

WELCOME TO  
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**3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." - Mt 4:17

# Testimony of Faith

## Stewardship of Treasury, 2022

January 15, 2023

Envelopes/Plate .....\$5,461.00

Online/ACH.....\$2,855.00

Weekly Goal.....\$9,905.00

Received to Date.....\$242,291.04

Annual Goal 22-23....\$515,060.00

## United Catholic Appeal 2022

Goal.....\$68,882.37

Total Received.....\$40,918.14

## Marquette Catholic School Endowment

**Fund Balance:**

**\$132,775.90**

## Holy Spirit Endowment

**Fund Balance**

**\$47,168.62**

**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.

Greetings Holy Spirit Parish and Marquette School!

The GREAT Saint John Paul II once proclaimed, *“Let us remember the past with gratitude, live the present with enthusiasm, and look forward to the future with hope.”* I often reflect on these words and wonder if I am truly living this invitation in my own life, not only as a priest, but as a Son of God and disciple of Jesus Christ. I ask myself often, do I live with gratitude for the tremendous ways in which God has blessed my life? Do I currently live with an enthusiasm day after the day that is contagious and leads people to the heart of Jesus? Do I believe that God will do great and mighty things in the days ahead? Do I live with deep hope? All of these questions are a profound place for me to examine my conscience, my attitudes and the depth of my life of Faith.

Next week, Catholic Schools throughout the country will be celebrating Catholic Schools week. Catholic Schools Week is a week for us to “remember the past with gratitude.” To give thanks to God for generations of people who came to Northern Minnesota to establish Catholic Parishes and Schools in all of our communities. Imagine the blood, sweat, tears and sacrifices these people had to make to make sure that our Catholic Faith had a firm foundation for many generations ahead. They sacrificed so much – the Faith was their greatest priority and that was witnessed through their generosity of SO MUCH of their treasure, time and talent! We ought to be forever grateful for those people who had “US” in mind when they sacrificed everything for Christ and the Church! Do we realize the GIFT of their Faith and dedication to truly blessing us in such incredible ways?

Catholic Schools Week is also a week for us “to live the present with enthusiasm.” Do we realize how incredible it is to have Catholic Schools and education throughout the Diocese of Duluth? Every Catholic in Northern Minnesota should rejoice and be enthusiastic for our Catholic Schools who are forming young people in the life of Christ and our Catholic Faith. The reality is, we live in an anti-Christian world, the culture is no longer Christian. Thus, our Catholic Schools are THE GREATEST “tool” we have to bring about another generation of people who are deeply rooted in Christ and the Church. Without Catholic education, I truly believe we would be in a “world of hurt.” How blessed we are to have thriving schools that are adding students and grades all over our Diocese. From Brainerd, to Duluth, to right here on the Iron Range...it is happening. Right here at Marquette School in Virginia, “OUR” Catholic School has doubled in size the last three years, has added grades, has become more regional and is forming more students and families than ever! This should give us enthusiasm in the present! Our Catholic Schools are not just a particular parish or towns school – this is not like other school systems. Our Catholic Schools belong to EVERY Catholic in our Diocese – friends rejoice and be glad that we have Catholic education right in our backyard! What a GIFT!

Finally, Catholic Schools Week is a week for us to “look forward to the future with hope.” Right in our backyard Catholic education is exploding and we are moving towards so much more. God has dropped a brand new facility on us, 15 acres of land, a four-day school week, more and more educators committing to Catholic education, families from a 60 mile radius starting to prioritize Catholic education for their children and grandchildren, and so much more! Buckle up – we have SO MUCH HOPE for the future! Every Catholic should be ready for something incredible in the days ahead. In a time, that our communities are getting smaller and in a time where there is so much division. We as Catholics can look to the future trusting Jesus is bringing about Healing, Hope and Joy through the profound GIFT of Catholic education.

So as we launch into Catholic Schools Week – I invite all of us to live in gratitude for all those who have done so much to give us everything we have in our Catholic life. I invite us to live the present with enthusiasm for what is stirring in our Catholic life in Northern Minnesota RIGHT NOW. Finally, I invite us to look forward with HOPE to our working together more and more to build up the KINGDOM of God not just in our own parishes and communities – but TOGETHER in unity and mission!

Live in gratitude, joy and hope!

Fr. B



# Parish News

## Special Mass to Observe the National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

**Monday, Jan. 23 at 8:30 AM** Please offer prayer and sacrifice on this day and attend this special Mass for the intention that the most vulnerable and defenseless in the womb will receive legal protection.

*"Life is the first good received from God and is fundamental to all others; to guarantee the right to life for all and in an equal manner for all is the duty upon which the future of humanity depends." Pope Benedict XV*

### Respect Life

**Help Establish Legal Protection for the Unborn in MN** Presently, lawmakers in St. Paul are advancing multiple pro-abortion bills to ensure a right to abort a baby for any reason at any time up to birth and also deny parents the right to know when their minor daughter is subjected to abortion. Please let your legislators know you oppose H.F. 1/S.F. 1. Also, please let them know you oppose H.F. 91/S.F. 70 which goes further in repealing MN's law that protects newborns who survive abortion from being left to die.

**9 Days for Life, January 19-27**, is a yearly novena for the protection of all life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and a suggested action to build a culture of life. Go to [respectlife.org](http://respectlife.org) to download the novena or receive daily prayers via email or text message.

### Coffee 'An Sign up

There are new sign-up sheets for the next four weekends, to help serve coffee and treats after Masses.



### Diocesan Retreat for Adults:

All adults 21 and older are invited to come to a retreat weekend! Come enjoy good food and lodging, thought provoking content, engaging conversation and fellowship, time for reflection and prayer, and free time to enjoy the resort. Come be restored in both body and soul. The Restored retreat is taking place February 24 - 26, 2023 at Breezy Point Resort. This is a great opportunity for you, especially if you have never been on a retreat, or it could be a special gift for a loved one. More info & registration are available at [www.dioceseduluth.org/Restored](http://www.dioceseduluth.org/Restored).

### KCs Corner

**KC Dinner Social:** all KC's and their spouses are welcome – Thursday January 26, Adventures Restaurant. 6:00 social – 6:30-6:45 dinner (order off the menu). Come join your KC friends for a nice meal and light-hearted conversation.



## ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST



### New Adoration Sign-up

There is a new adoration board in the gathering space. The days of adoration will be Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9am-9pm. Please sign up on the board in gathering space. This new schedule will go until Lent.

## \*PRAYER MINISTRIES\*

**Parish Prayer Chain** Call the parish office (218-741-6344) if you or someone you know are in need of prayer.

**Individual Prayer** To meet and pray individually with a prayer team, please call the parish office (218-741-6344).

**Parish Rosary** Please sign up on the schedule located on the bulletin board if you would like to lead a rosary before Mass. The rosary begins 1/2 hour before the weekend Masses. All are welcome.

### Exodus 90 - 2023

Exodus 90 for 2023 has begun. It's not too late to jump on board and take the next step in your faith journey. Contact Dcn. Bill at 218 780-8419 or Ben at the church office to get connected.

EXODUS

### RITE OF COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND

If you know anyone from our Parish who is sick or homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the parish office (218-741-6344) or email Janine at: [rsjoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:rsjoutreach@gmail.com).

## Mass Times & Event Schedules

### Daily Mass:

Mon.-Thur.  
Mass at 8:30am

Wed.  
Mass at 5:30pm

### Weekend Mass:

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

### Confessions:

Wed. 4:45pm  
Sat. 3:00 pm—4:00 pm

### Adoration:

Tues.& Thurs. 9am-9pm

### Rosaries:

Thurs. 8pm  
-Prayer for Vocations

<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 23</b>
8:30 AM †	Unborn Babies
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 24</b>
8:30 AM †	Robert & Christine Springhetti
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 25</b>
8:30 AM †	Kathy Schrader
5:30 PM †	Our Parish Family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 26</b>
8:30 AM †	Merico & Ann Olivanti
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 27</b>
8:30 AM †	No Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 28</b>
4:30 PM †	Janet Falkowski
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 29</b>
8:00 AM †	Ruth & Josh Fenhouse
10:00 AM †	Angela Cope

### Homebound Ministry—Help Needed

We are currently looking for individuals to provide The Rite of Communion to residents at The Waterview Pines in Virginia on Sunday mornings at 11:30 am. No experience is necessary and all training will be provided! If you are able to help, please contact Janine at (218)744-3277 or [rsjoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:rsjoutreach@gmail.com) for more information.

### Formed Feature of the Week

**Paul of Tarsus: Messenger of Jesus Christ (30 min)** Widely considered Christianity's greatest evangelizer, Paul of Tarsus dedicated his life to spreading the Gospel, traveling far and wide to deliver the Word of God. His journeys eventually brought him to the heart of the Roman Empire where Christianity took root. Shot on location in Rome, this outstanding documentary takes you to the places he taught, lived, worked, was martyred and buried.

### Augustine Institute Kiosk Feature

**That They May All Be One (CD)** Matt Maher, an internationally acclaimed Christian singer, song-writer, and eight-time Grammy Award nominee, shares the amazing story of his spiritual journey. He emphasizes the importance of forming relationships with others in order to be effective witnesses of the Gospel and help bring about the unity desired by Christ.

### Altar Server Schedule Weekend of Jan. 28-29

Sat. 4:30pm	Sun. 8:00am	Sun. 10:00 am
J. Kenyon	E. Pond	J. Rosandich
S. Beukema	T. Pope	J. Seeber
S. Beukema	L. Flatley	C. Pollak
		M. Pollak
		H. Frost
		S. Carlson

### Sacristan Schedule Weekend of Jan. 28-29

1/28 Sat. 4:30pm	C. Bainter
1/29 Sun. 8:00am	C. Pond
1/29 Sun. 10:00am	L. Peterson

### Lector Schedule Weekend of Jan. 28-29

1/28 Sat. 4:30pm	M. Ofstad
1/29 Sun. 8:00am	B. Skalko
1/29 Sun. 10:00am	L. Seeber