



# 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 Dolors • 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. 8:30 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. 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  
Underwood, MN 56586

#### Mass Times

**Weekend:** Sat. 4:00 pm

**Weekday:** Wed. 9:00 am

Greetings,

The church offers wonderful devotions, demonstrations of faith beyond the Holy Mass such as the Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, First Friday devotion of reparation to the Sacred Heart, requested by Jesus and the First Saturday devotion of reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, requested by Blessed Mother.

**Significance of the First Friday Devotion:** The First Friday Devotion is rooted in the revelations made to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, where Jesus promised special graces to those who practice this devotion. The intent of the First Friday devotion is to focus on making restitution for sins against the Divine Heart, to alleviate His sorrow and to deepen one's love and commitment to Jesus.

**Requirements for the First Friday Devotion:** Attend Holy Mass: One must participate in the Holy Mass on the First Friday of each month for nine consecutive months.

**Receive Holy Communion:** We are required to receive Holy Communion during the Holy Mass on each of these First Fridays. This act is central to the devotion as it honors the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

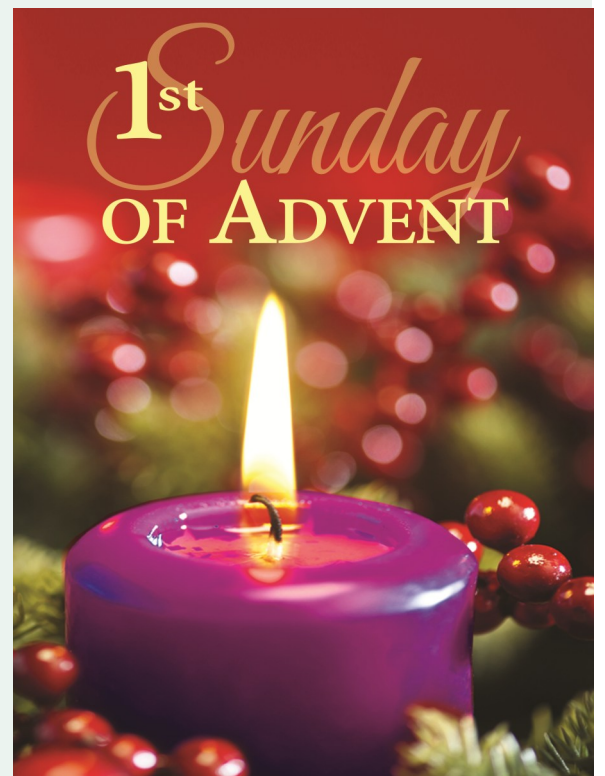
**Go to Confession:** One should go to Confession within eight days before or after each First Friday. This ensures that we are in a state of grace to receive Holy Communion.

By following these requirements, one can fully participate in this meaningful devotion and receive the associated graces promised by Jesus: all the graces necessary for one's state in life, peace in their families, consolation in time of trouble, assured refuge in the heart of Jesus during life and especially at the hour of death, abundant blessings on all undertakings. He also promised that the tepid soul will become fervent and will attain perfection.

Many Catholics have themselves and their families consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. "And since there is in the Sacred Heart, a symbol and a sensible image of the infinite love of Jesus Christ, which moves us to love one another, therefore it is proper that we should consecrate ourselves to His most Sacred Heart, an act which is nothing else than an offering and a binding of oneself to Jesus Christ". (Pope Leo XIII)

Have a Blessed Weekend

Fr. George



**Sunday November 30, 2025**

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## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

8:30 am Sacred Heart, Urbank

† Nick Bitzan

**Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

8:00 am Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

† George Bitzan

9:00 am St. James, Maine Twp.

† Virginia Sand

**Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>:**

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

† Earl Schlick

9:00 am St. Ann, Brandon

† Therese Peterson

**Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>:**

7:30 am St. William Living Center

† Richard A Dropik

8:30 am St. Edward, Henning

† Bob Coleman

**Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>:**

4:00 pm Sacred Heart, Urbank

†† Urban & Loretta Klimek

4:00 pm St. James, Maine Twp

Mass for the People

7:30 pm St. Ann, Brandon

Mass for the People

**Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>: Second Sunday of Advent**

8:00 am St. Edward, Henning

†† Hazel & Fred Fleisher

8:30 am Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

† Nick Bitzan

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

†† Vern & Gertie Wilts

10:30 am St. William, Parkers Prairie

† Nancy Haggemiller

**Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>: Immaculate Conception Vigil**

6:00 pm Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

† Mark Bramwell

**Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>: Immaculate Conception**

8:30 am St. Edward, Henning

Mass for the People

6:00 pm St. Williams, Parkers Prairie

Mass for the People

7:00 pm Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake

Bob & Ruth Zinken Family

## CONFESSION

**Tuesday:**

9:00 am Sacred Heart, Urbank

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

**Wednesday:**

7:00 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

**Friday:**

8:00 am St. Williams Living Center, Parkers Prairie

8:00 am St. Edward, Henning

**Saturday:**

3:00 pm Sacred Heart, Urbank

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

9:00 - 10:00 am Sacred Heart, Urbank

**Wednesday:**

7:00 - 7:45 am Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

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

**Thursday:**

9:00 - 5:00 pm Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake

**Friday:**

8:00 - 9:00 am St. Williams Living Center, Parkers Prairie

9:00 - 3:00 pm St. Edward, Henning



**Please note the changes in the following bulletin deadlines:**

December 7 Bulletin deadline is December 1 at 11:00 am

December 14 Bulletin deadline is December 5 at 11:00 am

December 21 Bulletin deadline is December 11 at 11:00 am

## DISCIPLES OF THE MISSION AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FAITH FORMATION

#### OLSD, SA, SW, SH

Class on Dec 3 for **Grades 1-5** at 6:45 pm with optional meal at 6:15 pm at St Williams.

Class on Dec 3 for **grades 6th-11th** at 6:45 pm with optional meal at 6:15 pm at Our Lady of Seven Dolors.

#### SE

Class on Dec 3 at 6:00 pm

#### SJ/OLL

Grades 6-12 Dec 3, 5:30pm meal, class 6-7:30.

Grades Pre-K - 5 Sunday School Dec 7, 9:15am.

### ST. ANN

Friendly reminder to check out the library in the basement.

### ST. WILLIAM

The Angel Tree is up in the entrance of the church. The tags on the tree have an item written on the back of the tag indicating something that an area child is wishing for this Christmas. Select a tag from the tree, shop for the item, wrap the gift, attach the tag to the gift and return your wrapped gift to St. Williams by December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Fellowship will begin on December 7th, sign-up sheet is in the entrance of the church.

### OUR LADY OF SEVEN DOLORS

#### Calendar Winners

|              |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| Nov 24 \$100 | Mike Suchy     |
| Nov 25 \$50  | Harry Carlson  |
| Nov 26 \$50  | Jennifer Weber |
| Nov 27 \$100 | Ben Froehling  |
| Nov 28 \$75  | Sean McBride   |
| Nov 29 \$50  | Duane Holthaus |
| Nov 30 \$100 | Justin Bitzan  |

### SACRED HEART

Thank you to all those who help make the Fall Bingo & Raffle a success.

### ST. JAMES

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for the potluck and helped out where they could. Beginning Dec. 6, we will have potluck every Saturday after the 4 pm Mass.

This year our Circle 3 Christmas Project has changed. In lieu of individual gifts we are providing clothing for Underwood K-12 students which will be dispersed by teachers throughout the year as needed. Please take a tag or 2 or 3 from the tree in the entry. Please return to the containers in the entry unwrapped by December 20.

### ST. EDWARD

The 2026 Church Calendars, Advent Devotional Books and "The Fountain of Youth" Book by Dave Durand are available on the cabinet between the Parish Offices.

**Away From Home College Student Exam Cram Care Packages**-Those late night study sessions can be pretty

brutal without food present. That's why the Faith Formation Program is mailing **our seven college students** that are members of Saint Edward's and living away from home a student care package. If you would like to donate, here is a list of items needed: snack mixes, popcorn, candies, granola bars, pop tarts, dried fruits, peanuts, ramen noodles, beef sticks, hot chocolate, apple cider, powdered drink mix (single serving) or any microwaveable just add water food allowing them to focus on learning and forget about that grumbling tummy. **Items should be brought to the church by December 5, a box is in the fellowship hall for donations.**

**The Christmas Giving Tree** - If you would like to purchase items from the Christmas Giving Tree, please select either of Mitten (Otter Tail County Human Services) and/or a Stocking (Henning HOPE) and write your name & phone number beside the corresponding code on the sheet provided. The purchased items need to be back to church by Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>; as they will be picked up during the following week. ***Thank You for making someone's Christmas a little merrier by providing a gift(s) for them.***

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** If you would like to give a donation for Christmas Flowers in memory or honor of a loved one; there are envelopes on the table between the Parish Offices.

Adult Bible Study will be held on Wed., Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1 pm. We will be watching the Chosen, Season 5, Episode 7.

### OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

Wedding Banns III: Brock Bleichner and Brooke Busse

The Direction for Our Time meeting on Tuesday, Nov 25<sup>th</sup> was cancelled. Please join us instead for a Potluck and Prayer Time at 2:00 pm. on Tuesday, December 2 at Janet Hennemann's House. Call Janet at 218-769-4407 if you need directions.

The Parish Life Committee is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner after Mass on Sunday, Dec 7. The meal includes spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic toast, salad, dessert & beverage. A gluten free option will be available. Free will offering.

**The Angel Tree is up in the gathering space.** The tags on the tree will have an item written on the back of the tag indicating something that an area child is wishing for this Christmas. Select a tag from the tree, shop for the item, wrap the gift, attach the tag to the gift and return your wrapped gift to Our Lady of the Lake Church by December 15th. We will collect the gifts here and deliver them to the school for you. We are partnering with Amor Lutheran, First Lutheran, Eagle Lake Lutheran and Bethel Church this year. With this combined effort, we are able to provide each child in need with a new shirt, a pair of pants and 2 toys. We will also be buying gift cards at Larry's so each family can purchase groceries for a holiday meal. If you would like to make a contribution to that, there will be a donation box provided near the Angel Tree. Checks should be made payable to OLL.

## DISCIPLES OF THE MISSION AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CONTINUED

Welcome to Peter Van Erp who recently registered as a member of our parish family.

Thanks to our faith formation students for their enthusiastic help in cleaning our pews and worship area. You went above and beyond our expectations!

Our Christmas Program Potluck will be Sunday, Dec 14 following 10:30am Mass. Please bring a dish to share. If your last name begins with A-L Casserole, M-S Salad, T-Z Dessert.

### ST. ANN, ST. WILLIAM, SACRED HEART, OUR LADY OF SEVEN DOLORS

#### Winter Mass Schedule:

**Starting Dec 6/7 weekend**

#### Saturday:

4:00 pm Sacred Heart, Urbank

7:30 pm St. Ann, Brandon

#### Sunday:

8:30 am Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

10:30 am St. William, Parkers Prairie

Want to help decorate our churches for Christmas? You can donate money for flowers in memory of someone, (who has died), or in honor of someone (who is living). The names will be posted in the entrance of the church. Please mark your envelope "Christmas Flower Offering" for the following church (list your Parish).

Offering envelopes for 2026 are available in the church entrances. If there is not a box for you, and you would like one, please contact the office.

**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.

### ST. JAMES, ST. EDWARD, OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

Deacon Craig will be leading Adult Faith Formation classes on Tuesdays at 7pm beginning Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please sign-up as materials need to be ordered. See the sign-up sheet at your parish or call 218-864-5619 to sign up!

### FROM THE DIOCESE

Honoring Marriage Day is May 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Francis Xavier Parish, Sartell, MN. All married couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60+ years of marriage in 2026 will receive special recognition. Call your parish office if you would like to attend this special event.

## THE BIBLE TIMELINE

*by Jeff Cavins*

**STARTING THURSDAY, DEC. 4 AT 1 P.M. AT THE YOUTH HOUSE IN URBANK.**

**EACH SESSION WILL LAST ABOUT 1 1/2 HRS. WORKBOOKS AVAILABLE AT FIRST CLASS**

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**Please contact Rose  
320-766-5312 for more  
information**

## A Journey Home

*A Ten-Year Personal Mission from Agnosticism to the Catholic Faith*

by Dr. Tim Cushing



### The Path to Faith

**Part 1: ... by Intuition and Reflection**

**Part 2: ... by Science and Logic**

**November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup> after Mass**

Refreshments Provided

In St. Joseph's Hall, Our Lady of the Lake Church, Battle Lake

Sponsored by the OLL Parish Life Committee



## SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, February 11, 2026  
7:00 - 9:00 PM  
Wadena Memorial Auditorium  
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## Daily Readings

### Monday, December 1: *Advent Weekday*

Isaiah 4:2-6; Psalm 122:1-9; Matthew 8:5-11

### Tuesday, December 2: *Advent Weekday*

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Luke 10:21-24

### Wednesday, December 3: *St. Francis Xavier*

Isaiah 25:6-10; Psalm 23:1-6; Matthew 15:29-37

### Thursday, December 4: *St. John of Damascus*

Isaiah 26:1-6; Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27; Matthew 7:21, 24-27

### Friday, December 5: *Advent Weekday*

Isaiah 29:17-24; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14; Matthew 9:27-31

### Saturday, December 6: *St. Nicholas*

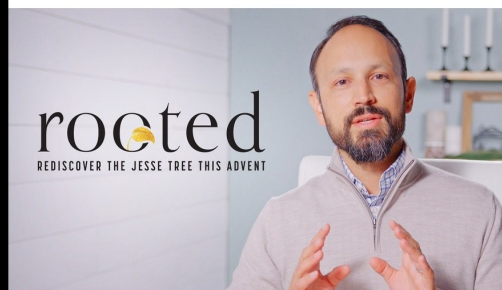
Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Psalm 147:1-6; Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5-8

### Sunday, December 7: *Second Sunday of Advent*

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

## This Week on Formed

### Week of November 30, 2025



### Rooted: Rediscover the Jesse Tree This Advent | Trailer

Hosted by Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Rooted guides Catholics through a daily Advent reflection using the Jesse Tree model traditionally practiced by families. Each seven-minute episode introduces the ancestors of Jesus Christ, shares a Scripture passage, and offers an engaging, practical reflection.



### Week One | Adore: Advent with Fr. John Burns

Join Fr. John Burns as he journeys deeper into the theme for week one: watchfulness.

# PRAYER LIST

**Please remember the following in your prayers:**

Pat Kirscht, Don Maslow, Chris Arndt, 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 Christian-son, 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 November /December**

- 30-Rev. Silverius Schmitt  
Dcn. George Anderberg
- 1-Rev. Todd Schneider  
Dcn. Mark Barder
- 2-Rev. Thomas Skaja  
Dcn. Randolph Bayerl
- 3-Rev. Kevin Soenneker  
Dcn. Peter Bellavance
- 4-Rev. Arlie Sowada  
Dcn. Michael Benda
- 5-Sem. Vincent St. Marie Immaculate Conc. St Anna  
Dcn. Bertrum Bliss
- 6-Rev. Mark Stang  
Dcn. Charles Bobertz



## Calendar of Events

### November

- 30-Confirmation Net Retreat 10:30 am—7:00 pm at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Urbank
- 30-A Journey Home-The Path to Faith after Mass at Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake.

### December

- 7-A Journey Home-The Path to Faith after Mass at Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake.
- 7-Spaghetti Dinner after Mass at Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake

#### Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Schedule

December 7 \*\*Please note the Mass time changes

6:00 pm Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

December 8

8:30 am St. Edward, Henning

6:00 pm St. Williams, Parkers Prairie

7:00 pm Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake

13-Millions of Monicas Prayer Group from 8:00-9:00 am, Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

14-Penance Service at 1:00 pm at Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

14-Penance Service at 4:00 pm at Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake

22-Mass at 6:00 pm Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

### Christmas Mass Schedule

#### December 24 Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

4:00 pm St. Edward, Henning

4:00 pm Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake

7:00 pm St. William, Parkers Prairie

#### December 25 Christmas Day

8:30 am St. Ann, Brandon

8:30 am St. James, Maine Twp.

10:30 am Sacred Heart, Urbank



**Financials**  
*Thank you*

|                             | 11/16/25    | Weekly Budget |
|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| <b>Our Lady of the Lake</b> | \$ 4,921.45 | \$5,006.81    |
| <b>St. James</b>            | \$ 634.00   | \$1,725.00    |
| <b>St. Edward</b>           | \$2,290.25  | \$2,997.00    |
| <b>St. Ann</b>              | \$2,218.00  | \$2,879.00    |
| <b>Seven Dolors</b>         | \$2,191.10  | \$3,406.00    |
| <b>St. William</b>          | \$2,861.90  | \$2,868.00    |
| <b>Sacred Heart</b>         | \$2,105.50  | \$2,399.00    |



## Pope Leo December Intention:

### For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

# THANK YOU

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

## A Vocation View:

Let us go rejoicing to the House of the Lord! In God's House is found true joy, blessed are those called to minister in His Temple.

(Psalm 122)

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