

Monday, September 14
 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM Adoration
 9:00 AM Dave McKenzie - Living Intention

Tuesday, September 15
 9:00 AM Msgr. Thomas Cook - Living Intention

Wednesday, September 16
 9:00 AM Bill Ogle Family +

Thursday, September 17
 9:00 AM Ralph & Betty Miller +

Friday, September 18
 9:00 AM Carol Kane

Saturday, September 19
 5:00 PM Inez Guerra +

Sunday, September 20
 10:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's & St. Patrick's

PARISH SUPPORT AUGUST 30, 2020

ADULT CHURCH SUPPORT	\$8,910.00
VIGIL CANDLES	27.50
OFFERTORY	238.00
MASS STIPENDS	5.00
MISSIONS APPEAL	20.00
BUILDING FUND	135.00
AUGUST DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR CHURCH SUPPORT (41 Families)	\$3,764.00
AUGUST DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR BLDG. FUND (11 Families)	\$614.00
IF POSSIBLE REMEMBER ST. MARY'S IN YOUR WILL!	

September 19 & 20
 5:00 PM Lynn Cunningham
 10:00 AM Volunteer



Request for Readers (Lectors) at Mass – We are in need of Readers at the weekend Masses. There is a sign-up sheet on the tables at the church entrances. Or please call the office or send an email with your preferences of days. New Lectors are always welcome and training is provided. Thank you for volunteering for this important ministry.



Confession: Along with normal weekend confession times, confession will now also be available before weekday Masses from 8:20 to 8:50 AM.

FATHER FASNACHT'S 10:00 AM SUNDAY MASS can be viewed livestream or the recorded version on Father Fasnacht's Youtube Channel. At this time we are unable to stream on Facebook but go to Parish Website to watch.

"All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, buy grain and eat; Come, buy grain without money, wine and milk without cost! Why spend your money for what is not bread; your wages for what does not satisfy? Only listen to me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare." Is 55:1-2

Recently I wanted to eat something even though I wasn't hungry. It was the middle of the afternoon. I thought "why do I want to eat food?" After praying about it and reflecting on it, I realized that I wanted to eat because I was spiritually hungry and empty. So, I prayed for an hour and sat quietly with God. After the hour I was at peace again.

Why is it that we go seeking for worldly things to fill our hearts so much? We try anything but God. We seek to fill our hearts with earthly things: food, pleasures, material things, money, traveling, fame, comforts, etc. And when we attain the earthly thing we pursue; does it satisfy us? Maybe for a very short time; but not much. We do this, I do this all the time.

When I slow down and give myself to God, he does fill my heart. What I suggest is that we spend more time giving big chunks of time to God in prayer before we seek to satisfy our hearts with earthly things. Take an hour and go to a private place with no distractions and give that hour to being with God. Sit with him. You will be surprised how much you need that time alone with the Lord.

God bless, Fr. Fasnacht

A message from the Diocese of Winona/Rochester: All people of good will are invited to take part in a day of prayer on fasting on Thursday, September 24, for the intentions of God's mercy on the country and the healing and conversion of our hearts, especially in light of the ongoing pandemic and civil unrest. On this date, we are encouraged to refrain from unnecessary spending, while also reflecting on the impact of our spending choices. Those who are able, especially between 18-60 years of age, are asked to fast until sundown as a sign of repentance. All are invited to spend time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament to beg for God's mercy, to bring healing and conversion, and to join in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in need. Thank you.



Monday Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM - **You** are greatly needed! There are several time slots that need someone to come and pray during Adoration on Mondays. Please consider this opportunity to pray for the Church, the world, and our families and friends. Sign up by emailing or calling Maria Schultz at 651-345-4134 or mariaschultzmsp@gmail.com **Immediate** need for Adorers: 3-4 pm, 6-7 pm. Thank you!



COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

No one is obliged to attend and the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is removed until further notice.

Volunteers Needed

Please donate sanitizer wipes (purchased or home-made) to the Church. Mass goers will be asked to wipe down their seat after Mass with a sanitizing wipe provided by the church.

Help wipe down commonly used surfaces i.e., door handles, light switches, bathroom surfaces, etc. after each Mass.

General Safety Reminders:

When coming forward for Holy Communion, please keep a 6 foot distance between each person & parishioners are asked to receive in the hand. If someone still wishes to receive on the tongue, they should be near the end of the communion line.

People are asked to not shake hands or greet each other by touching.

The Diocesan Safety Regulations advise that those who are 65 or older or have health issues to stay home but each person should make their own decision.

Please wash your hands often, use hand sanitizer and sneeze or cough into your elbow.

Due to Governor's face mask law, Minnesotan's must wear a face mask in indoor public settings unless you have an exemption or are under 5 years old. Some of our staff have a health exemption. Thank you.

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE:

This is an Apostolate in our parishes (St. Mary's & St. Patrick's) that prays for our priest, Father Fasnacht. The name "Seven" refers to the fact that prayers for Father are said every day of the week. Each sister commits to one Holy Hour each week.

The Mission of the Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest: "In strengthening the priest, You strengthen the whole Church, the whole foundation, everything in the Church" (Fr. Gerald Fitzgerald)

A quote from many of our sisters in our parish praying for Father Fasnacht have stated:

"I joined the Apostolate to pray for our priest, but was blessed because I too, have benefitted! The Holy Hour is helping me to live more deeply in Christ."

Our Seven Sisters Apostolate invite you to take a prayer card for Father Fasnacht. This prayer card is on the table along with other prayers that our parishioners can use to pray for our priest. Also, on that table are brochures explaining the Seven Sisters Apostolate. If you are interested in our Apostolate please contact our anchoress: Lola Threinen at benthreinen@msn.com



Welcome to St. Mary's faith family Virginia Lyn Habegger, daughter of Christine Christian & Rick Habegger.



Congratulations to Mary Schmidt & Ryan Moulzolf who were married on Friday. May your life be filled with joy. May your marriage grow with each year.

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

September 16th - Parent Meeting
 7 PM at Church

September 23rd classes start for 1-4 at 6:30 PM

September 30th classes start for 5-8 at 6:30 PM

Registrations are to be in by Friday, September 11th.

TEACHERS: Still in need for 4th, 6th, 7th & 8th .



FALL FESTIVAL RAFFLE

Only two weeks until the raffle drawing. Buy or sell the tickets you received in the mail and return the ticket stubs and money to the church office. Thank you to those who have already turned in their stubs and money. More tickets are available in the church office. Good Luck in the raffle!!



CCW MEETING on Monday, September 14, 7:00 PM in the dining hall.

MISSION SEWING on Tuesday, September 15th from 9 - 12. Masks are required & Social Distancing will be practiced.



PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY....All too often we forget to express appreciation to those in service oriented jobs like priests. We forget because we think, "It's their JOB to help." Priests aren't superhuman.

They need genuine support from those they serve. Let them know how you feel. Remember all the priests that have served you & your family in baptism, absolving your sins, celebrating Mass, instructing you in the other Sacraments, anointing those near death. Sunday, September 27th is a special day to show your gratitude. Celebrate Priesthood Sunday on September 27th with wishes & blessing to them. Serra Club of Wabasha County.

Save the Date!!! On Oct. 3rd, 2020 the Diocesan Social Concerns and Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota will be hosting a virtual event, **Voting in 2020 – A Catholic Approach**, featuring guest presenter Dr. Bernard Evans, Professor Emeritus from the School of Theology at St. John's University in Collegeville, and author of several books based in Catholic Social Teaching including *Vote Catholic? Beyond the Political Din*. Registration information will be coming soon, or contact Isaac Landsteiner, (ilandsteiner@ccsommn.org) or Lisa Kremer (lkremer@ccsommn.org) for more information.

A huge thank you to those who recently donated to the Catholic Ministries Appeal!! We have now received \$18,135 which is more than 55% of our Parish Goal. If you haven't already contributed, please prayerfully discern how you can support the CMA. Envelopes are available on the tables at the church entrances or you may give online at www.catholicfsmn.org/Appeal. Thank you for your generosity!