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake

Friday: No Confession St. Williams Living Center, Parkers Prairie
8:00 am St. Edward, Henning

Saturday: No/ Confession St. William, Parkers Prairie
3:30 pm St. James, Maine Twp.

Sunday: 7:30 am St. Edward, Henning



ADORATION

Tuesday: No Adoration Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville
No Adoration Sacred Heart, Urbank

Wednesday: No Adoration Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville
8:00 - 9:00 am St. James, Maine Twp.

Thursday: No Adoration St. Ann, Brandon
9:00 - 10:00 am Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake

Friday: No Adoration St. Williams Living Center, Parkers Prairie
9:00 - 3:00 pm St. Edward, Henning



Bulletin deadline Tuesdays at 11:00 am

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ALL THINGS NEW UPDATES

(Excerpted from “Agents of change: Stepping forward in faith” by Jon Ruis, January 2025, The Central Minnesota Catholic)

One of the hardest things for us to come to grips with is that change happens with or without us. For thousands of years, writers and philosophers have been trying to help us understand this aspect of our life. Plato wrote, “You could not step twice into the same river.” Ecclesiastes 3:1 states “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens,” highlighting the cyclical and changing nature of life’s events.

We cannot stop the flow of the river or the changing of the seasons; our efforts can be better spent deciding how we can take advantage of this change.

As baptized Catholics, we are called to be more than passive participants in our faith; we are invited to be active agents of change, carrying forward the evangelizing mission of the Church. This is not an abstract ideal, but a living call rooted in the Gospel and brought to life in our parishes, families and communities. Being an agent of change means embracing this identity. It’s a role that asks us to step outside of comfort zones and engage deeply with the needs of our communities.

Here are some things you can do to engage and possibly step outside of your comfort zone.

- Show up with purpose. Don’t just attend Mass — prepare for it. Read the Scriptures ahead of time, pray for your parish community and ask God to show you who might need encouragement that day.
- Practice radical hospitality. Greet newcomers, sit with someone alone, invite a family to coffee and donuts. Small acts of welcome can change someone’s experience of Church.
- Serve in simple, concrete ways Volunteer as a catechist, lector or choir member. Help clean the parish hall. Offer rides to those who can’t get to Mass. Missionary discipleship is lived in ordinary service.
- Share your faith story. Talk about how God has worked in your life. Share a moment of grace with a friend or fellow parishioner. Witness doesn’t require a microphone.
- Step into the margins Visit the sick, bring meals to families in crisis, support local outreach ministries. Missionary disciples go where the need is greatest.
- Pray for renewal. Make intercession part of your daily rhythm. Pray for your parish, your pastor and those struggling with change. Prayer is the engine of mission.

Any questions can be directed to the following All Things New team members: Jackie Caron: jcaron9630.bg@gmail.com; Rose Suchy: stanns@gctel.com; Mike Bramwell: mcb Bramwell@gmail.com; Deacon Craig Stich: muskie669@yahoo.com; Sheila Newark: newarks1123@gmail.com; Darby Bradley: dpbradley61@gmail.com; Tim Kelly: tim@stwilliamslivingcenter.com; Don Koep: lakelandorganicfarm@gmail.com.

Additional information can be found on the diocesan website at: <https://stcdio.org/all-things-new/>



DISCIPLES OF THE MISSION AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Father George will be gone from April 20— May 22.
If there is an emergency please contact
Father LeRoy Schik at 218-316-2524.**

FAITH FORMATION

**Please Pray for the Following students as they receive
their First Holy Communion.**

Jayden Andrews, Easton Bolland, Eleanor Hoyhtya, Gianna Thalman, Crosby Cameron, Grayson Holzer, Lillian Humann, Quintin Kavanagh, Logan La Voi, Bella Steinmetz, Victoria Swelstad, Roman Koep, Clarence Lange, Griffin Sandvig, Lawson Dorn, Xavier Wicklund, Olivia Amundson, Layna Bunting, Alice Boesl, Livy Jensen, Keira Dorn, Jayde Jesnowski, Tanner Mogensen, Alayna Roers and Kylie Rupp

OLSD, SA, SW, SH

Class on Apr 29 for grades 6th –10th class night for St. Williams and Our Lady of Seven Dolors.

SE

Class on April 29 at 6:00 pm.

SJ/OLL

Grades 6-12 April 29, 5:30 pm meal, class 6-7:30.
Grades Pre-K - 5 Sunday School May 3, 9:15 am.

ST. ANN

39 lbs. food donated to Alexandria Food Shelf.

SACRED HEART

No news to share.

OUR LADY OF SEVEN DOLORS

No news to share.

ST. WILLIAM

Parish Life Center Building Project

If you were unable to attend the meetings last week a Volunteer Visitor will be contacting you to receive your personalized household folder.

You will not be asked to offer your financial support at the gatherings. You will take your folder home and privately determine through prayer and reflection how you might choose to respond with your financial support. This is a very non-pressured approach and will save your time and volunteer time to arrange a private meeting. Thank you for making the effort to join us!

ST. JAMES

Save the Date! The St. James Salad Supper is coming Wednesday, April 29th.

Plant-Bake Sale-Sunday, May 24 at 8 AM. All proceeds will be used for quilts for soldiers being made at St. James by MN Loving Hands.

We are in need of Mass Intentions. If you would like to have a Mass offered for your living or deceased loved one, please use the Mass Intention envelopes

located on the table in the entry and drop it off in the parish office or collection basket. The Mass stipend is \$10.

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

April 26 is Hospitality Sunday. Everyone is invited. Please join us!

The next meeting for the Direction for Our Time Prayer Group is Tuesday, April 28 at 3:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to join us

The Social Concerns Committee will meet on Monday, May 4th at 4:30pm in the library. Everyone is welcome.

The Parish Service Group will be meeting on Wednesday, May 6 at 10:30 am. Notify Marlys Dotzenrod of any items to add to the agenda. Group 2 will lead the meeting.

ST. EDWARD

Parishioners of St. Edward's, Thank you for your generous donations to my National Honor Society birthday supplies donation drive. With your help, the Henning Food Shelf received over 100 pounds of donations and \$235! Your kindness and generosity ensure that members of our community can joyfully celebrate their birthdays. Thanks again, Monica Hansen

Save the date – On Saturday, May 16th we will be having a Spring Church Cleaning Day. We will start at 8 am and hope to finish around Noon with a Potluck Lunch. Special invitation to men and youth volunteers. As the saying goes; “Many hands make light work”.

Looking ahead... we are planning on continuing our Sunday Morning Fellowship on the lighter side throughout the busy summer. We have put together four groups of families. Each group will take a month to provide fellowship. We are asking to keep it simple by having 3 or 4 families each week bring cookies, bars or muffins already in or on a serving container so it would be easy to handle on a napkin. Those volunteering will need to set up, serve and clean up each Sunday. Thank You for volunteering.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Catholic Men of the Parish, we, the GK Chesterton Council of the Knights of Columbus, would like to invite you to join our council. For more information contact: Bernie Cullen at 218-591-3397.

The KCs are the largest Catholic men's group in the world, and are active in local, national and worldwide missions. We meet the second Tuesday of the month at Seven Dolores Catholic Church in Millerville. The Rosary is prayed at 7:00 pm in the church. The meetings are held in the basement at 7:30 pm. If you have any questions, feel free to contact a Knights of Columbus member.

Diocese of SAINT CLOUD | **2026 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

Hearts of
MERCY
Agents of Compassion

Save the Date! Totus Tuus

Location: St. Edward, 201 Douglas Avenue, Henning, MN



Totus Tuus Day Program:

Students entering grades 1-6:

Monday-Friday, **July 20-24** from 9:00 am-2:30 pm

*Please provide a packed lunch/water bottle each day for your child(ren)

Totus Tuus Evening Program:

Students entering grades 7-12:

Sunday-Thursday, **July 19-23** from 7:00 pm-9:00 pm

*please reach out for transportation to amyreligiosed@gmail.com or dpbradley61@gmail.com

HEAL INRI MAY 1

A Night of Healing & Renewal

- 4:00 pm Sacrament of Confession
- 5:30 pm Mass (w/ anointing of the sick)
- 6:15 pm Communal Meal
- 7:00 pm Deb Hadley - "Healing Amidst Grief"
- 7:30 pm Worship music by Britt & the Band + confession & prayer ministry



Sign up
for meal

The Church of
St. Mary
420 Irving Street, Alexandria, MN

Daily Readings

Monday, April 27: Weekday

Acts 11:1-18/ Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday, April 28: Weekday

Acts 11:19-26/ Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday, April 29: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Acts 12:24-13:5a/ Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday, April 30: Weekday

Acts 13:13-25/ Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

Friday, May 1: Weekday

Acts 13:26-33/ Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday, May 2: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Acts 13:44-52/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

Sunday, May 3: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Morning Retreat

Saturday, May 2

9:30 am – 12:30 pm



Holy Families & the Holy Face

God's Special Desire for the Family



We are all part of God's family and our own family. As mothers, grandmothers and spiritual mothers – our hearts long to create holy families. Whether you are actively raising your children or prayerfully interceding for your loved ones, God needs your loving devotion for one of His most precious gifts – the family. Be inspired by the:

- Holy Family and the holy hearts of Jesus, Mary & St. Joseph
- Second holy family – St. Therese of Lisieux and her family of saints
- The hidden heroes of our favorite saints
- Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus and its critical role in supporting families

AGENDA – Treat yourself (and ultimately your family) to a special morning at this beautiful place with retreat leader Janae Bower. Open to all men and women of faith (don't have to be Catholic).

Janae Bower's mission is to inspire and transform hearts by evangelizing heart-to-heart as a beacon of God's love. Her devotions and consecrations to the Holy Hearts of Jesus, Mary and Joseph have been enriched through leading retreats and pilgrimages across the country. She attends Church of Saint Paul in Ham Lake, MN.

May 2 @ Chalet on the Way

Lake home & retreat center
Ken & Cindy Morff, owners
40034 Old Town Way
Clitherall, MN 56524

\$25 – Material & refreshments
\$40/Couple – Ladies bring the guys (if you want)

For more information & register:
Cindy Morff @ 612-408-7854
Parishoner Our Lady of the Lake

Sara Dahlerup @ 651-366-1107
Retreat coordinator

PRAYER LIST

Please remember the following
in your prayers:

Clarence Otto, Richard O. Johnson, Kim Boesl, David Stans, Helen Heinks, Savanna Shepard, JoAnn Volker, Paul Suchy, Pat Kirscht, Patsy Shea, Susan Strese, Lavern Bitzan, Dennis Stramer, Don Maslow, Patrick Davis, Steve Schabel, Mark Streasick, Bernie Koep, Ron Christianson, Patty Kenaley, Nancy Benzinger, 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 April:

- 26- Rev Joseph Backowski
Dcn Charles Bobertz
- 27- Rev Timothy Baltes
Dcn Jorge Carrillo Ambriz
- 28- Rev Stephen Beuclair, OSB
Dcn Vincent Charles
- 29- Rev Mitchell Bechtold
Dcn Robert Craven
- 30- Rev Thomas Becker
Dcn Daniel Dullinger
- 1- Rev Julius Beckermann, OSB
Dcn Steven Dupay
- 2- Rev David Belland
Dcn Jeff Fromm

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



April

- 25-First Communion Mass at 4:00 pm at St. William, Parkers Prairie
First Communion Mass at 7:30 pm at Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville
- 26-First Communion Mass at 8:30 am at Sacred Heart, Urbank
First Communion Mass at 10:30 am at St. Ann, Brandon
- 29-Salad Buffet Supper 4:30 pm, St. James, Maine Twp.

May

- 17- Senior Mass 10:30 am, Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake
- 24-Plant & Bake Sale 8:00 am, St James, Maine Twp.
- 25- Memorial Day Mass 8:30 am, St. Edward, Henning



**PRAY
FOR OUR
PRIESTS**

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	4/12/26	4/19/26	Weekly Budget
Our Lady of the Lake	\$3,377.00	\$5,547.00	\$5,006.81
St. James	\$1,497.00	\$1,189.00	\$1,725.00
St. Edward	\$1,744.25	\$2,085.23	\$2,997.00
Seven Dolors	\$2,196.66	\$2,082.29	\$3,406.00
St. William	\$3,494.90	\$2,037.90	\$2,868.00
St. Ann	\$2,046.95	\$2,662.00	\$2,879.00
Sacred Heart	\$1,637.37	\$1,691.00	\$2,399.00



Pope Leo April Intention: For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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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. George or Fr. Theis at least 6 months before the wedding. **Please contact the Priest before making any other plans.**

OCIA

Please contact Dcn. Craig or Fr. Theis if interested in becoming Catholic.

A Vocation View:

“Repent and be baptized!”

Our life as Christian disciples is a constant conversion to the Lord; we must constantly live out the commitments made at our own Baptism. (Acts 2:38)

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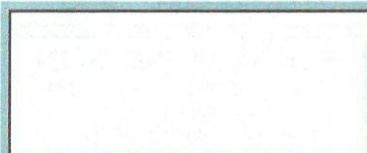
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