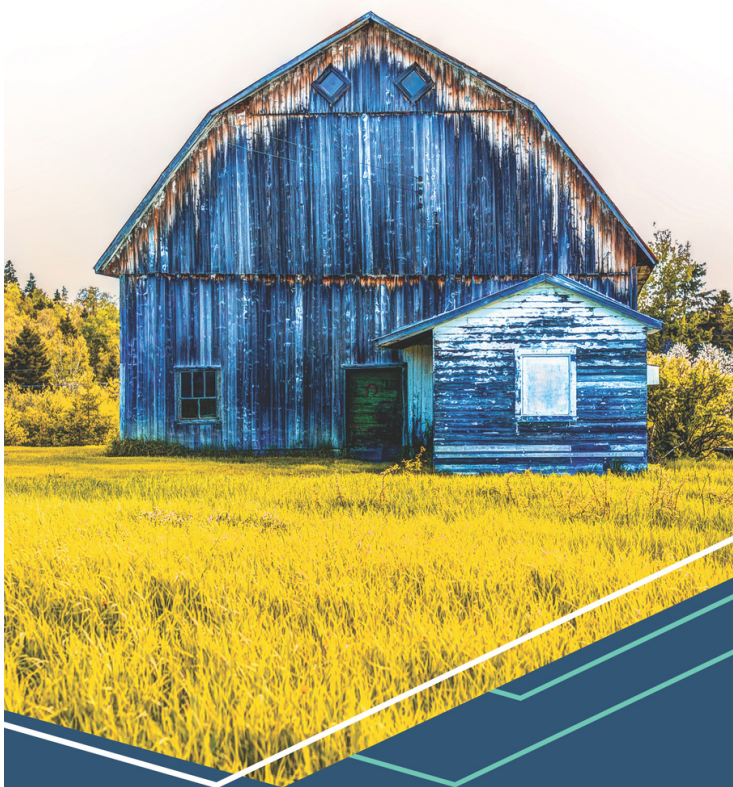


NORTHERN CROSS AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

JULY 26, 2026 | SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

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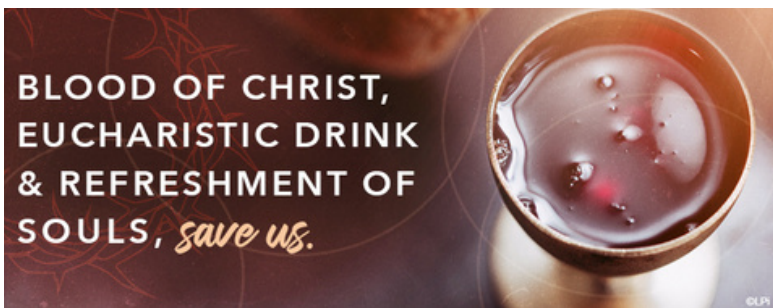
A NOTE FROM DEACON JOHN

Families play an important role in the journey of faith. The family is often called the domestic church because it is where we first learn to pray, serve one another, and grow in our relationship with Christ. My hope is that these weekly bulletin reflections will offer simple ways to help your family grow together in faith.

Summer is blockbuster movie season, and going to the movies is often something families look forward to doing together. While movies are given ratings such as G, PG, PG-13, and R, those ratings can be broad and may not always reflect content that parents would prefer to avoid. Thankfully, there are several Catholic resources that provide thoughtful, spoiler-free reviews to help families make informed choices. Consider checking Catholic Review, the National Catholic Register, or the USCCB movie reviews before planning your next family movie night. Parents have the important responsibility of safeguarding their children, and these resources can make that task a little easier.

Family Goal: Plan a movie night together, either at home or at the theater. Enjoy the time together, and give thanks to God for the gift of family and fellowship as you continue building your domestic church.

By Deacon John Bell



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BULLETIN DEADLINE:
MONDAYS AT NOON

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 25

4:00pm | Sacred Heart | † Kelly Wagenman

5:00pm | St. Henry | For the People

7:00pm | Holy Cross | † Renee Doll

Sunday, July 26

8:00am | St. Henry | † Karen Byer

8:30am | Sacred Heart | † Melvin & Lillian Haider

10:00am | St. Henry | † Martha Walsh

10:30am | St. Lawrence | Living & Deceased Relatives of
Roman & Dorothy Mohs

Tuesday, July 28

8:45am | St. Henry | † Luke Nundahl

7:00pm | Sacred Heart | † Cecile Olson

Wednesday, July 29

8:30am | St. Lawrence | † Kathy Sautter

5:15pm | Holy Cross | Deceased Relatives of Brian & Cyndi
Pettow

Thursday, July 30

8:30am | Sacred Heart | † Don & Dorothy Weickert

8:45am | St. Henry | † Father James Bernauer

Friday, July 31

8:30am | St. Lawrence | Special Intention

10:00am | Perham Living | † Bill & Joanne Wenner

Saturday, August 1

4:00pm | Sacred Heart | † Royce Reser

5:00pm | St. Henry | † Margaret Mattfeld

7:00pm | Holy Cross | † Eugene Klinnert

Sunday, August 2

8:00am | St. Henry | † Samuel Severance

8:30am | Sacred Heart | † Sue Kalinoski

10:00am | St. Henry | For the People

10:30am | St. Lawrence | † Terry Cavalier

BAPTISM

Contact the parish offices. Requirements for having your first child baptized are: registration at a parish and attendance of a pre-baptism class. The pre-baptism class is typically offered the 3rd Saturday of the month. Pre-registration is required.

MATRIMONY

Diocesan policy requires that the Pastor be contacted at least 6 months before the anticipated date of marriage to allow time for premarital inventory, instructions, and planning.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the parish offices.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Contact the parish offices.

OCIA (ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

OCIA is the process established by the universal Church for individuals to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation - Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Classes typically begin in the fall. If interested, please contact Father Nathaniel.

MASS SCHEDULE



HOLY CROSS

WEEKEND MASS:

Saturday: 7:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASS:

Wednesday: 5:15 PM



ST. HENRY

WEEKEND MASS:

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASS:

Tuesday & Thursday: 8:45 AM

Friday at Perham Living: 10:00 AM



SACRED HEART

WEEKEND MASS:

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASS:

Tuesday: 7:00 PM

Thursday: 8:30 AM



ST. LAWRENCE

WEEKEND MASS:

Sunday: 10:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASS:

Wednesday: 8:30 AM

Friday: 8:30 AM

CONFESSIONS/ADORATION SCHEDULE

CONFESSION TIMES

Holy Cross

½ hour before weekday Masses

3rd Saturday of the month | 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Sacred Heart

½ hour before weekday Masses

Saturday | 3:00PM - 3:45PM

St. Henry

½ hour before weekday Masses

Saturday | 4:00PM - 4:45PM

St. Lawrence

½ hour before weekday Masses

ADORATION

St. Henry Adoration Chapel

Monday | 9:00AM - 5:00PM

Tuesday 9:30AM - Wednesday 5:00PM

Thursday | 9:30AM - 5:00PM

Holy Cross

3rd Saturday of the month | 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Sacred Heart

2nd Thursday of the month | after 8:30AM Mass

St. Lawrence

1st Friday of the month | after 8:30AM Mass

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

FOR THE WEEK OF 7/19/26

Holy Cross

Adult	\$1,354.00
Plate	\$50.00
Children/Other	\$11.00

Weekly Total **\$1,415.00**

Sacred Heart

Adult	\$2,728.00
Plate	\$1,474.00
Children/Other	\$39.05
Electronic Transfers	\$175.00

Weekly Total **\$4,416.05**

St. Henry

Adult	\$8,994.04
Plate	\$3,599.00
Children/Other	\$1,764.41
Electronic Transfers	\$4,919.45

Weekly Total **\$19,276.90**

St. Lawrence

Adult	\$1,670.00
Plate	\$953.00
Children/Other	\$66.90
Electronic Transfers	\$1,490.00

Weekly Total **\$4,180.80**



School Capital Campaign Update

Received 7-19	\$1,352.00
Pledges to be Received	\$371,409.00

Thank you for remembering our parish families with your Stewardship throughout the year. Your gifts are greatly appreciated!

PRAYER LIST

SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Joyce (Huebsch) Bauer
Kathaleen Zeise
Kathi Schmitz
Keith Friedsam
Dave Hammers
Keith Goeller
Maya Blickenstaff Vukelic
Mike Hendrickx
David Huwe
Suzanne Schornack

MILITARY

Derick Burr
Sandra Silbernagel
Nicholas Melz
Miguel Martinez
Noah Zeleny
Tyler Van Watermulen
Andrew Schlosser

LEADERS IN FAITH

Pope Leo XIV
Bishop Patrick Neary
Bishop Emeritus Donald Kettler
Deacon Randy Altstadt
Deacon John Bell
Deacon Richard Quistorff
Father Omar Guanchez
Father Nathaniel Daubner

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Isaac Coil and Julia Pearson who were recently united in Holy Matrimony at St. Henry



WEEKLY READINGS

WEEK OF JULY 26, 2026

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

DIOCESAN NEWS

Hearts of Mercy - Bishop's Annual Appeal: Diocesan ministries are dedicated to living out the call to be Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal directly supports essential ministries such as vocations, TV Mass and family faith formation, strengthening our faith communities across the diocese. Every dollar raised is dedicated solely to these ministries and is not used for any other purpose. Will you help keep these ministries strong? Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

Stewardship as a Way of Life: *"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."* - Romans 8:28

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

My Catholic Will: August is Make a Will Month!

If not now, when? Surveys indicate that less than 1 in 3 Americans have a will. Your will is an important way to provide security for your loved ones and to give you a voice in how your assets are managed. Your faith is your most valuable asset. When you write your Catholic will you take the necessary steps to plant seeds for the next generation of Catholics. Through a partnership with MyCatholicWill.com, the Diocese of Saint Cloud is offering free access to a trusted online platform where you can:

- Create a Last Will and Testament
- Express final wishes consistent with Catholic teaching
- Consider a bequest to your parish or diocesan ministries

This is a simple and meaningful way to care for your loved ones and live out our call to stewardship. For more information, visit MyCatholicWill.com/STCDIO

"Journey with St. Francis": Everyone is welcome to participate in the mini pilgrimage at the Franciscan Sisters Campus, 116 8th Ave. SE, Little Falls, MN on Thursday, August 13, 2026. Registration at 8:30 a.m., then get a tour and history of Franciscans from 9 - 10:30, followed by Mass at 11. Stay and have lunch with the Sisters at noon and continue your visit. There is no fee but pre-registration is required. Call Linda Borgerding at (320) 293-1839 to register. Sponsored by St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.





WELLNESS MINUTE

St. Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556) founded the Society of Jesus or the Jesuits and authored the Spiritual Exercises, a collection of Christian meditations and prayers. One can learn many positive lessons from him:

- Seek God in all things through daily reflection.
- Grow through prayer and embrace change.
- Reflect on how daily choices align with serving God rather than personal gain.
- Live with gratitude and optimism; review each day thinking what could be done better tomorrow.

St. Ignatius mirrored Romans 12:2 "Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect." He teaches us to notice what we're feeling, why we act the way we do, and how our choices affect others. When we are more aware of what's going on inside of us, we can respond to life with more love, patience, and purpose. Delve deeper into St. Ignatius' life to positively change yours.

HOLY CROSS

Raffle tickets are in your mailboxes. If you need more, please contact Dawn or Jill or stop in the office.

Cards will be played every Thursday at 1:00PM.

SACRED HEART

Sacred Heart Church Bazaar - August 2, 2026

- **Silent Auction:** Silent Auction Items Needed! Items can be placed in the first classroom (#3) downstairs. Contact person: Pat Helmeke at (218) 298-2100.
- **Raffle Prizes:** Be sure to turn in your raffle prize money to the church office ASAP.
- **Country Store:** We're counting on parishioners for their generous donations to the Country Store. Garden produce, jams, jellies, baked goods, plants & craft items are needed. You may put them in the second classroom (#4) in the church basement.
- **Cash Donations:** Cash donations to offset the cost of purchased items (chicken, coleslaw, etc.) are always welcomed. Your donation can be put in an envelope labeled "bazaar donation" and placed in the collection basket or brought to the parish office.
- **Prize Donations:** There is a box placed in the gathering space for any prize donations you can provide. We need items for our dollar game and for our secret door game. Thank you.
- **Cakes for the Cake Walk:** Group 2 members each bring 2 cakes. (9x13 size, covered and marked).
- **Pies:** Groups 1 & 3 members each bring two 9" pies (No cream pies please; diabetic pies are welcomed).

ST. HENRY



Coffee is available for purchase at St. Henry! We offer medium roast grounds, French roast beans, and dark roast grounds for \$12 for a 1-pound bag. We purchase the coffee from the Church of Saint Andrew, Elk River, who grinds and roasts the coffee beans purchased directly from the farmers in Guatemala.

ST. LAWRENCE

Feast of St. Lawrence Parish Festival - August 9, 2026

Extra books are available from the office or contact Marlene Boedigheimer at 218-457-1588. All wonderful cash prizes!

Start thinking of items you can donate to the Silent Auction. You can also ask businesses for a donation to our Silent Auction. Your help with this is greatly appreciated, and we have had wonderful creative items donated in the past!

Festival signup sheets are in the hall. Please fill in the spots needed; the shifts are short!

Sign up early! You will be reminded of your shift in August. Committee chairs have already been planning! We need everyone's help to host a successful August 9th festival! Thank you for your support.



SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to our Calendar Raffle winners this week: 7/22/26- Tom and Nancy Schroeder- \$50 and 7/24/26- Troy and Rosey Boedigheimer- \$100

The 17th Annual Heavenly Hackers Golf Tournament will take place on August 2, at 2:00 pm at Perham Lakeside Golf Club.

This is a 4-person scramble golf tournament. Your \$75 per person entry fee will get you 9 holes of golf, cart, eligibility for prizes, and a light lunch prior to the tournament.

If you or your business is interested in becoming a hole sponsor for this fundraiser event, there are two options available. The "Gold" sponsor is a donation of \$250 and the "Silver" sponsor is a donation of \$125. With this donation, you will get a sponsor sign on one of the holes and the satisfaction that you are supporting St. Henry's Area School.

If you have any questions or would like to participate, give Jason a call at 218-346-6190. You could also email your team names to Jason at sthenryschool@arvig.net.

NCACC ANNOUNCEMENTS

DONATIONS NEEDED



Needed! New infant to 5T size clothing is needed for the pro-life Women's Care Center in Fargo/Moorhead. We are collecting donations at each NCACC parish. Please bring new items and place in the marked tubs located in each church.



FIRESIDE CHAT WITH FATHER NATHANIEL

For youth entering grades 6 - 8 on Wednesday, August 5th from 6:30PM - 8:30PM at the St. Henry's Rectory (247 1st Ave S, Perham)
In case of rain, meet at St. Henry's Church. Please join us for a faith-based chat with Father Nathaniel, yard games, and food!

Sacred Heart Church
Dent, MN

Bazaar

Sunday

August 2, 2026

**CHICKEN & MEATBALL
DINNER**

11:00AM TO 1:30PM



MASS AT 10:00AM

Raffle Drawing at 2:00PM

~ Dinner ~

Adults \$12.00

Kids 5-12 \$6.00

4 & Under Free

Country Store
Silent Auction
Bingo
Games
Cake Walk
Refreshments



Root Beer Floats
\$2.00

\$2.00

Raffle Tickets

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Church is Handicap Accessible with an Elevator



NOVENA FOR RURAL LIFE

Please join us with open hearts in prayer as we come together to pray a heartfelt Novena to Saints Isidore and Maria, the beloved patrons of rural life. This sacred prayer, which we lift up each year in anticipation of the Diocesan Rural Life Celebration, is a powerful and beautiful act of faith — a way to entrust our event, our rural communities, and our neighbors to the loving care of saints whose lives echoed our deepest hopes, struggles, and devotion to the land and our way of life.

Let us feel their presence as we unite in prayer, beginning this year's Novena on **Saturday, August 8th**, and holding steadfast in our aspirations until it concludes on the day of the Rural Life Celebration, **Sunday, August 16th**. As the faith community hosting this special gathering, we wholeheartedly invite each of you to join us in this sacred journey. Together, let's lift our voices and hearts in prayer, trusting that these saints will guide, protect, and bless our rural families and neighborhoods with their everlasting care and compassion.

The Novena is available here: <https://stcdio.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/Rural-life-Novena-2026.pdf>

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

FOR RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.



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