

WELCOME TO HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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28th SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:27

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Mission Field Mass Schedules

Weekend Masses

Holy Spirit-Virginia

Saturday 5pm

Sunday 8am & 10am

Resurrection-Eveleth

Saturday 4pm

Sunday 10:30am

St. Joseph-Gilbert

Sunday 8:30am & 6pm

Our Lady of Hope-Aurora

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 9:30am

Daily Masses

Holy Spirit-Virginia

Monday & Tuesday 8am

Resurrection-Eveleth

Wednesday & Thursday 8am

St. Joseph-Gilbert

Friday 8am

Our Lady of Hope

Monday & Thursday 9am

Confessions

Saturday

Resurrection—10am

OL Hope—3:30pm

Holy Spirit—4pm

Sunday

St. Joseph—5pm

Adoration

Resurrection

Wednesday

8:30am-8pm

Holy Spirit

Tuesday & Thursday

9am-9pm

OL Hope

Monday

9:30am-8pm

St. Joseph

Friday 8:30am-8pm

Joyful; Docile

Stewardship of Treasury

Fiscal Year July 2024-June 2025

Month of October 2024

Monthly Goal.....\$40,416.00

Received to Date for month
.....\$16,026.70

Ordinary Income
(October 5/6)

.....\$8,685.33

Annual Goal 23/24.....

.....\$485,000.00

Received to

Date.....\$116,738.23

Diocesan Ministries Appeal

2024 Assessment \$59,276.00

Funds Collected \$32,600.00

Remaining Balance \$26,676.00

MCS Capital Campaign

\$4,368,090.54

Marquette Catholic School

Endowment

Fund Balance:

\$150,875.20

Holy Spirit Endowment

Fund

Balance

\$52,179.86

Mission Field Parish

Phone Numbers

Holy Spirit
218-741-6344

Resurrection/
St. Joseph
218-744-3277

Our Lady of Hope
218-229-3210

Have you ever had to hold back tears? Maybe for the sake of a small child. An elderly parent. Someone in crisis or one experiencing a trauma where you had to be the strong one? I had a spiritually enlightened moment standing under the Station of the Cross "Jesus Dies on the Cross". This happened years ago while I was pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in Pine City, MN. Looking up at the figures I noticed the figure of Mary had painted one her cheek a small tear. The thought came to me instantly "Mary didn't cry". Here's why.

First of all, she wanted to be Jesus' strength. Like a parent in a family crisis needing to demonstrate courage and faith, she held back tears. Second, she knew the end of the story wasn't here, in this place, that there would be more to the story. To that point Mary had a deep understanding of Sacred Scripture plus, she had over 25 years of living with Jesus, talking with Jesus, praying with Jesus and so she knew a great deal about Salvation History. Finally, remember that Mary was conceived without Original Sin and so the following list are the characteristics she would have experienced (in a normal human being) but didn't:

- Original Sin causes ignorance
- Original Sin causes malice
- Original Sin causes weakness
- Original Sin causes a propensity to sin
- Original Sin causes a decrease in our awareness of God
- Original Sin causes an increase in our volatility towards God
- Original Sin causes an increase in antipathy with other humans
- Original Sin causes humans to be subject to death

Given all these things I have no doubt that the Blessed Virgin Mary experienced the Crucifixion in a completely different way than anyone who was there or with anyone who has ever lived. She was a Temple of the Holy Spirit, when He looked down on her she was His grace, His rock, His foundation. When Jesus gave her to St. John "Behold your Mother" Jesus gave her to us. In doing so He betrothed everything she did for Him to us as well. It is why Catholics have such a deep devotion to her. It is why we pray the rosary, in order to be in her presence, to stand at the foot of the cross to be amazed by her strength and holiness.

Scripture does not reveal what Mary may have said to Jesus, I imagine that her personal words to Him, followed this train of thought.

"Be not afraid"

"Keep your eyes on me"

"I love you, trust in me and in your Father"

"Offer your pain for souls"

"Let go now Jesus, it's ok"

"You are not alone"

"We love you Jesus"

"I'm here"

The mysteries of the rosary are full of opportunities to meditate in this way that is, from the perspective of Mary. The Stations of the Cross are as well. We need to slow down our prayer and take advantage of the Holy Spirit's guidance. I hope that I may have inspired you to be more present in prayer to the movement of Mary. Like Mary at the foot of the cross where she shed no tears.

More to come...

Fr. David Forsman

Relentless Prayer; United

Knight of Columbus

A district meeting/potluck will be at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, downstairs social hall in Gilbert, Mn, Thursday, October 24, 2024, starting at 6pm. This is open to all Knights of Columbus membership from District 6. Please bring a baked item, dessert, bag of chips, pop, etc. This is a meet and greet, no formal agenda, however if you have issues, bring them too. Please invite your priests and deacons!

The Greater Minnesota Casserole Cook-Off

Come and join the fun following the 4:00 Mass Saturday, October 26, 2024 at Resurrection Church Holy Family Hall. This Mission Field event boasts a best casserole contest, Sven and Ole sharing Minnesota trivia, prizes and a catered hot-dish meal. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased by contacting the parish office. Tickets will be available after Masses.

Check out our new Mission Field Podcast titled, "Rebuild My Church" bringing healing, hope and joy to the people of our Mission Field!

You can find it on Spotify, Apple Podcast and Pod bean. There will be a new episode every week and the goal is to discuss all that the Holy Spirit is doing in our Mission Field. You can find the podcast at any of the following places....

On Spotify podcasts -

<https://open.spotify.com/show/2NcSxMuQfztneNIFU8dpv9?si=qpDUh2u9ROCYO1wm5Ceutw>

On apple podcasts -

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/rebuild-my-church/id1768150840>

Augustine Institute Kiosk Feature

How to Pray the Rosary (Booklet) In this handy guide, author Fr. Donald Calloway teaches you how to pray the Rosary well and why it matters, addressing issues such as:

- Why pray the Rosary?
- How long should a well-prayed Rosary take?
- What are the graces attached to praying the Rosary?
- How can I become a champion of the Rosary?

Our Lady needs Rosary champions to help bring peace in the world. Will you answer her call to prayer?

Formed.org Feature

The Rosary: A Prayer of Miracles An deeply inspiring documentary that reveals the miraculous power of the Rosary from incredible stories of how it saved nations and impacted history. A true story, inspired by the photograph of a seriously injured American soldier holding a rosary, was the inspiration for film directors to embark on a journey across four continents to investigate claims that the recitation of the Rosary can change the course of history. October 7 is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.



Monday	October 14
8:00 AM †	Thomas Turja
Tuesday	October 15
8:00 AM †	Barbara Pakkala
Wednesday	October 16
5:30 PM †	Elmer Ryan
Thursday	October 17 No Mass
Friday	October 18 No Mass
Saturday	October 19
5:00 PM †	William Gagnon
Sunday	October 20
8:00 AM †	Matt Pulis
10:00 AM †	Don Kortz

Altar Server Schedule Weekend of October 19-20

Sat. 5:00pm	Sun. 8:00am	Sun. 10:00 am
M. Scharber	M. Miskovich	B. Simetkosky
A. Scharber	S. Beukema	L. Simetkosky
	L. Flatley	M. Pollak
		G. Zebro

Sacristan Schedule

Weekend of October 19-20

10/19	Sat. 5:00pm	C. Bainter
10/20	Sun. 8:00am	S. Skube
10/20	Sun. 10:00am	J. Phelps

Lector Schedule

Weekend of October 19-20

10/19	Sat. 5:00pm	S. Scharber
10/20	Sun. 8:00am	B. Skalko
10/20	Sun. 10:00am	J. Eddy

The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a national organization that prays for priests. For one year, each of the Seven Sisters commits to taking a designated day of the week and promises to pray in front of the Tabernacle for one hour during the day.

For more information visit: sevensistersapostolate.org

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