

St. Nicholas, Belle River

Immaculate Conception, Osakis

The Church of St. Mary, Alexandria

Fifth Sunday of Easter | MAY 15, 2022

Children's Collection

- Father Dave Petron

It has been several years since I have written about this, but it seems time to cover this again, both for new parishioners and for, heaven forbid, those who don't always read my articles.

On Sundays and holy days of obligations, I usually invite the young people who are present to bring their offerings to the front. One comment I have received often in both parishes is how much people enjoy seeing our young people come up for the children's collection. After watching a priest in Long Prairie do this many, many years ago, it impressed on me that this is a good way for young people to learn about giving, and it gives the young person a way to participate in the Mass. I decided then that if I ever became a priest I would incorporate this practice in my parish. Our monetary offerings are one of the three parts of stewardship that includes sharing our time, talent and treasure.

I have mentioned in the past that a child's offertory offering does not have to be a monetary gift for the parish, and it may be a better teaching moment if the child does not bring money to the front unless it is from his or her allowance, but I want to invite all young people to bring up an offering.



Instead of money, consider helping your child sometime before Mass to think about something special they might do around the house or for the family during the coming week, and then help them write that task on a piece of paper. Explain that God appreciates their special acts of help around the house now, and that by doing this they are learning how to help in the church when they grow up. That paper can be brought up for the children's collection instead of a monetary donation. The paper could be put into an envelope if there is any concern about privacy.

Before COVID, the stewardship committee considered that they might collect and save these offerings, without names, and periodically include (at random) one or several of them in the bulletin or in the Stewardship magazine that the Osakis Stewardship committee is trying to resurrect as a way for us to see what stewardship means to the young people in our parishes.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE: I will be on vacation for the next two week beginning tomorrow, May 16, until Friday, May 27. Fr. Fred will celebrate the Masses and hear confessions on the weekend of May 22/23. There will be no weekday Masses during these two weeks (May 16-27).

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND: Every year I invite a missionary representative to speak in our parishes. This year, Bishop Kettler will be the missionary representative for the diocese of Alaska. On Memorial Weekend, Bishop Kettler will celebrate all Masses in our parishes and speak for the missionary diocese of Alaska. I will concelebrate Mass with him. I plan to provide more information about this mission in my bulletin article next weekend.

Mass Schedules and Intentions



9473 County Road 3 NE, Carlos, MN 56319

Wednesday, May 18	8:30 a.m.	No Mass
Sunday, May 22	8:30 a.m.	For the people



306 W. Oak St., P.O. Box F, Osakis, MN 56360

Thursday, May 19	9 a.m.	No Mass
Friday, May 20	8 a.m.	No Mass
Saturday, May 21	4 p.m.	† Julius & Clarice Massmann
Sunday, May 22	10:30 a.m.	† Ray Kraemer



420 Irving Street, Alexandria, MN 56308

Tuesday, May 17	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, May 18	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 19	5:30 p.m.
Friday, May 20	8:30 a.m.
Saturday, May 21	5 p.m.
Sunday, May 22	8 a.m.
	10 a.m.

Sacraments

RECONCILIATION

By appointment at St. Nicholas.
Saturdays at 3 p.m. before Mass or by appointment at Immaculate Conception.
Saturdays from 3–4:30 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at the Church of St. Mary.

BAPTISM

All parents must take the Baptism Preparation Course. Call your parish office to sign up and to schedule a baptism date.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Members of the parish (or children of members) must arrange for marriage at least six months in advance. Contact your parish office for more information.

ALL OTHER SACRAMENTS

Please contact your parish office.

MAY

CEMETERY WORK DAY

Saturday, May 21, starting at 9 a.m. Please come and help us beautify the grounds of our parish cemetery for summer. Many hands make light work!



GRADUATE MASS AND BREAKFAST

Sunday, May 22, starting with 10:30 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception followed by breakfast in the church basement. Graduates, please wear your graduation gown and meet in the church basement at 10:15 a.m. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and Christian Mothers



FR. HOPPE MISCONDUCT LISTENING SESSIONS

Tuesday, May 24

Saint Louis Parish in Paynesville at 6:30 p.m. Saint Mary Parish in Alexandria at 6:30 p.m.



ST. AGNES SIXTH GRADE GRADUATION

Tuesday, May 31, at 6:30 p.m. starting with Mass at Immaculate Conception.

JUNE



ANNUAL SALAD LUNCHEON

Thursday, June 2, from 11 a.m-1 p.m. at St. Mary's Great Hall. All ACC women are invited to attend. \$8 per plate-proceeds go to local charities.



DULUTH MISSION TRIP

Sunday through Sunday, June 5-12. All ACC youth are invited to participate. See Youth Faith Formation for more information.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, SONBEAM FARM

Monday through Thursday, June 6-9. All ACC youth are invited to participate. See Youth Faith Formation for more information.



TEC (TOGETHER ENCOUNTERING CHRIST)

Saturday through Monday, June 25–27. For info and registration details, visit cmtec.org or call 320-532-4455. If you are a teen that would like to attend the June weekend at no cost, please text/ call 320-815-3364.



TOTUS TUUS

Sunday through Friday, June 26-July 1. All ACC youth are invited to participate. See Youth Faith Formation for more information.

JULY



STEUBENVILLE 2022

Friday through Sunday, July 15-17, in Rochester. All ACC youth are invited to participate. See Youth Faith Formation for more information.

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Please take home a baby bottle and fill it with any loose change—or larger dollar/check donation—and then return it to Immaculate Conception any time before Father's Day to fund local Pro-Life efforts in our area. Thank you for your support and prayers for these little ones and their mommies. Sponsored by Osakis Christian Mothers.

TEENS 16+, ATTEND A TEC WEEKEND FOR FREE!

Saturday through Monday, June 25–27. A parishioner is covering the costs of any parish youth 16+ that would like to attend the June weekend. If interested, please text/call 320-815-3364.

TEC (Together Encountering Christ) is a three-day retreat supported by the St. Cloud Diocese. The retreat is intended for both youth (age 16+) and adults. Youth will often credit TEC for giving meaning to their faith life, purpose to their everyday life, and a commitment to living their life for Christ. One adult indicated, "outside of my marriage and the birth of my children, TEC is the most important event of my life." Check out what others have experienced by participating in an upcoming TEC weekend.

For more information on TEC weekends, visit cmtec.org or call 320-532-4455.

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT ALLEGATION

An allegation of past sexual misconduct involving Fr. Arthur Hoppe has been made. Because of that allegation, Bishop Kettler has scheduled two listening sessions for the people of the parishes in which Father Hoppe served.

There will be two listening sessions on Tuesday, May 24: Saint Louis Parish in Paynesville at 6:30 p.m. and the Church of St. Mary in Alexandria at 6:30 p.m. You are invited to attend either of the listening sessions.

These sessions will have three primary goals:

- To assure parishioners of Bishop Kettler's support and assistance;
- 2. To offer a process whereby sexual misconduct issues/ concerns can be voiced and discussed; and
- To allow other potential victims the opportunity to come forward and receive assistance and healing.

A Diocesan Response Team will be present for any parishioners who wish to attend. The listening sessions will not be open to the news media.

Father Hoppe served in the following parishes:

Assumption, Morris	1947-50
Saint Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud	1950-55
Saint Patrick, Minden Township	1955-58
Saint Nicholas, Belle River	1958-61
Saint John Nepomuk, Lastrup	1961-65
Saint Louis, Paynesville	1965-71
Saint Mary, Alexandria	1971-83
Saint Wendelin, Luxemburg	1983-89
Saint Rose of Lima, St. Rosa	1989-99
Retired	1999



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PARISH STAFF

CONFIDENTIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Contact Anita at 320-852-7792.

Contact Sue Stoetzel at 320-859-2209.

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

WEEKLY OFFERINGS	
Adult	\$1,580
Loose	\$245
Online	\$585.50
TOTAL	\$2,410.50

WEEKLY OFFERINGS	
Adult	\$1,617
Loose	\$467
Online	\$943.45
TOTAL	\$3.027.45



BUDGET PROGRESS (July-June)		
Goal	\$148,600	
Received	\$138,371	
Remaining by 6/30	\$10,229	



BUDGE	BUDGET PROGRESS (July-June)		
Goal		\$259,300	
Receive	ed	\$214,296	
Remair	ning by 6/30	\$45,004	



ST. AGNES ALLIES SCHOLARSHIP		
Goal	\$25,000	
Received	\$20,829	
Remaining by 6/30	\$4,171	

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

Sunday, May 22, 8:30 a.m.		Saturday, May 21, 4 p.m.	Sunday, May 22, 10:30 a.m.
Dennis Hillmer	Sacristan	Bernice Kostrzewski	Carrie Drevlow
Roy & Connie Thesing	Greeters	Dan & Lorna Morrissette	Mary Vetter
Hugh McWhorter	Lector	Mary Gillespie	Darlene Highet
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Charles Moening Rita Thesing	Mass Servers	NEEDED	Isaac & Liam Chisholm

Youth Faith Formation

DULUTH MISSION TRIP

Sunday through Sunday, June 5-12. Students will help people who are already doing God's ministry in a community other than their own to broaden their perspective and inspire service work in their own community. Contact Tammy Huss at 320-763-9202 or thuss@stmaryalexandria.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022, SONBEAM FARM

Monday through Thursday, June 6-9, from 9 a.m. to Noon for children age 4 through grade 3 at the Church of St. Mary. Put on your overalls and begin your summer with four days of farm-fresh fun on SonBeam Farm! Visit stmaryalexandria.org/events for more information.

GIRLS, GOD, AND GOOD TIMES (3G)

June 20-22 for girls currently in grades 4 and 5 July 25–27 for girls currently in grades 6 through 12

3G is a Benedictine summer camp offered by the Sisters at Saint Benedict's Monastery. Grow in faith, make new friends, spend time with Sisters, and have fun! For more info and to register, visit sbm.osb.org/ministries/3g-camp/

TOTUS TUUS

Sunday through Friday, June 26-July 1 Grades 1–6, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m–2:30 p.m. Grades 7–12, Sunday through Thursday from 7–9 p.m.

Led by Diocesan trained, faith-filled college students and seminarians. Celebrate the beauty of our Catholic faith and have fun! Visit stmaryalexandria.org/events for more information

STEUBENVILLE 2022

Friday through Sunday, July 15–17, for youth grades 8-12 in Rochester. Keynote speakers, praise and worship, Eucharistic adoration, reconciliation, and more. Also a side trip to Our Lady of Guadalupe shrine in La Crosse. \$375 with a deposit of \$175. 320-763-9202

Adult Faith Formation

ARCHBISHOP FLYNN CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE

Beginning September 2022, the two-year Pillars Program will be held at the Church of St. Mary in Alexandria. Watch lectures via livestream and participate in a small group dynamic on Monday evenings from 7-9 p.m.

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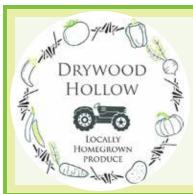
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