

WELCOME TO HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Serving the People of Virginia and Mountain Iron
306 2nd Street South Virginia, Minnesota 55792

April 4, 2021

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4rd, 2021*

Sunday Mass

Saturday 4:30 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Daily Mass

Monday & Wednesday 5:30 PM
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 AM

Confessions

Saturday 3:00 PM
Monday & Wednesday 4:30 PM

Parish Office

Mon.-Thurs. 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Fr. Brandon Moravitz

Pastor

Dan Schultz

Deacon

Hannah Milani

Evangelization & Catechesis

Ben Frost

Adult Evangelization

Jodi Phelps

Business Manager

Jodi Backman

Facilities Manager

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Parish Secretary

Josh Milani

Director of Music

Marquette Catholic School

www.marquettecatholicschool.com

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Lisa Kvas, Principal

Julie Kingsley, Secretary



EASTER SUNDAY

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:6-7

Testimony of Faith

Sacraments

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.

RCIA

Adults interested in becoming Catholic, please speak with Fr. Brandon or Ben Frost for more information.

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.

Stewardship of Treasure

Ordinary Income

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Annual Goal	\$497,200
Income Received to Date.....	\$323,010
Average Weekly Goal.....	\$10,542
Collected Last Week.....	\$3,777

*Includes online & autodraw giving

United Catholic Appeal Update

2020 Goal.....	\$69,421
UCA Total Received.....	\$63,260
UCA Balance Due.....	\$6,161

Marquette Catholic School Endowment Fund Balance:

\$106,642

Happy Easter!!!!

Alleluia! He is Risen! Saying those words is like drinking a tall glass of cold water after being out in the desert all day. Lent is over and it is now time to celebrate the great joy of Easter for FIFTY DAYS! At the Easter Vigil, the Exsultet is sung as Mass begins in darkness, illuminated only by candles throughout the church. The Exsultet is a beautiful hymn of rejoicing in Christ's triumph over sin and death. One part states: "O truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed completely by the Death of Christ! O happy fault that earned for us so great, so glorious a Redeemer!"

This line stands out because it calls the sin of Adam "necessary" and refers to it as "O happy fault." At first, this may seem strange. Why is it that we refer to the sin of Adam, Original Sin, as "necessary" and "happy?" The answer is Easter. It's because God, in His perfect wisdom and love, took sin and the consequence of sin (death) and used them as the means of the salvation of the world. That's what Easter is all about!

This may be hard to comprehend so it's worth thinking about more deeply. Without Adam's sin, there would be no Jesus. God would not have had to become one of us. So even though the original sin of Adam, as well as all future sin, is evil and wrong, God in His perfect power and love chose to use it as the very means of the salvation of the world. How? By allowing the sins of the world to persecute Him and crucify Him, and then, by turning that suffering and death into the very means of salvation. Jesus destroyed sin by destroying the consequences of sin which is death. Death loses in the Resurrection! Jesus' Resurrection takes away the effects of all sin for those who cling to Him.

Easter is a time when we must do just that. We must "cling" to our resurrected Lord! We must cling to Jesus who is alive and well. We must cling to His Resurrection and strive to share in it. How do we cling to our Resurrected Lord? There are many ways. Here is one....

Take joy in everything! Start with whatever it is that burdens you the most. Whatever it is that makes you angry, sad or depressed. Whatever that is, it can potentially become one of your greatest sources of grace and joy. Seriously, it can. If the brutal Crucifixion of Jesus, the Son of God, can turn out to be the greatest event in all of human history, then your personal suffering, your burden, or even your sin can very much become a source of great joy as long as you let God transform it into part of His Resurrection!

This is the meaning of Easter! Easter means that nothing can keep us from the joy that God wants to give us. Nothing can steal that joy away. Sure, at times we will struggle just as Jesus did in the Agony of the Garden and the Way of the Cross, but those sufferings will not win. The Resurrection won with Christ and it will win with us when we cling to Him. Jesus persevered and, in the end, rose victorious. This is Easter!

Know that God wants you to experience the joy of Easter in your life. Let Him fill you with hope and with the joy that only the Resurrection can bring. God wants Easter to begin now in our lives!

Lord, help me to cling to You in Your Resurrection. Help me to let you transform every cross and burden in my life into joy. Lord, may Your joy fill my life and be my strength in all things. Jesus, I trust in You.

Happy Easter!
Fr. B

Parish News

ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST



Adoration days and times will change next week for the duration of the Easter season, leading up to Pentecost. Adoration will now be Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. There is a new sign up board in the gathering space—we ask that you please sign up again. Thank you!



**No Daily Mass Monday
April 5 through Thursday
April 8.**

**The Parish office will be
closed Monday April 5.**

Sacrament Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturdays @ 4:30pm
Sundays @ 8am & 10am

Weekday Masses:

Mondays and Wednesdays @ 5:30pm
Tuesday and Thursday @ 8:30am

Confessions:

Mondays @ 4:30pm
Wednesdays @ 4:30pm
Saturdays @ 3pm

Adoration:

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday

Website: www.holyspiritvirginia.com and
find us on Youtube: "Holy Spirit Catholic
Church Virginia MN"

Thank You from The Frost Family:

On March 8th, our family's life trajectory turned in a major way as we learned that Agnes our youngest daughter was diagnosed with AML Leukemia and would need seven plus months of treatment to counter the cancer in her body. When Tisha and I first heard the word "leukemia" from the doctor's mouth, there were so many emotions happening simultaneously: Fear, despair, shock, sadness, confusion, etc. The following weeks were filled with doctors' appointments, blood draws, chemo, infections, and the list goes on. While the last three weeks have been incredibly challenging, our family has learned that God provides so much grace through people who love us. Our friends and faith community have responded in such a profound way, that to be honest, it's somewhat overwhelming. Meals have been coming to our home regularly, people stepping up to watch our kids, teachers checking in at school, texts, emails, phone calls, hundreds of greeting cards, donations, Mass intentions, and most importantly, we have an army of prayer warriors standing in the battle field interceding for our beloved Agnes.

I wanted to take the opportunity to express our family's deepest gratitude for the ways that you have all showered us with love and support. We are so honored to live with such authentic people who go above and beyond to sacrifice for those in need. I recall the first time I came home from the hospital to check on our kids and we had stacks and stacks of cards piled up on my coffee table. It probably took me an hour to open them all and read through the encouraging notes. The donations to help pay for gas and meals was so beyond what we would have expected. It brought tears to my eyes as I felt God's grace through all of you!

I have also been so very moved by the amount of prayer offered for Agnes and our family. Every day we hear from so many of you ensuring us of prayer...and we believe that this prayer is efficacious. One little example from this last week regarding the power of prayer. Shortly after Agnes chemo treatments her port area got infected and because her white cell count is so low, her body is not able to fight it. She was put on several antibiotics while lab work was done to determine the type of infection. Initially the local lab work came back and the news was not good, as her infection was one that was a little trickier to treat and the doctors told us that Agnes port would need to be removed and replaced with a pick, and they said it was also a challenge because doing the procedure while she is neutropenic is not ideal. In the midst of this, we kept hearing from so many people that they were praying daily for us. Then at the 11th hour, the night before she was to get her port removed, her infection area looked to be improving. The next morning the doctor came in and said that a 2nd assessment of her bloodwork sent to Mayo showed that her infection was benign and was much more treatable. The doctor even laughed and said "those people praying those rosaries must be doing something right". The prayer of so many of you has been carrying us...and we want to say THANK YOU!!!

I just want to close by saying, our community of faith here is something very special. Time and time again, I see our people rising up in the midst of tragedy, trials and crosses. Our family has been here for only three years, yet we see you all as an extension of our family. Please know of our deep love and appreciation for you all. And know that our family is committed to paying forward the generosity that you have bestowed on us. That's what we do as Christians. May God bless you all and again, thank you for carrying us through this process. We look forward to seeing you soon.

In Christ,
Ben Frost and the Frost Family

Mass Intentions

	April 5
Monday 5:30 PM †	Marc Westerbur
Tuesday 8:30 AM †	Carl Pineo
Wednesday 5:30 PM †	Frank & Virginia Weiss
Thursday 8:30 AM †	David Thibault
Friday 4:30 PM †	April 9-No Mass
Saturday 8:00 AM †	April 10
Sunday 10:00 AM †	Toni Phelps
	April 11
	Barbara Stickney
	Michael Greene

GO OUT
AND
SPREAD
THE
GOOD
NEWS
**CHRIST
IS RISEN!**

Easter Prayer of Thanksgiving

Good and gracious heavenly Father,
we come before you on this Easter Sunday
with full and grateful hearts for the gift of
the Paschal Mystery that you showed us
in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son,
our brother by adoption, Jesus Christ.

Bless us and all those who profess belief in your saving love.
Bless also those who have yet to profess belief in you.
You are God for all.
We ask all this in Christ's name.

Amen.

FORMED.org Feature

Enjoy listening to and watching the many excellent teachings, reflections, and full feature films about **Divine Mercy** and St. Faustina on **Formed** simply by typing "Divine Mercy" in the search box.

Augustine Institute Kiosk Feature

"Divine Mercy Explained" by Fr. Michael Gaitley This booklet gives you an easy-to-understand introduction to Divine Mercy. Specifically, you will learn: The history of Divine Mercy, the essentials of the devotion, and how to live the message. In short, it's everything you need to know about this important message and devotion!

The Diocese of Duluth Office of Marriage, Family and Life would like to encourage couples to take advantage of this free offering to strengthen your marriage. You can find more information and sign up by going to <https://marriageinchrist.com/>

Free Until March 31!

In honor of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and as a Lenten resource, the Marriage in Christ At Home Seminar is free for couples who sign up by March 31, 2021. Once registered, access is free through May 31, 2021. This free access is made possible by a grant from Communication Center, the nation's largest distributor of Catholic religious education materials.

Invite God Into Your Marriage

Every couple needs the Lord to love them as a couple. Only in Christ and with the grace of the Holy Spirit can we live a married life full of the Love of God.

Make your marriage stronger in five weeks.

