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**FAITH
FORMATION**

2021-2022

*"Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of
the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life."*

John 8:12



**KINDERGARTEN-11 TH GRADE
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS BEGINNING OCT. 13TH
PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE AT:**

WWW.HOLYSPIRITVIRGINIA.COM

MORE INFORMATION ON FAITH FORMATION IS LOCATED ON-LINE
FAITH FORMATION NEWSLETTERS AVAILABLE IN CHURCH GATHERING SPACE.

Testimony of Faith

Stewardship of Treasure

August 31, 2021

Envelopes/Plate\$4,363.61

Online Giving/ACH....\$2,150.00

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

Received to Date.....\$96,737.66

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

United Catholic Appeal 2021

Envelopes/Plate.....\$2,030.00

Goal.....\$72,352.00

Total Received.....\$28,617.00

Balance Due.....\$42,290.00

**Marquette Catholic School
Endowment
Fund Balance:**

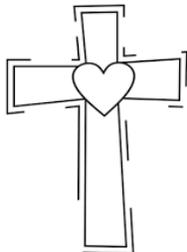
\$140,897.96

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 home-bound.

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



Greetings Holy Spirit Parish and Marquette School!

What an incredible day we had together last Sunday at our Parish Outdoor Mass and Picnic! There was a moment during the day when I simply looked out at all the faces of our people and from my heart came a movement of gratitude to God for all He has done for us. We are so blessed, I am so blessed to be your pastor. Thank you for all you do to make our parish and school such a vibrant and growing community. I continue to urge all of you to stay grounded in personal prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and never compromise on weekend Mass attendance. If we can stay grounded in the Eucharist we will thrive as a parish and school.

Last weekend I attempted to "stir" some thought into all of you about what makes for a fruitful parish. A fruitful parish starts with you the parishioners and families. We need you to truly dream, hope and imagine how we can be a light in the world around us. Then as we dream and hope – we act! I came across a really good article online last week that listed seven things that make up a successful and healthy parishioner. Over the next few bulletins I want to share with you that list of seven things. I will start with number one and two this week. Here we go....

1. They Believe in the Adventure of Being Catholic

Yes, nothing short of that—adventure. While doing their best to be faithful daughters or sons of the Church, successful parishioners practice what I call "entrepreneurial Catholicism." This kind of parishioner is not afraid to risk, to innovate, to ask questions, and never is quite satisfied with the status quo. Current parish ministries, current parish budgets, current parish facilities are but the starting point, the launching pad, to be built upon, expanded, changed, sometimes upended.

"We've never done that before" or "That's not in the budget" are not insurmountable barriers to living out what successful parishioners know is the gospel mandate to heal and serve and comfort and educate and evangelize. They are optimists who say, "This is too good an opportunity to pass up; let's do it, let's find the money and the people somehow, some way."

Harvard Business School is famous for its "management by objective" approach—in other words: What is the goal and what must be done to achieve it? That is the way the successful parishioner approaches parish life: Now that we know what we need or want to do in our parish, what are the steps we will have to go through to make it a reality? Stewardship Sunday check-off lists are but a beginning for the possibilities they envision.

Successful parishioners are not afraid to take chances. They are willing to risk. They will try this approach or that innovative ministry, realizing there is no guarantee of success. Parish life has a research and development aspect to it. Successful parishes are not composed of parishioners who have settled into a safe comfort zone of the tried and true. They are up for the adventure and, in the process, they derive an enormous energy from being a Catholic in a parish. Yes, it is work, but they get a real kick out of it.

2. They Believe in Other Parishioners

There is a wonderful passage in F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*, as the impressionable young Nick assesses just what it is about Gatsby that he finds so appealing. "He smiled understandingly—much more than understandingly. It was one of those rare smiles with a quality of eternal reassurance in it, that you may come across four or five times in life. It faced—or seemed to face—the whole external world for an instant, and then concentrated on you with an irresistible prejudice in your favor.

"It understood you just as far as you wanted to be understood, believed in you as you would like to believe in yourself, and assured you that it had precisely the impression of you at your best, you hoped to convey." So it was with Christ as he looked to that handful of people who would be his first disciples—and they, in turn, would become the religious giants that the look and trust of Christ told them they could be. They were neither the elite nor the educated, nor the professionally religious. They grew to meet his expectations.

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Parish News

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So it is in our parishes. The successful parishioner looks out over the parish and sees untapped talent, seeds waiting to sprout, an abundance of goodness just waiting to be summoned for whatever task is at hand. It's all there, the successful parishioner senses. It doesn't need to be "hired out"; it just needs to be summoned forth. And when the successful parishioner looks out with that Gatsbyesque, Christ-like look, amazing things happen. People begin to believe in themselves. People who may not have seen their latent talents now see them. All of us so badly want to be affirmed, not looked over. To be recognized for what we do well, not criticized for what we do poorly. For someone to see that amazing core we have. In committee meetings, involved in ministries, or simply being there at weekend liturgies with that gift of believing in fellow parishioners—even when things may not be going well—the successful parishioner provides the positive energy that affirmation always yields.

Stay tuned for #3 and #4 next weekend!
Fr. B



Color Run will be a community wide event and fundraiser for Marquette Catholic School—Sunday, October 3 at Olcott Park. There will be food trucks and activities in the park from 2pm-6pm. Check in and registration will be from 2pm-3pm. The run will begin at 3pm. There will be at least 8 “color zones” sponsored by local businesses within the park. Registration is only \$20! You can register at marquettecatholicschool.com before Friday, Sept. 24th and receive a free t-shirt!

Bible Study-Moving to Tuesdays

Bible study will be moved to Tues. morning following Mass. Come for great conversation, coffee, and treats.

THE SEARCH

These are great nights for all of our adults no matter what the age, background, or faith experience to gather. These nights will be filled with great conversations, challenging and inspiring videos, good food and lots of laughter. They are Mondays following 5:30 Mass.

Fall Sacrament Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday @ 4:30pm
Sunday @ 8am & 10am

Weekday Masses:

Monday @ 8:30am & 5:30pm
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday @ 8:30am

Confessions:

Monday @ 4:45pm
Saturday @ 3pm

Adoration:

Tuesday & Thursday 9am-9pm

Creed Fund Grant Sept 2021

Marquette Catholic School received a grant from the Catholic Religious Education Endowment (CREED) Fund for \$5,673.49 which is supporting need-based tuition assistance for ten Marquette Catholic School students. We are so grateful for the work of the CREED Fund committee which helps to ensure the continuation of the Catholic school mission and supports Catholic education on the Iron Range and in other Duluth Diocese communities. We extend our heartfelt appreciation for the opportunities this grant provides our Marquette families who want to be a part of our school and have their children formed in the teachings and virtues of the Catholic faith. Thank you, CREED Fund, for your generous and continuous support!

40 Days for Life Fall Campaign

The 40 Days for Life/Duluth Fall Campaign starts with a rally on Tuesday, September 21st. Father Tony Wroblewski will celebrate Mass at 6 pm, followed by refreshments at the Women's Care Center at 103 E. 1st St., Duluth. This will be followed by praise and worship outside the WE Health Clinic abortuary in the Building for Women at 32 E. 1st St. at 7 pm. The Prayer Vigil will run 8 am to 8 pm outside the Building for Women from September 22nd through October 31st. Prayer Warriors can sign up at 40daysforlife.com/Duluth or contact Paulette at 218-348-1345 or 40daysduluth@gmail.com. Please come to the Rally on the 21st and sign up to be a Prayer Warrior today.

Weekly Rosaries

The Knights of Columbus will lead a Rosary Monday evenings following the 5:30pm Mass.

Deacon Rick and Diana Moravitz will be leading a rosary for Vocations each Thursday evening at 8pm, followed by the Benediction.

Duluth Diocesan CCW Fall Conference

Sat., Oct. 16, 2021, hosted by Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Hibbing.

Please see flyers on bulletin board for more information—and how to register for this event.

UPCOMING WEEKEND FOR THE ENGAGED

Diocese of Duluth Office of Marriage and Family Life

We have restarting in-person Engaged Weekends. Engaged Weekends are part of the preparation for couples as they prepare and approach the Sacrament of Matrimony. We have a retreat weekend schedule for October 23rd at St. Joseph parish in Grand Rapids. Please register for this weekend at [Marriage, Family and Life | Diocese of Duluth \(dioceseduluth.org\)](http://Marriage, Family and Life | Diocese of Duluth (dioceseduluth.org)) or call the Betsy Kneepkens at 218-724-9111. Registration closes on October 14th. Although there is a charge for this event, your UCA (United Catholic Appeal) contribution helps cover the actual cost of the weekend.

We thank you for your support.

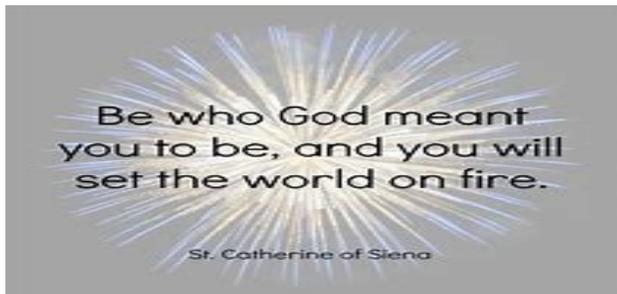
Remain in My Love: Second Annual Marriage Retreat for the Diocese of Duluth

Our second annual marriage retreat will be held at St John's Church. Join us on October 9th from 9-4pm as we discuss the family as a "domestic church" and how our homes ought to be furnaces of God's love. Payment of \$25 may be submitted to St Benedict Church address: 1419 St Benedict St Duluth, MN 55811

Checks should be made out to St Benedict Church with "marriage retreat" in the memo.

Childcare is available on site, but space is limited. Please contact Elisabeth Cyr at elisabeth.cyr@duluthcatholic.org to reserve a spot for your child/ren. Potty trained children only, \$5 fee per kid. Nursing babies are welcome.

Here is the link to register: <https://forms.gle/oEFuY9zFfDgwrMz7>



Mass Intentions

Monday	September 27
8:30 AM †	Marilyn Bislow
5:30 PM †	Barry Osell
Tuesday	September 28
8:30 AM †	Christine Springhetti
Wednesday	September 29
8:30 AM †	Ben Weiss
Thursday	September 30
8:30 AM †	Mildred & Primo Gentillini
Friday	October 1-No Mass
Saturday	October 2
4:30 PM †	Deceased Members of Pluskwiak family
Sunday	October 3
8:00 AM †	Ed & Kathleen O'Neill
10:00 AM †	David Papin

Altar Server Schedule Weekend of October 2-October 3

Sat. 4:30pm	Sun. 8:00am	Sun. 10:00am
R. Cope	I. Flatley	P. Bialke
N. Cope	L. Flatley	C. Bialke
		J. Kenyon

Sacristan Schedule Weekend of October 3-4

Sat. 4:30pm 10/2	L. Cope
Sun. 8:00am 10/3	D. Peterson
Sun. 10:00 10/3	M. Nanti

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 You are our "Advertiser of the Week",
 and we want to sincerely thank you for
 supporting our church, and parishioners,
 by helping us to maintain this weekly bulletin.
 Have a great week and God Bless!