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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

Greetings,

Today's Gospel reading on the Good Shepherd may be short and sweet, but if you read closely, it is packed with significance that can help us better understand our relationship with the Lord. We only have four short verses from John's Gospel today. And yet in these four short verses, where Jesus speaks to us as the Good Shepherd, he teaches us some very critical and important aspects of our lives as disciples.

And while the image of sheep may conjure up an idea of simple, peaceful, passive creatures, being a part of Jesus' flock is anything but passive. It's not something that we just stumble into accidentally. It's an active response to hearing His voice and following Him. And so, when Jesus gives us that very simple description of discipleship as someone who hears and follows, that's instructive to us. It tells us that we need to create that space in our lives so we can actually hear the authentic voice of Jesus, always under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

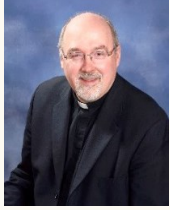
And while Good Shepherd Sunday is certainly the perfect time to pray for our priests, bishops, and all those who shepherd the Lord's flock, it is also an opportunity to look at our own lives, and how we can be good shepherds to those in our care.

We all influence someone. And that means that in one way or another, we are all entrusted with the responsibility of being a good shepherd for somebody. Whether it's parents for their children, or people within their work places, or even our own friends or members of our family. We affect their lives. And because of that, we have a shepherding role.

So how do we go about following the Good Shepherd, and being a good shepherd to those in our care? I think one of the things that is important to always do is to stay attuned to the movement of the Holy Spirit. And we can only do that if we are cultivating in our lives an attitude of quiet, silent prayer. Where we can actually become sensitive to hearing the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, leading us to be an active member of Christ's body and a witness of Jesus in all those different contexts throughout the day. That's how we hear the Lord and we follow Him, in a practical way, no matter what our state in life.

May God Bless You,

Fr. LeRoy



4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep."
- Jn 10:14-15

SUNDAY APRIL 21, 2024

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tuesday, April 23rd:

NO MASS Sacred Heart, Urbank

Wednesday, April 24th:

NO MASS Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville
NO MASS St. James, Maine Twp.

Thursday, April 25th:

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

Friday, April 26th:

NO MASS St. William, Parkers Prairie
8:30 am St. Edward, Henning † Dottie Haack

Saturday, April 27th:

4:00 pm St. William, Parkers Prairie † Fr Herb Gappa
5:00 pm St. James, Maine Twp. † Jim Lindenfesler
7:30 pm Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville † Dennis Schmidt

Sunday, April 28th: Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30 am Sacred Heart, Urbank † Rick Hockert
8:30 am St. Edward, Henning People of the Parishes
10:30 am Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake † Charles Blonigan
10:30 am St. Ann, Brandon People of the Parishes

CONFESSION

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

Friday: 8:00 am St. Edward, Henning

Saturday: 3:00 pm St. William, Parkers Prairie
4:30 pm St. James, Maine Twp.

Sunday: 8:00 am St. Edward, Henning

ADORATION

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

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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER READINGS:

First Reading:

“There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.”

Psalm:

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.
Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Gospel:

Jesus said: “I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

Gospel Meditation:

Recently I was with my little dog Libby at a retreat center in the Arizona desert. I sat in a chair near a ravine filled with shrubs. Unbeknownst to me, Libby wandered down there and disappeared. Suddenly an animal's wild shriek erupted from the area. Without thinking, I bolted down into the ravine fully expecting to see coyotes, javelinas, or rattlesnakes. I didn't care. I desperately wanted to get Libby out of there, without any self-regard. Before I could face whatever danger lay hidden, my dog blissfully trotted out from an entirely different area, utterly unaware that I had (quite heroically) just placed my life on the line.

When the adrenaline wore off, I thought to myself: how far would I have been willing to go to save her? I don't know. But I do know, if I had literally died, my friends and family would have certainly thought me insane for dying for a dog. No offense, Libby.

How passionately Jesus wants us to know him and his willingness to die for us! This week he says, “**I know my own and my own know me,**” and “**I lay down my life for the sheep.**” Here we encounter an insanely excessive love for us. Christianity is a relationship and not simply a religion or ethical code. In Jesus, God rescues and saves us. He laid down his life for you and me — and he has taken it up again. So often we are like Libby — blissfully ignorant of the reality of both our spiritual danger and his saving love. This Easter season, the risen Jesus calls us to be more conscious than ever before about his love. He never ceases to lay down his life for us.

— Father John Muir

Daily Readings

Monday, April 22: Easter Weekday
Acts 11:1-18; Psalms 42:2-3; 43:3, 4;
John 10:1-10

Tuesday, April 23: Easter Weekday
Acts 11:19-26; Psalm 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7;
John 10:22-30

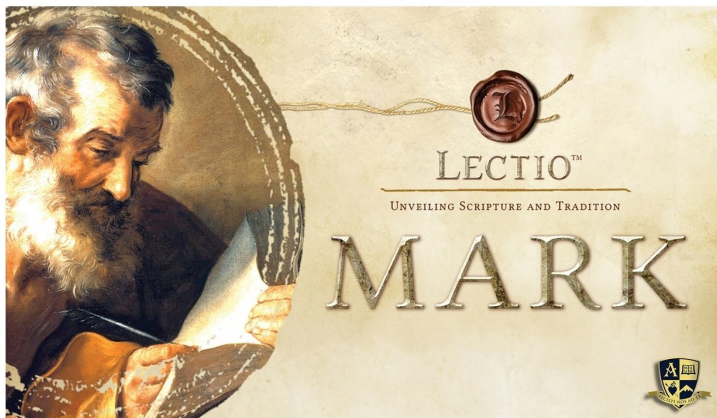
Wednesday, April 24: Easter Weekday
Acts 12:24—13:5a; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6 & 8;
John 12:44-50

Thursday, April 25: St. Mark, Evangelist
1 Peter 5:5b-14; Psalm 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;
Mark 16:15-20

Friday, April 26: Easter Weekday
Acts 13:26-33; Psalm 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab;
John 14:1-6

Saturday, April 27: Easter Weekday
Acts 13:44-52; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;
John 14:7-14

Sunday, April 28: Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:26-31; Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32;
1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8



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DISCIPLES OF THE MISSION AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fr. LeRoy will be gone Apr 22-24 for a Retreat Conference.

Fr. Theis will be gone April 22-29.

MASS TIME CHANGE

Weekend of May 4 & 5

Saturday: 5:00 pm at St. Edward, Henning

Sunday: 8:30 am at St. James, Maine Twp.

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

FAITH FORMATION

Sacred Heart, St William, St Ann, Our Lady of Seven Dolors:

Class on Apr 24 at 6:45 pm with optional meal starting at 6:15 pm.



Congratulations to the victorious classes in our penny challenge, which aimed to raise funds for Cross Catholic Outreach during Lent. The collective contribution from all students amounted to \$546.50! The triumphant classes decided on the allocation of the funds within Cross Catholic, unanimously selecting Water Worldwide. A heartfelt thank you to everyone involved!

St James: Class on Sat, Apr 27 after the 5:00 pm Mass and Potluck.

St Edward: Class on Apr 24 starting at 6:00 pm.

Our Lady of the Lake: Edge/Life Teen Apr 24, 5:30 pm meal, class 6-7:30. Sunday School Apr 28, 9:15-10:15 am.

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

Congratulations to the following students who received their First Communion this weekend.

Brady Bernardy, Drew Klimek, Ethan Strom, Eve Roers.
May God Bless you.

On Sunday, May 5th, after Mass, we will be having an Appreciation Lunch to honor Bob Piotrowski for his many years of service as our musician. Everyone is welcomed.

ST. WILLIAM

Congratulations to the following students who received their First Communion this weekend.

Zayn Arvidson, Adley Dorn, Alice Harren, Lillian Harren, Vada Hoffman. May God Bless you.

Parkers Prairie High School Student Council is planning for its Annual Day of Caring, on Friday, May 17. The students of PPHS will be ready, willing, and able to help out in the community. If you would like help with spring clean up or have a special project that needs to get done in the Parkers Prairie, Urbank, and Miltona area, contact the PPHS Student Council Advisor David O'Brien at dobrien@pp.k12.mn.us

OUR LADY OF SEVEN DOLORS

Please welcome Dawson Richard Bitzan, son of Dustin and Becky, he was baptized this weekend. God Bless Dawson, and his mom and dad.

Congratulations to the following students who received their First Communion this weekend.

Eliana Bitzan, Evan Bitzan, Elliot Boesl, Nathan Brandsted, Luke Bunting, Cash Grinager, Wyatt Jaenisch, Lane Jensen, Brynlie Pohlmann.

May God Bless you.

NEEDED: We are in need of people to run the power point for our weekend Mass. Please contact Rose at 320-766-5312

SACRED HEART

Congratulations to the following students who received their First Communion this weekend.

Isabelle Dorn, Cale Kowalski.

May God Bless you.

ST. JAMES

Salad Buffet at St. James on Wednesday, May 1 from 4:30—6:30 pm. Free will donation.

We will be selling Rada Knives and cookbooks.

ST. EDWARD

We will continue to pray the Rosary for our Nation, our State and our Church on Saturday mornings from 8 am to 9 am (note the change in time) and finish with silent praying in front of the tabernacle. We plan to continue at least through the November election. Just come when you can, no one is expected to make it every Saturday. 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.

First Communion will be celebrated during Mass on Sunday, April 28th. Please continue to pray for our First Communicant, Micah Thalmann. The May Crowning of Mary will be held on Saturday, May 4th during Mass.

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

The Parish Life Committee will be serving a Belgium Waffle Breakfast after Mass on Sunday, April 28. Menu includes Belgium Waffles topped with butter and syrup or fruit and whipped cream, sausages, milk, juice and coffee.

DISCIPLES OF THE MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

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NW Deanery Council of Catholic Women Spring Program:

We invite you for lunch and a general session on "The Saints in Our Lives" on April 27 at the Seven Dolores Parish Hall in Millerville. Pre-registration is requested so we can plan for food. Cost: \$10 at the door. Contact: Sheri Streasick at 320-805-0010 or email SLSTREASICK@GMAIL.COM. Check-in starts at 11:00 am, Lunch at 11:30am, and program at 12:15pm until about 2:30pm. Bring your friends, neighbors, husbands, children!!

Leaving a legacy isn't just for the well-off, it's for everyone, and it's easier than you think. You are invited to an Estate Planning Basics Workshop sponsored by Catholic United Financial and Member Advisor Scott Jones. This is a St. William's event that will be held at Vogrin Hall on Apr 27 at 5 pm. There's no hard-sell at this workshop, just practical advice about using proven, time-honored methods like wills, trusts and charitable giving plans. Guest Speaker **Greg Gall Regional Sales Director** for Catholic United Financial, will guide you through these topics using his many years of experience in the insurance and financial products field. This workshop is sponsored by Catholic United Financial and Member Advisor Scott Jones. Join us at Vogrin Hall on Apr 27 at 5 pm, with a free soup and sandwich supper. To save your seat call **1-800-441-9949** or email workshops@catholicunited.org by Apr 22.

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.

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 Dolores at 7:30 pm. Rosary is prayed in the church at 7:00 pm.

FROM THE DIOCESE

Stewardship as a Way of Life: *"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice."* - John 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.



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

2024 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Bishop's Annual Appeal: The Diocesan TV Mass has been a lifeline for the homebound. Other diocesan ministries continue their work in support of faith formation, family life, Catholic schools, multicultural ministries, evangelization and vocational discernment. Will you help keep these ministries strong? Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal

PRAYER LIST

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Terry Pauls, Millie Bitzan, Jim Korkowski, Eddie Koep, Jim & Carol Grotheer, LaVerne Shea, Tanner Wegscheid, Patty Kenaley, David Burgoyne, Andy Suchy, 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.

Please Pray for a Priest or Seminarian each day in April

- 22-Rev. Omar Guanchez-Rivas
- 23-Rev. Matthew Kuhn
- 24-Rev. Scott Pogatchnik
- 25-Rev. Michael Wolfbauer
- 26-Rev. Matthew Crane
- 27-Rev. John Knopik
- 28-Rev. Joseph Backowski

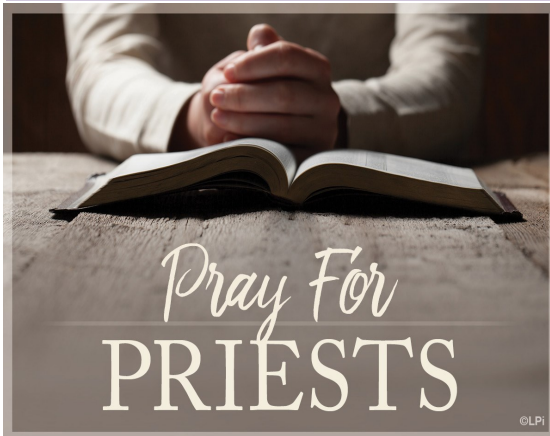
Calendar of **E****V****E****N****T****S**

April

- 20-21 First Communion for SD, SW, SH, SA
- 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.
- 27-NW Deanery Council of Catholic Women Spring Program at 11:00 am at Seven Dolors Parish Hall, Millerville.
- 27-Estate Planning Workshop at 5:00 pm at Vogrin Hall (St Williams Living Center), Parkers Prairie.
- 28-First Communion during the 8:30 am Mass, St. Edward, Henning.

May

- 1-Salad Buffet from 4:30—6:30 pm at St. James, Maine Twp.
- 2-Disciples of the Mission ACC Pastoral Council meeting – Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
- 5- First Communion during the 8:30 am Mass, St. James Twp.
First Communion during the 10:30 am Mass, Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake
- 18-19- Baccalaureate Masses for SW, SD, SH, SA



	4/14/24	Weekly Budget
Our Lady of the Lake	\$4,517.00	\$4,694.00
St. Ann	\$2,263.00	\$2,610.00
St. James	\$ 732.00	\$1,725.00
St. Edward	\$3,054.25	\$2,650.00
Seven Dolors	\$1,481.90	\$3,115.00
St. William	\$1,756.10	\$2,101.00
Sacred Heart	\$1,241.27	\$2,135.00

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Pope Francis April Intention:

For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

A Vocation View:

The priest is called, in imitation of Christ, to lay down his life for his people. Pray that our priests and seminarians might be courageous in following the example of Christ. (John 10:11-18)

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. 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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