

WELCOME TO  
**HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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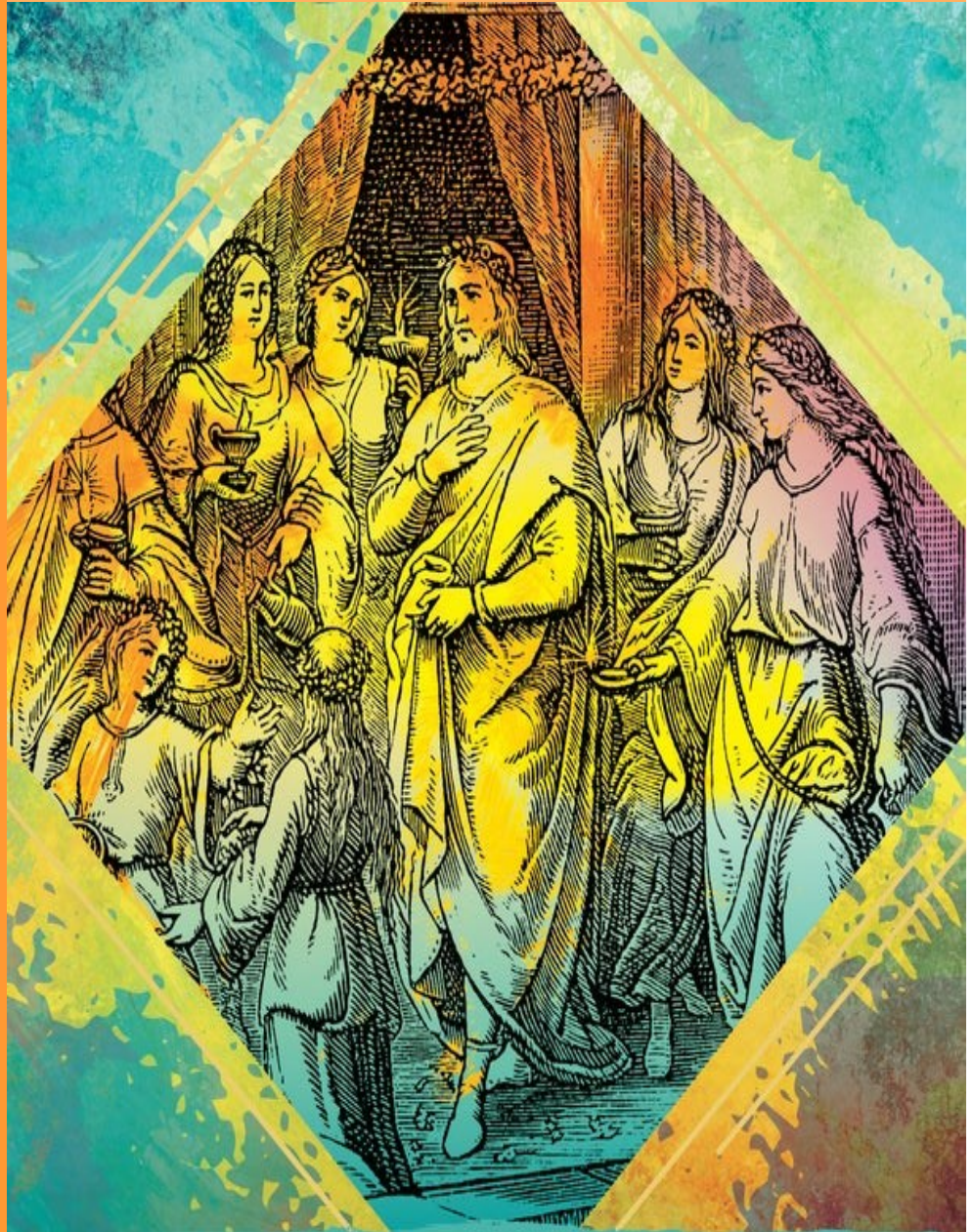
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November 12, 2023



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You know neither the day nor the hour.”

- Mt 25: 13

# Testimony of Faith

## Stewardship of Treasury Fiscal Year July 2023- June 2024

### Month of November 2023

Monthly Goal.....\$40,583.00

Received to Date for  
month.....\$9,209.33

### Annual Goal

23/24.....\$487,000.00

Received to Date.....  
.....\$160,955.70

UCA Collected for 2023  
\$34,864.00

Capital Campaign  
\$4,242,615.54

Marquette Catholic School  
Endowment  
Fund Balance:  
\$134,184.50

Holy Spirit Endowment Fund  
Balance  
\$46,664.03

**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

## Thanksgiving Reflection by Ben Frost:

A little over a week ago, our family home was bursting with energy! Halloween day had come and the kids were ready to go. Costumes laid out. Early dinner. Then out we went for an enjoyable evening of trick or treating. What a wonderful experience! The next morning, I woke up and noticed something interesting. Looking around the neighbor's houses...many of the pumpkins were already gone. The shift was already happening...people thinking..."what's the next thing to look forward to?"

Naturally, if we look at the November calendar, Thanksgiving is a very important occasion for people. Time together with family. A good meal. Football games. Thanksgiving is an occasion that we are very intentional in preparing for...and rightfully so.

In our Catholic faith, we have an extra appreciation for the term "Thanksgiving". Did you know that the word "Eucharist" literally translates out to "Thanksgiving" For over 2000 years Christians have gathered together to worship God and encounter Him through "Eucharist"-Thanksgiving? The family of God gathers around a table (altar) to be nourished and sustained...focusing our hearts on the greatest sacrifice of all eternity- Jesus Christ's offering his life so we could live. We receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ...literally God within us. And the best part of being Catholic is that at the end of Mass, we don't just turn the page and look for the next holiday. We center our entire week around the Holy Eucharist. It's the heart beat that keeps us going. It's the place of refuge from the turbulent storms. It totally makes sense that the Early Christians called this gathering and worship- Eucharist-Thanksgiving.

With this in mind, I simply want to invite all of us today to ask a question. Do we continue to push ourselves to be intentional in regards to Holy Mass and Holy Eucharist? In the same way we put lots of time into picking out turkeys and fall decor, do we prepare our hearts to encounter the living God each week at Holy Mass. Here are a few simple ideas to help us continue to grow in intentionality. 1. spend a few minutes before and/or after Mass praying-putting ourselves in a place of worship. 2. Possibly look at the readings ahead of time 3. Don't just be a spectator-participate...sing, pray, unite your heart to Jesus. 4. If you are burdened by sin...go to confession. 5. Look at the crucifix and talk to Jesus.

There are many ways we can be intentional to enter into the Eucharistic sacrifice. See what God might be stirring in your heart today. We are so blessed as Catholics that every week is Thanksgiving :) Let's be intentional!

# Parish News

## Deer Hunters Masses

Nov. 12 @7pm

Nov. 19 @7pm

Good Luck Hunters!



## Seeking Wisdom

I think if any of us were asked the question, "Do you love wisdom? Do you seek wisdom?" we would, at first, be a little taken aback. And then we would answer quickly "Of course!" with absolutely no doubt in our minds.

But a different way of asking the question is this: "Are you making wise choices?" That's a question that would put a fair few of us on the back foot.

The virgins who went out to meet the bridegroom were all the same. They had the exact same intentions. They had the exact same stamina, or lack of it. They had the exact same knowledge of the night being dark and lamps being necessary.

What made five foolish, and five wise?

It was their choices. Only their choices set them apart.

We may rely upon the wisdom of another — the parent who reminds us to go to confession, the friend who demurs when we start speaking gossip, the priest who preaches boldly from the pulpit against an injustice we lack the courage to denounce ourselves. But even if we feel safeguarded by their good influence, their wisdom won't save us.

We may possess a little wisdom ourselves — we may know well that a dark night is hard to navigate, and that we need the assistance of a lamp. We may go to Mass once in a while, read the Bible when we have time and serve others when it's convenient.

But a lamp needs oil to burn in the darkness, just as wisdom requires action to be brought forth into the world.

We may love God just as much as we should — our flesh may pine, our soul may thirst. But a parched field never brought rain on itself just by being dry.

We must make the choice.

*"Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name." — Psalm 63:4*

## Life Ministry

**Holiday Trunk Sale, Saturday, November 25 to benefit the Star of the North Maternity Home** Shop for gifts, treats, crafts and fresh crepes from Crepes Amour at the 7th Annual Holiday Trunk Show! Vendors will be set up in the Holy Rosary Catholic School Gym, Duluth, and sharing their products from 11am-3pm. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Star of the North Maternity Home. Free admission!

## Formed.org Feature

**Bread of Life: The Eucharist in Galilee** Join Dr. Tim Gray in this beautiful series filmed in the Holy Land for an exciting five-part series about Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist. Each 6 minute presentation is packed with heart moving illuminations about the Eucharist. Christ's teaching about the Eucharist was not reserved solely for the Last Supper. Rather, this profound mystery is the crescendo of Jesus' entire ministry: all his work in Galilee prepared for and pointed to the Eucharist.

## Augustine Institute Kiosk Feature

**Desires of the Heart (CD)** Sister Bethany Madonna, vocations director for the Sisters of Life, shares how God not only wants us to know him, but also to give us the desires of our heart and gifts that bring purpose, meaning, and hope. She makes it clear that "receiving is the gift that we give" to the Lord and that he wants to be invited into every aspect of our lives. Speaking from her own life experience, Sister Bethany shows the importance of asking in order to receive all the Lord has in mind for us.

## ADOPT A FEEDER at MCS Middle School

"Wild bird friends, in an effort to liven up the new school property with wildlife, I have placed several bird feeders behind the school. I'm inviting anyone to help me keep these feeders filled. If you'd like help by either helping fill them or by donating bird seed, I would greatly appreciate it. I've placed a storage box near the feeders that will hold many bags of bird seed. Feel free to leave a bag or 3 of seed and/or suet blocks in that box or drop them off with the school receptionist. Reach out to me if you would like to help fill the feeders and we can coordinate days. I'm currently filling them every 3 days."

Thank you!

Floyd Luomanen

218-290-0551

Honoring  
ALL WHO  
served

THANK YOU  
VETERANS



## Holy Spirit Fall Mass Schedule

### Daily Masses at Holy Spirit

Mon.-Fri  
Mass at 8:30am

Wed.  
Mass 5:30pm

### Daily Masses at Marquette Middle School

(When school is in session)

Mon.-Thurs.  
Mass at 10:45am

### Weekend Masses at Holy Spirit

Sat. 4:30pm  
Sun. 8am & 10am

### Confessions at Holy Spirit

Wed. 4:45 pm  
Sat. 3:00 pm—4:00 pm

### Adoration at Holy Spirit

Tues. & Thurs. 9am-9pm

### Rosaries at Holy Spirit

Thurs. 8pm  
-Prayer for Vocations

<b>Monday</b> 8:30 AM † 10:45 AM MCS	<b>November 13</b> Gary Wood, Sr. The Wildes Family
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 AM † 10:45 AM MCS	<b>November 14</b> Marilyn Gaivonik The McCulloch Family
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 AM † 10:45AM MCS 5:30 PM †	<b>November 15</b> Tom Turja The Koch Family Ronald "Ron" McKibbon
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 AM †  10:45 AM MCS	<b>November 16</b> Mary & Rudy Simonich; Dennis Micheletti; Winnie Jacquemard The Jackson Family
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 AM †	<b>November 17</b> Bob Bozich
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 PM †	<b>November 18</b> Robert & Christine Springhetti
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 AM † 10:00 AM † 7:00 PM †	<b>November 19</b> Our Parish Family John Kempainen Military Veterans

### Altar Server Schedule Weekend of November 18-19

Sat. 4:30pm	Sun. 8:00am	Sun. 10:00 am
M. Scharber	P. Gramm	S. Carlson
A. Scharber	C. Hagberg	H. Frost
	L. Evans	J. Seeber
		C. Pollak
		C. Bialke

### Sacristan Schedule Weekend of November 18-19

11/18 Sat. 4:30pm	D. Haapala
11/19 Sun. 8:00am	B. Scinto
11/19 Sun. 10:00am	J. Milton

### Lector Schedule Weekend of November 18-19

11/18 Sat. 4:30pm	S. Scharber
11/19 Sun. 8:00am	B. Skalko
11/19 Sun. 10:00am	G. Rozell/J. Oreskovich

### Announcement from Diocese:

**Business Manager:** The Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary, St. Mary Star of the Sea, St. John the Evangelist and St. Benedict in Duluth, Minnesota are hiring a full time Business Manager for their parish clusters. The Business Manager is responsible for a variety of business, accounting and bookkeeping functions such as accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll, budgeting, and human resources. Please visit <https://duluthcathedral.com/employment> for the full job description. If you are interested in this position, please send a cover letter, resume and references to [anne.hoeksema@duluthcatholic.org](mailto:anne.hoeksema@duluthcatholic.org).

Star of the North Maternity Home provides a resident home and program serving pregnant women and women with children experiencing housing instability in our region in Duluth (2019) and Hibbing (2022). **We have an immediate opening for the Night shift LIVE IN position or overnights in Duluth and Hibbing. Free room and board is provided in exchange for 4-5 nights of care coverage.** You are able to sleep most of the shift. For more information or to apply, go to [www.starofthenorthmaternityhome.org](http://www.starofthenorthmaternityhome.org) or call 218-340-1645 (SON Twin Ports) or 218-206-1931 (SON Iron Range). Night shift only position available as well.