

WELCOME TO  
**HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH**

*Serving the People of Virginia and Mountain Iron*  
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June 19, 2022

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# Testimony of Faith

## Stewardship of Treasure

June 12, 2022

Envelopes/Plate .....\$2529.00

Online Giving/ACH.....\$1,697.95

Weekly Goal.....\$9,712.00

Received to Date.....\$455,016.10

Annual Goal 21-22....\$505,000.00

## United Catholic Appeal 2022

Goal.....\$68,882.37

Total Received.....\$20,319.14

**Marquette Catholic School  
Endowment  
Fund Balance:**  
*\$132,253.61*

**Holy Spirit Endowment  
Fund Balance**  
*\$47,852.87*

**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.

**Prayer Warrior Team:** Please call Donna Strumbell at 218-290-3767.

## A Priest by Lacordaire

*To live in the midst of the world without wishing its pleasures; To be a member of each family, yet belonging to none; To share all suffering; to penetrate all secrets; To heal all wounds; to go from men to God and offer Him their prayers; To return from God to men to bring pardon and hope; To have a heart of fire for Charity, and a heart of bronze for Chastity To teach and to pardon, console and bless always. My God, what a life; and it is yours, O priest of Jesus Christ.*

Greetings Holy Spirit Parish!

This weekend I am blessed to celebrate my Ten-Year Anniversary as a priest of the Diocese of Duluth. I have found myself reflecting on the joy, the suffering, and the hope in my heart for the days ahead as a priest. It's been one heck of a journey these last ten years – I would have never imagined both the intensity of the joys and the sufferings when I was laying on the Cathedral floor ten years ago surrendering my life to Jesus!

When I consider the joys, I immediately think of those who have come to know and love Jesus through my priesthood. It gives me joy to think about all of the Weddings, First Communions, Confirmations, Confessions, RCIA candidates that have been brought into the Catholic Faith, and the powerful healings that have happened in people's life through counseling and intercessory prayer. I think of those I have been blessed to work with, those I have been blessed to sit around a dinner table with, those who have loved me and been so generous in love and goodness. The joys of the priesthood are so intense that they outweigh the profound suffering that has also come over the last ten years. The greatest joy of my life as a priest, by far, was journeying with Marc Westerbur during his intimate walk with the Lord through ALS. Those days were the highlight of my priesthood. It was through Marc's offering his life to the Lord, that I saw firsthand what it truly meant to unite one's suffering with Jesus for the glory of God. Marc...pray for us!

Since being ordained ten years ago there has been great suffering. One of my dear friends in seminary tragically took his life not long after being ordained, two other classmates died to sickness, our Bishop died of a heart attack, I lost my two closest priest friends in Drew Braun and Ryan Moravitz who discerned to leave active ministry. I think of the number of very difficult deaths and suicides where I have sat in the midst of the depths of darkness and suffering. I think of the numerous nights of being alone and lonely, feeling disconnected and lost. I think of those who have hurt me and those who I have hurt and the wounds that come to and from the priesthood. I think of the suffering of trying to lead through COVID and all the political strife of our day. I think of the suffering in my family and trying to find the balance of helping and surrendering. The suffering has been great the last ten years of priesthood.

In the midst of the joys and the sufferings I still have tremendous hope for my life as a priest, for our parish and school, for our Diocese, for our country and for the world. I hope I can learn to slow down. I hope I can learn to be more approachable. I hope I can listen more than I react. I hope I can live in joy. I hope I can grow in prayer. I hope I can love my enemies. I hope I can learn to be more humble. I hope our parish can continue to grow. I hope my next assignment is a Divine appointment. I hope we can grow our school. I hope we can get a new location for our school and parish. I hope we can ignite and convict people to be committed to a life of prayer. I hope we can have Adoration 24-7. I hope we can be different than the world. I hope I can somehow bring healing more than hurt. I hope our Diocese can move into the light. I hope Bishop Daniel is given great vision. I hope more young men will say Yes to the call to priesthood. I hope our country can become more Christ centered than ME-centered. I hope the Lord will bring peace. I hope abortion will come to an end. I hope the violence will stop. I hope Jesus comes soon to save the world!

To all who read this – thank you for loving me. In a particular way I thank my mom, dad, siblings, nieces and nephews for being the group of people who will always love me and never leave me. You are a gift! I also ask those who read this – to please pray daily for me and for all priests. We chose this life with the hope of leading people to Jesus – yet so much else ends up distracting from that mission and hope.

Pray for us!

I love you all more than you know!

Fr. B

# Parish News

## **Please Note: Mass changes to Week of Totus Tuus, June 27-30.**

There will be no 8:30am Mass this week—there will be Mass at 11:15am on those days. Evening Mass at 5:30 will stay the same on Mon. and Wed. Adoration will continue—but there will be Mass during that 11:15 time slot.

**\*\*during summer months the bulletin will be available every 2 weeks\*\***

## **Totus Tuus Starts This Week:**

Greetings friends! Summer is here. Are your kids or grandkids looking for fantastic opportunity to grow in friendship and faith? Please invite them to attend Totus Tuus which happens this week! (June 26-July 1st) Totus Tuus in a Catholic summer camp experience that serves both elementary and high school students. To learn more about Totus Tuus please pick up a registration form in the church gathering space or church office. You can also find that information on our website at [www.holyspiritvirginia.com](http://www.holyspiritvirginia.com)

## **Summer Adoration of the Holy Eucharist**

Our Summer Adoration schedule will be Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00 am—9:00pm, and will continue through the summer. Please stop in to spend time in prayer, silence, and adoration of Our Lord—He is waiting for you! There is a new sign up board in the gathering space.

## **Respect Life News**

### **St. Gianna Life Ministry**

**Happy Father's Day!** Through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of fathers, may all fathers come to know the irreplaceable role they have in their children's lives and the responsibility they have in welcoming God's gift of life.

**Rummage Sale** to benefit the pregnancy care center. Rummage sale is July 22 and 23 at the True Hope Fellowship Church, 1 Sunrise Drive in Midway. If you would like to donate items for the sale, all items should be dropped off by July 10. Items should be clean and in good condition. NO clothing, please (housewares, kids toy, men's items, etc. are accepted.) If questions concerning drop off times, call 218-994-1246 (Carolyn).

## **Formed Feature of the Week:**

### **FORMED.org Feature**

**The Sacred Heart of Jesus-Formed Now (30 min)** Using passages from Sacred Scripture, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers discuss the Church's teaching on the Sacred Heart of Jesus devotion and its background. The feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is June 24.

## **Augustine Institute Kiosk Feature:**

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**Evangelization: It Was Never Meant to be Complicated (CD)** Monsignor Thomas Richter encourages Catholics to become passionate about spreading God's good news to everyone around us. Monsignor Richter helps us to understand that evangelization is quite simple. All we need in order to be effective evangelizers is a heart close to Christ. This exciting new talk is a great resource for learning how to evangelize in our everyday lives.

## **One goes on pilgrimage to ask God for the grace needed to live more generously one's Christian vocation.**

(The Vatican's Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy)

Resurrection and St. Joseph Parish in Eveleth and Gilbert invite you to join us as we visit some of the remarkable sites of pilgrimage located in beautiful Northern Minnesota! The sites we will be visiting include: Father Baraga's Cross, Holy Spirit Church in Two Harbors, a Prayer Trail, and a Shrine to Mary. Join us on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 for a day filled with rich experiences and fellowship with others. The cost of the bus is \$30.00 per person. We only have a limited number of seats on the bus so please let us know as soon as possible if you are interested. For a more detailed itinerary please contact the parish office at 218-744-3277 or email Janine at [rsjoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:rsjoutreach@gmail.com).

## **WORLDPRIEST ANNUAL GLOBAL ROSARY RELAY** for the sanctification of Priests.

Join the Mothers of Priests on Fri., June 24, at 4pm, at Holy Rosary Cathedral in Duluth, to pray a rosary for our priests. With a special intention for Deacon Daniel Hammer and Deacon Scott Padrnos. If you are unable to be present, please pray the Luminous Mysteries at 4pm.

St. John Vianny, pray for us.

## **First Communion Families:**

First Communion Pictures are ready to be picked up in the Parish office. Office Hours are Mon-Fri 8am-3pm.

**Summer**

**Mass Times & Event Schedules**

**Daily Mass:**

Mon.-Fri.

Mass at 8:30am

Mon. & Wed.

Mass at 5:30pm

**Weekend Mass:**

Sat. 4:30pm

Sun. 8am & 10am

**Confessions:**

Mon. 4:45pm

Sat. 3:00 pm—4:00 pm

**Adoration:**

Tues. & Thurs. 9am-9pm

**Rosaries:**

Mon. following 5:30pm Mass

-Pray for Priests

Thurs. 8pm

-Prayer for Vocations

**Bible/Book Studies:**

Tues 9:15am with Ben Frost

Sat. 10am Women's Book Study

***THE VATICAN UNVEILED:***

***An Exploration of Legacies***

The event of this decade is finally here, you have heard about it, now it's time to experience the largest Papal Artifacts Collection outside of Rome! Father Richard Kunst will be unveiling the curated collection August 19-21, 2022 at the DECC. This is the closest that most people will ever get to the Vatican or to meet a Pope. General Exhibit hours are from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Early bird tickets available now at [VaticanUnveiled.com](http://VaticanUnveiled.com) or call 218-724-6201. \$20/person, \$18/senior, \$40 family.

Formal VIP events are also planned for the Kitchi Gammi Club as well as the DECC with Mark Hall -Patton from the TV Show, Pawn Stars. We are currently seeking volunteers, sponsors and supporters for this fundraising event where all proceeds will benefit Stella Maris Academy and Star of the North Maternity Home. **If you are interested in supporting the event in some way, please send us an email at: [hello@vaticanunveiled.com](mailto:hello@vaticanunveiled.com).**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>June 20</b>
8:30 AM †	June Merkel & the Merkel family
5:30 PM †	Our Parish Family
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>June 21</b>
8:30 AM †	Rita Pineo
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>June 22</b>
8:30 AM †	Steve Peterson
5:30 PM †	Barbara Conder
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>June 23</b>
8:30 AM †	Mary Kroth
<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 24</b>
8:30 AM †	Thomas Cusack, Sr.
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 25</b>
4:30 AM	Lud & Julie Glavan; Leone Kendrick
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 26</b>
8:00 AM †	Diane Dickson
10:00 AM †	Shirley Koebensky

<b>Monday</b>	<b>June 27</b>
11:15 AM †	Barry Ossell
5:30 PM †	Maxine Popovich
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>June 28</b>
11:15 AM †	Rita Pineo
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>June 29</b>
11:15 AM †	Joan Johnson
5:30 PM †	Our Parish Family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>June 30</b>
11:15 AM †	Merico & Ann Olivnti
<b>Friday</b>	<b>July 1</b>
8:30 AM †	Elide Young
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 2</b>
4:30 AM	Marc Westerbur
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 3</b>
8:00 AM †	Fr. John Doyle
10:00 AM †	Tony Schaeftbauer

**Men's Basketball League**

Every Tuesday night at 8pm in the MCS gym. Contact Ty Pollak for more information 218-421-7602 or Ross Haverkamp 218-537-0397.

