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Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, please contact Cindy Hulst, LSW, the diocesan Victim's Assistance Coordinator at 218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).



Marriage: Please make an appointment to see the pastor twelve months prior than the intended date of celebration.

Baptisms: Baptisms are scheduled as we have candidates. Please call the parish office to register yourself or your child.

Reconciliation: Before Mass or anytime by appointment with a priest.

Prayer Chain: To be a member or place an intention, contact Rose Mary Simon, 218-473-2147

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time *Respect Life Sunday* September 30 - October 1, 2023



Prayer for Radical Solidarity

O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own.

By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations. Ask your Son to give us unflinching determination to witness to the profound dignity of every person, at every stage and in every circumstance.

In that first Eucharistic procession, you carried Jesus to Elizabeth in her time of need. Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid.

May our support help them to find hope and strength in the Lord. Amen.

U.S. Catholic Bishops

☞ Mass Intentions this Week ☞

Sept 30	Sat	5 PM (W) 7:30 PM(BEL)	People of the Parishes Bernard Pavek†
Oct 1	Sun	9 AM (NTW) 11:00 AM (W)	Gladys Gordon† Don & Doll Berry†
Oct 2	Mon	<i>No Mass</i>	
Oct 3	Tue	8 AM (W)	Deceased OMIs†
Oct 4	Wed	8 AM (W)	Special Intention
Oct 5	Thu	8 AM (W)	Bill & Alvina Eveslage†
Oct 6	Fri	<i>No Mass, OMI meeting in Buffalo, MN</i>	
Oct 7	Sat	5 PM (W) 7:30 PM(BEL)	People of the Parishes Ryan Syverson†
Oct 8	Sun	9 AM (NTW) 11:00 AM (W)	Tim Roy† Annella Voss Gasset†

Scripture Reflection: *Matthew 21:28-32*



Jesus tells a parable to a group of religious leaders. He wants them to figure out which one of the sons did his father's will. Was it the one who said yes but never showed up? Or was it the one who said no but

later repented and carried out the father's wishes. Sometimes people can deceive us by smooth talk. But God is never deceived. Like Jesus, our lives can be a "yes" to God the Father in word and deed.

Have you ever said, "yes" to someone and then not done what you agreed to do? Did you ever say "no" to someone who asked you (like a parent or teacher) but then regretted it and changed your mind? Jesus is making it clear that sinners who repent are entering the kingdom before the priests and elders who did not repent and believe. What do you think of this?



We remember in our prayers...

Owen Bendickson, Butch and Joyce Klinkhammer, Linda Schumann, Jeannie Williams, Ron Bastryr, Robert Blaeser, Diane Mattsen, Germaine Riegert, Tim Staffenhagen, Lucas Peterson, Gary Williams, Rita Carlson, Janine Madison, Kathy Grise, Charlotte Borseth, Henry Rivers, Katie Lombardo, Brian Smith, David Farm, Dawn Necas, Richard Brudevold, Stanley Heisler, Ginny Sahli, Corey Hoseth, Joyce (Toczek) Santjer, Paul and Barbara Brehm, Jeffrey Gieseke, Rachel Secrist, Laura Foss Linder, Richard LaFriniere, Anne Revier, Monica Winter, Katelyn Lorsung, Shelia Christensen, George Bauer, Paul Bisek, Ted Holl, Sandy Haddeland, Jeff Larson, Patti Stalberger, Lois Bement, Sandy Pavek, Colleen Borgrud, Darlene Reichenbach, Mike Fosness, Vaun Borgrud, Mark Winter, Kerry Ann Kenney, Betty Schoenborn, Dennis Zima, Margaret Kalis, Roy LaVoy, Jacques Rolland, Ann Matejcek, and Therese Meyer

Stewardship

Thank you for your financial support of our parish ministry. Last weekend the offering totals were:

St. Ann (W) Adult: \$764; Plate \$234; Donation \$450; Votive \$9; Masses \$40; Total \$1497.

St. Frances Cabrini (BEL): Adult \$180; Plate \$100; Total \$280.

St. Anne (N): Adult \$402; Plate \$80; Masses \$30; Al Gerving Memorial \$500; Total \$1012.

Diocesan Annual Appeal (DAA) 2023

Please help us meet our parish goals. DAA envelopes are available in the church. This is where we stand:

Parish	Goal	Pledged	Remaining	Donors
W	\$5019	\$5170	\$251 over!	20
BEL	\$1237	\$900	\$337	6
NTW	\$2821	\$1760	\$1061	11

Cemetery Care

We are doing fall clean up. Your help to cover this expense is appreciated. Checks payable to St. Ann Church (W) or St. Anne Church (NTW), earmarked "Cemetery", are greatly appreciated. You may mail your check to the parish office or place it in the collection basket. Thank you.

Religious Education

Families: If you have not registered yet, you can download the form at www.whiteearthcatholiccommunity.com. Click on the Religious Education tab. Please mail or email it to the parish office or bring it to church.



We are in need of one catechist for Grade 4 and evening volunteers to help with supper and sit in with classes. **Contact Janet, 218-473-2101 or 218-261-0753.**



Opening of Church School Prayer Service with Blessing of Catechists, for all families and students, Wednesday, October 4th, St. Ann Church, **Pot-Luck Supper 5:30pm**, (pulled pork/buns furnished) **Prayer Service 6:15pm.**

October Mass Census

The annual Diocesan Mass Census begins this weekend. We will be counting those present at each Mass on the weekends throughout the month. These numbers factor in diocesan planning.

"Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith."

St. Francis of Assisi, *Feast Day, October 4*

October Mass Readings and Homilies



In order to draw the hearts and minds of the faithful and their pastors to a deeper contemplation of the eucharistic mystery, Bishop Cozzens has asked all the parishes of the Diocese to focus on the Blessed Eucharist in a special way during the month of October. He has prepared, with the help of Deacon Mark Krejci and Fr. Augie Gothman, specially selected scripture readings and suggested homily topics for each October weekend. These scripture readings will replace the readings which would normally be read. When you come to Mass, please pick up the worship supplement we will provide each week at the entrance and return it there after Mass. Thank you.

Monthly Rosary Service

The Diocesan Office of Marriage, Family & Life is again coordinating a diocesan-wide time of prayer in observance of Respect Life Month. Our six White Earth parishes have been assigned **Monday, October 16th**. On that day, we will gather to pray the rosary at **3pm in Waubun at St. Ann Church**. Please join us!

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Thank you to all who have sent in their **Fall Fundraiser** donation along with the pumpkin for the drawing. This Sunday, October 1, after the 11AM Mass, the lucky winners will be drawn. Donations are still welcome.



During the month of October, **the rosary will be prayed before the weekend Masses**. If you can help lead the rosary, contact Sally Simonson at **218-473-2379**.

Breakfasts and Church Dinners

St. Benedict's Catholic Church, White Earth, Fall Dinner, Ogema Community Center, **Sunday, October 8th**, 11am-1pm, Chicken, Meatballs, and fixin's. Raffle, Fish Pond, Country Store, Cake Walk. Dine in or Take-out available.



Circles of Faith UCC Church, Fall French Toast Breakfast, Waubun Community Center, **Sunday, October 15th**, 9am-1pm, French Toast with Toppings Bar, Scrambled Eggs & Sausage. Rada Knives, Country Store, Bake Sale.

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We have coffee and fellowship every Sunday after Mass downstairs. All are welcome.

Parable of the Two Sons

“Which of the two did what his father wanted?” “The first,” they answered. *Matthew 21:31*

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The Guardian Angels

In the 18th chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus advises his followers to become like little children. “Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones,” he says, “for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven.” His words are one source of the belief, held since the days of the earliest Christians, that every human has a guardian or protecting angel.

“Angel” means messenger in Greek. Angels are mentioned often in scripture, where they are not only messengers but defenders, companions, guides, and guardians. The Letter to the Hebrews describes them as spirits whose work is service. Guardian angels have a special task – to assist human beings in their journey toward God.

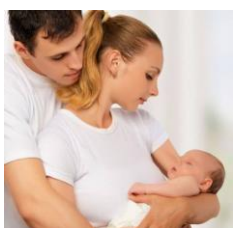
All the angels used to be remembered on the Feast of Michaelmas (September 29). But people wanted a day to honor their own special protectors. And so today we continue the feast of the angels. The joy of this day is based on our sure knowledge of all the ways God lovingly cares for us.

*Angel of God, my guardian dear,
 to whom God's love commits me here,
 ever this day be at my side,
 to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.*

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. The theme of Respect Life Month 2023 is...

Radical Solidarity

In the Gospel of John, shortly before he is to suffer his Passion, Jesus proclaims to his disciples: "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another" (John 13:34). And it is love for one another that Jesus says will be the identifying characteristic of his disciples.



The Church's entire social doctrine is guided by the fundamental principle that every human life has innate dignity and incomparable value: "Every human being is the object of God's infinite tenderness, and he himself is present in their lives." As disciples of Christ, we are called to make a sacrificial gift of ourselves for the sake of our neighbor, for "to love someone is to desire that person's good and to take effective steps to secure it."

Fulfilling Christ's command to love one another takes shape in our practice of solidarity. Solidarity is the means by which we put our love for others into action, making the good of others our own. Solidarity "is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people... On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good...to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all."

In reaction to the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, some areas of the country now protect the child in the womb, while others are doing all they can to increase access to abortion. At this critical moment, we have been entrusted with new opportunities and new responsibilities to build a civilization of authentic love. Our culture claims to offer women so-called "choice," but ultimately abandons mothers to make tragic and painful decisions alone. We must lead the way in showing the alternative: "In firmly rejecting 'pro-choice' it is necessary to become courageously 'pro woman,' promoting a choice that is truly in favor of women. ... The only honest stance, in these cases, is that of radical solidarity with the woman. It is not right to leave her alone."

Experience shows that when a mother is supported, "she is even capable of heroism." Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound

friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts, recognizing in every person the face of Christ, and placing their needs before our own.

Radical solidarity "refers to something more than a few sporadic acts of generosity. It presumes the creation of a new mindset." A culture of radical solidarity "gets involved by word and deed in people's daily lives... and it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others." We each have our particular gifts, role, and obligation within the Body of Christ to help build a culture of life. We must honestly ask ourselves, "What radical, out-of-the-ordinary, actions have I taken to help a pregnant or parenting mother in need, or to proactively contribute to a culture of life in some other way?"

Inspired by Christ's own example of love, may we "enter fully into the fabric of society, sharing the lives of all, listening to their concerns, helping them materially and spiritually in their needs, rejoicing with those who rejoice, weeping with those who weep." May we work together to bring about a culture of life through radical, sacrificial, Christ-like love.

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Holy Father's Prayer Intention

The Vatican has released Pope Francis' prayer intention for October 2023: **For the Synod** - "We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world."

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

We desire to serve you "in sickness and in health." Please call Fr. John at the parish office or at 218-473-2005 x106 (residence) or 305-753-2087 (cell), if you or a loved one would like a visit at home or in the hospital.



"Autumn leaves don't fall, they fly. They take their time and wander on this their only time to soar." - *Delia Owens, writer*

Slow down today. Take time to go on a walk, meditate, or pray.