

WELCOME TO HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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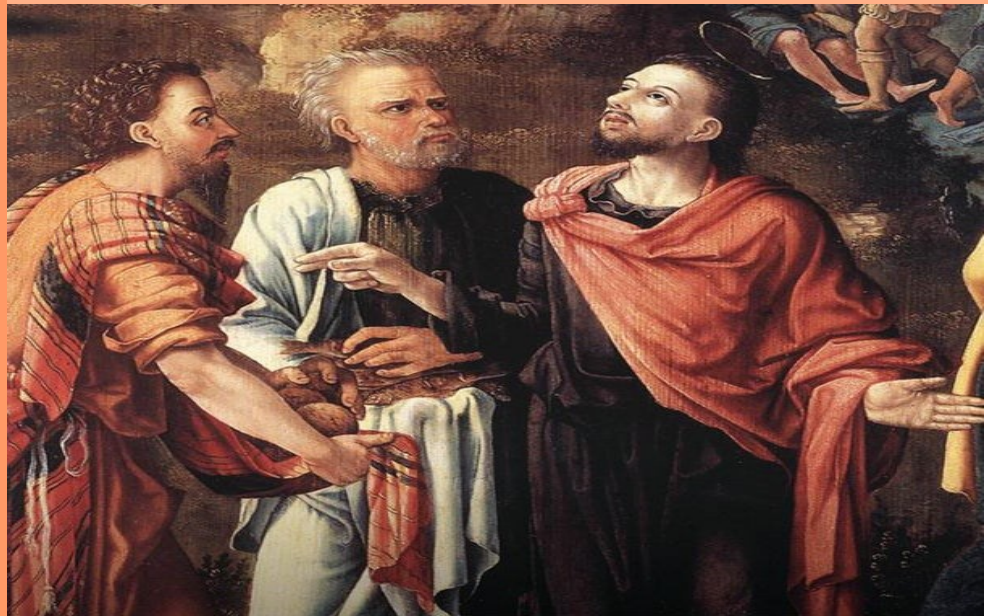
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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:32-33

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Mission Field Mass Schedules

Weekend Masses

Holy Spirit-Virginia

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 8am & 10am

Resurrection-Eveleth

Saturday 4pm

Sunday 10am

St. Joseph-Gilbert

Sunday 8:30am

Our Lady of Hope-Aurora

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 8:30am & 10:30am

Daily Masses

Holy Spirit-Virginia

Monday-Thursday 8:30am

Resurrection-Eveleth

Tuesday--Thursday 8am

St. Joseph-Gilbert

Monday & Friday 9am

Confessions

Saturday

Resurrection—3pm

OL Hope—7pm

Holy Spirit—3pm

Sunday

St. Joseph—7:45am

OL Hope—8am & 10am

Adoration

Resurrection

Tuesday

8:30am-9:30am

Holy Spirit

Tuesday & Thursday

9am-9pm

OL Hope

Thursday 10am-11am

St. Joseph

Friday 8:30am-9:30am

Joyful; Docile

Stewardship of Treasury Fiscal Year July 2024-June 2025

Month of July 2024

Monthly Goal.....\$40,416.00
Received to Date for month.....
.....\$27,500.68

Ordinary Income (July 27/28)
.....\$4,086.25

Annual Goal 23/24.....\$485,000.00
Received to Date.....
.....\$27,500.68

Diocesan Ministries Appeal

2024 Assessment \$73,637.00
Funds Collected \$24,456.00
Remaining Balance \$49,181.00

MCS Capital Campaign
\$4,368,090.54

Marquette Catholic School
Endowment
Fund Balance:
\$148,503.50

Holy Spirit Endowment Fund
Balance
\$51,359.32

Marriage: Contact parish office as soon as possible and at least **6 months prior** to desired wedding date.

Baptism: Infant baptism during Mass or privately. Call parish to arrange pre-baptism parent session or request information. Forms available on the parish website.

Anointing of the Sick: Call the Parish office to schedule Sacrament or Communion calls for the homebound.

**Natural Family Planning:
Northland Family
Programs** Call Susie Marchetti at 218-966-0899

Greetings!

This past week the priests of our Mission Field gathered to share a meal, to pray together and to continue to discuss and discern how we can best serve the Mission Field we have been assigned to. At one of our gatherings, it was suggested that we take time to introduce ourselves as priests in the bulletins of all four of our parishes. So, for the next four weeks, each priest will share a bit about themselves in hopes that each of you can slowly get to know each of us. I was “elected” to go first and so here we go....

I am never quite sure where to start this sort of article about my life, my loves, and my struggles. So, I guess the best way to start is I grew up in Ely as the oldest of four children and when I look back, I truly was blessed to have an incredible upbringing. My dad “Deacon” Rick and my mom Diana were two very committed parents who worked hard to get food on the table and to instill in us a life of faith, discipline, and charity. I loved my childhood in Ely and have very few regrets.

After High School, I went off to a Protestant Bible College and was the only Catholic there! In a crazy way, it was there that I fell in love with my Catholic Faith! (ask me sometime and I can share more!) After my brief time at that Bible College, I applied and was accepted to serve on one of the National Evangelization Teams, better known as NET ministries. That year, I traveled the United States in a van with 10 other young adults leading retreats for youth and families across the country!

During that year, I fell in love, with a young lady that was on my ministry team...got engaged, went through Marriage Prep, right in the office I now call my own in Aurora! Funny how God works. A short time before our wedding date, we broke off our engagement, announced we were not getting married and went our separate ways. It was an exceedingly challenging time in my life, and I did swing into a deep depression. At that time, I was working for Holy Spirit Church in Virginia as the youth minister and was fortunate to have a priest and several people that cared for me and got me through those days. A few years later, through a crazy course of events, I applied for seminary and got accepted to study for the Diocese of Duluth. I headed off to St Mary’s University in Winona for my undergraduate in philosophy and then headed to St Thomas University in St Paul for my graduate studies in Theology.

After eight-years of seminary formation, I was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Duluth in 2012. My first assignment, of two years, was as an associate for five parishes in the Brainerd Lakes area and St. Francis School. After my two years there I was named pastor in Virginia and Mt. Iron, where I have served for the last ten years. Now I begin this new assignment serving as pastor/administrator of all the parishes in our Mission Field.

Some of my loves are Minnesota sports, hunting, fishing, and traveling when the opportunities present themselves. But my greatest love, after the Lord and His Church, are by far my eleven nieces and nephews! It is one of the greatest reasons I hope to serve on the Range for many years ahead – to be with them and their families as they grow up. Some of my “quirks” and “struggles” are that I have a tough time sitting still, I often want to run off to the “next thing” too quickly, I am incredibly “futuristic” and often forget about history. I talk too fast and eat too many chips and top the tater! But at the heart of who I am is a man who truly desires to love the Lord and His Church and to exhaust myself for what He calls me to each day. There is a fire that burns in my soul that I can only explain as a gift from the Holy Spirit.

I truly look forward to meeting many of you and getting to know you. Please reach out if you want to go for coffee, go for a walk, share a meal, or simply visit. I will do all I can to find time for each of you and your families. One of my favorite things to do as a priest is to get out into people’s homes to visit and “break bread.”

Well, I better stop there! Have a blessed weekend and may we continue to pray for one another!

Fr. Brandon Moravitz

Relentless Prayer; United

Altar Server Schedule Weekend of August 10-11

Sat. 4:30pm	Sun. 8:00am	Sun. 10:00 am
J. Kenyon	E. Pond	B. Simetkosky
	S. Beukema	L. Simetkosky
		J. Rosandich
		T. Rosandich

Sacristan Schedule Weekend of August 10-11

8/10 Sat. 4:30pm S. Babiracki
8/11 Sun. 8:00am C. Pond
8/11 Sun. 10:00am J. Milton

Lector Schedule Weekend of August 10-11

8/10 Sat. 4:30pm M. Potts
8/11 Sun. 8:00am B. Maturi
8/11 Sun. 10:00am G. Rozell/J. Oreskovich



Monday August 5
8:30 AM † Evelyn Witzman
Tuesday August 6
8:30 AM † David Fallon
Wednesday August 7
8:30 AM † Mary Kay Klarich
Thursday August 8
8:30 AM † Ralph Harvey
Friday August 9 No Mass
Saturday August 10
4:30 PM † Deceased Members of Plutt Family
Sunday August 11
8:00 AM † Dena Morse
10:00 AM † Mary Ann McKibbon

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, August 14 Anticipatory Masses

Holy Spirit-Virginia 5:30pm
Resurrection-Eveleth 6pm

Thursday, August 15

Resurrection-Eveleth 8am
Holy Spirit-Virginia 8:30am
St. Joseph-Gilbert 6pm
Our Lady of Hope-Aurora 6:30pm

The next "Clean & Shine" the church day is Wed., Aug. 7, 9:30 AM (about 1 hour). If you enjoy outdoor chores, the "Garden Clean and Weed" for the outdoor space is at the same time. Bring your own gloves/tools. Thank so much for giving of your time and work!

Respect Life

Word of Life August 4: "We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life" (Pope St. John Paul II Evangelium Vitae).

Intercession for Life Aug. 4: May the Lord generously provide for the needs of mothers as they dedicate themselves to caring for their children. *We pray to the Lord. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be. (USCCB Pro-Life Activities)*

Formed.org Feature

A Bible Study on the Luminous Mysteries: The Transfiguration Join Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein in this beautiful and powerful reflection as they walk through this Biblical mystery, seek to grow in understanding and love for Christ. The Feast of the Transfiguration is August 6.

Augustine Institute Kiosk Feature

Contagious Catholicism (CD) Internationally acclaimed speaker, Chris Stefanick, speaks about the importance of living a life of authenticity with a courageous commitment to love. He walks through seven habits that we can use as modern-day apostles to effectively spread the good news to Jesus Christ. Following these lessons will help us fulfill our calling to be fearlessly, joyfully Catholic, with a faith that is attractive, life-giving, and truly contagious.

GOD IS STILL CALLING

Men to the Priesthood, Women to the Religious Life. It is up to the whole Church to help increase His call thru prayer.

Join Dcn. Rick, **Thursday evenings at 8pm**, in a Rosary for Vocations.

Can't make it every week? Maybe consider once a month!

"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Matthew 9:37-38