



Come to the Water

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

St. Nicholas, Belle River

Immaculate Conception, Osakis

The Church of St. Mary, Alexandria

Third Sunday of Easter | MAY 1, 2022

Retirement

— *Father Dave Petron*

I have been asked numerous times over the past couple weeks about retiring. Am I retiring? When am I retiring? All along, I assumed everyone knew the process for retiring, but I was wrong. I will correct that today.

ACC's (Area Catholic Communities) are designed to work best with one pastor and one or more associate pastors to assist them. That may not be practical for ACC's with more than one large parish, but that is the plan for most ACC's, including ours. Fr. Matthew thanked me for staying on as pastor last summer because St. Mary's takes some getting used to. By Christmas, he told me he was prepared to take on the responsibilities of the pastor of our ACC if I wished to retire this year. At that time, I expressed my desire to the diocese to retire at the end of this term, but did not turn in my resignation letter.

Any priest can retire in the calendar year he has his 70th birthday. Except in an emergency, retirement takes place at the same time the new priest assignments take place each year, which is the first weekend after July 1. I turned 70 in May last year, but offered to stay if I remained pastor in my current assignment. My birthday was before July 1, so I knew I could retire. I learned only this year that a priest who turns 70 by December 31 of a given year can retire on July 1 of that same year. Those are the retirement guidelines.

To be able to retire, a priest must submit a letter of resignation to the diocese in the early months of the planned year of retirement, or the year before, so that the diocesan assignment board can plan for a replacement. I did not submit my letter of resignation until the last mask mandate was put into effect. That mandate was inappropriate and the point when I decided I was done. Unfortunately, though I had not made a firm decision up to then, waiting that long to submit my resignation letter likely caused some confusion within the diocese. Even



though I expressed my desire to retire before Christmas, the diocese assumes a priest is not retiring until the resignation letter is received. Some priests were told by the diocese that I was not retiring (no resignation letter was on file) while others who knew me assumed I was retiring, and rumors spread. I submitted my letter before the mask mandate was lifted.

The diocesan plan for our ACC is that two priests will be assigned here as long as two priests are available, but only one pastor once I retire. Fr. Matthew Kuhn will become the pastor of St. Mary's, Immaculate Conception and St. Nicholas on my retirement day. Any other priest assigned to our ACC will be an associate pastor (also known as parochial vicar). The pastor makes all the decisions. The associate pastor assists the pastor, but has no authority to make decisions unless the pastor gives it to him. The pastor must be present at ACC pastoral council meetings and finance council meetings. The associate pastor may attend, but is not required to attend except as requested by the pastor.

Though this could change before the new assignments are announced in June, Fr. Matthew and the new associate plan to live in the rectory in Osakis until a new rectory is built that is closer to the hospital. This could take about a year. This will be discussed at the next finance council meeting for each parish. The ACC Pastoral Council approved this plan last Tuesday.

Mass Schedules and Intentions



9473 County Road 3 NE, Carlos, MN 56319

Wednesday, May 4	8:30 a.m.	†C. Emmert family intentions
Sunday, May 8	8:30 a.m.	†Marie Altrichter



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Thursday, May 5	9 a.m.	†Rory Dunn
Friday, May 6	8 a.m.	†Tony Daas
Saturday, May 7	4 p.m.	†Charley & Antonia Chermak
Sunday, May 8	10:30 a.m.	For the people



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Tuesday, May 3	8:30 a.m.	†Bill Flaig
Wednesday, May 4	6:30 p.m.	†Terry James
Thursday, May 5	5:30 p.m.	†Laurel Bruder
Friday, May 6	8:30 a.m.	Deceased KCs
Saturday, May 7	5 p.m.	†Fred Pedersen
Sunday, May 8	8 a.m.	†For the parish
	10 a.m.	†Betty Zwilling

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.

Announcements

Submission deadline is Wednesday noon. bulletin@icosakis.org

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Thursday, May 5, build date. Immaculate Conception and St. Nicholas are participating again this year and are currently taking contributions. Donation envelopes will be attached to next week's bulletin. For more information, contact Bob Brillhart at 320-217-3292

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday, May 6, after 8 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception for one hour.

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GRADUATE MASS AND BREAKFAST

Sunday, May 22, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception. Breakfast following Mass in the church basement. Invitations have been sent. Please RSVP as requested. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and Christian Mothers

JUNE

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DULUTH MISSION TRIP

Sunday through Sunday, June 5–12. See Youth Faith Formation for more information.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, SONBEAM FARM

Monday through Thursday, June 6–9. See Youth Faith Formation for more information.

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TOTUS TUUS

Sunday through Friday, June 26–July 1. See Youth Faith Formation for more information.

JULY

MON
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STEUBENVILLE 2022

Friday through Sunday, July 15–17, in Rochester. See Youth Faith Formation for more information.

ST. NICHOLAS FIRST COMMUNION

Please pray for this weekend's recipients: Benjamin Harren, Duncan and Henrietta Ponicki, Maggie Steidl, and Lennox Westerberg.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FIRST COMMUNION

Please pray for this weekend's recipients: Harrison Bjerketvedt, Addelyn Braatz, Hudson Chisholm, Ivy Christensen, Cailyn Drevlow, Brody Euerle, Tate Hetland, Kaleb Klimek, and Kiah Lang.

WEDDING BANN II

Linsey Hillmer & Thomas Schafer

Please join the Hillmer and Schafer families as we celebrate the marriage of Linsey and Thomas on May 14th at the Carlos Event Center. Social hour at 6 p.m. with a dance to follow from 7–11 p.m. Refreshments served by the families and the Carlos Lions.

NEW SOMEPLACE SAFE SERVICES FOR YOUTH

A new youth advocate will provide free and confidential services to youth 12–18 who identify as victims and survivors of crimes. The goal is to engage youth in actively healing from victimization through access to services, ensuring they have the tools and resources necessary to help them live safe, healthy, successful lives. Many youth may not realize that they are victims of a crime, or that there are services specifically for them.

If you are someone you know is a victim of a crime, contact Someplace Safe at 1-800-974-3359. For more information about youth advocacy, please contact Latasha Scott at 218-631-3311 or latasha.s@someplacesafe.info.

ARCHBISHOP FLYNN CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE

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

Taught by some of the best instructors in the Twin Cities—Jeff Cavins, Deacon Joe Michalak, Deacon Dan Gannon, Fr. John Klockeman, Dr. Todd Flanders, Christina Smith, Liz Kelly, and more—the CI Pillars Program follows the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and will make sense of all things Catholic, deepen your faith, and lay out the roadmap to heaven.

Classes are divided into four eleven-week modules with two Saturday morning formative sessions per module. Applications for the Class of St. Michael the Archangel beginning in September are being accepted through August 1, 2022. For more information and an application, visit cistudent.com/pillars/ or call 651-9625072.



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CONFIDENTIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Immaculate Conception, call Sue Stoetzel at 320-859-2209.

St. Nicholas, call Anita at 320-852-7792.

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

WEEKLY OFFERINGS	
Adult	\$1,985
Easter	\$510
Loose	\$284
Online	\$393.17
TOTAL	\$3,172.17

WEEKLY OFFERINGS	
Adult	\$1,570
Easter	\$250
Loose	\$256
Online	\$70.50
TOTAL	\$2,146.50



BUDGET PROGRESS (July–June)

Goal	\$259,300
Received	\$204,851
Remaining by 6/30	\$54,449



BUDGET PROGRESS (July–June)

Goal	\$148,600
Received	\$133,968
Remaining by 6/30	\$14,632



ST. AGNES SCHOOL ALLIES SCHOLARSHIP

Goal	\$25,000
Received	\$20,525
Remaining by 6/30	\$4,475

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

	Saturday, May 7, 4 p.m.	Sunday, May 8, 8:30 a.m.	Sunday, May 8, 10:30 a.m.
Sacristan	Bernice Kostrzewski	Dennis Hillmer	Carrie Drevlow
Greeters	Dan & Lorna Morrissette	Dennis & Deb Hillmer	NEEDED
Lector	John Temple	Amy Jahner	Theresa Dirkes
Ushers	John Wysoski & Dick Petroske	Richard Klein & Bruce Botzet	Travis & Lyndsey Middendorf
Extraordinary Ministers	John & Joleen Peterka John Temple	Lois & Craig Drexler Mary Landowski	Dave & Sharon Marthaler Byron Chisholm
Mass Servers	NEEDED	NEEDED	Levi Middendorf & Ava Drevlow

DULUTH MISSION TRIP

Sunday through Sunday, June 5–12. This Christ-centered Youthworks trip allows students to help people who are already doing God's ministry in a community other than their own. It exposes our young church to new cultures, changes their world views, and becomes a springboard to service work in our 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. Begin your summer with some farm-fresh fun! Put on your overalls and head on over to St. Mary's for four days of adventure on SonBeam Farm! This exciting VBS is for everyone between the ages of 4 through grade 3. Come join us! 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. It is an opportunity to grow in faith, make new friends, spend time with Sisters, and have fun! For more information 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.

The St. Cloud Diocese has formed and trained teams of faith-filled college students and seminarians to lead youth this summer. Get ready to 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. A weekend conference that evangelizes, equips and empowers youth to become joyful disciples. Keynote speakers, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, and much more. A side trip to the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, WI will be included. Total cost is \$375 with a deposit of \$175. 320-763-9202

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KINDERGARTEN—GRADE 6

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Sharon Marthaler, Office.....office@stagnesosakis.org



In Science we are studying how animals are classified by the similar physical characteristics. We are also studying plant seed dispersal, plant growth needs, and environmental factors that influence plant growth such as amount of water and light.

For our Easter retreat we made matzah, a flatbread that Jesus and the Apostles shared at the Last Supper.

First and second grade are working on refining their throwing accuracy by playing ring toss.

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