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# Come to the Water

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

St. Nicholas, Belle River

Immaculate Conception, Osakis

The Church of St. Mary, Alexandria

Fourth Sunday of Lent | MARCH 27, 2022



## Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

— *Father Dave Petron*

Attendees of the Saturday Mass in Osakis last weekend participated in the reception of the newest adult member into our Catholic faith community.

He was baptized in the Lutheran faith as a baby and received Confirmation and First Communion at Mass on Saturday. He started the Catholic RCIA program about a year ago after my bulletin article explaining the process. Since he was baptized outside of the Catholic faith, he followed the process of a *candidate* entering the church through the RCIA program.

An un-baptized individual entering the RCIA program is called a *catechumen*. While I individualize RCIA training for anyone entering the Catholic church, a catechumen typically requires more instruction than a candidate. Both catechumens and candidates are given as much instruction and time as they need to feel comfortable in making the choice—and speaking their desire—to enter the Catholic church. No one is forced to commit until they are ready. A person is free to walk away from the training at any time if they choose not to enter.

The Easter Vigil is the proper time for catechumens to enter the Catholic church, though exceptions can be made with the bishop's approval. The Easter Vigil also includes rites for both catechumens and candidates who wish to enter the church by receiving Confirmation and/or First Communion (catechumens are baptized earlier in the ritual before receiving these two sacraments). After Mass last Saturday, I was asked why the candidate was not entering the church at the Easter Vigil. I'm sure others likely have the same question.

Candidates may be accepted into the Catholic church through the Celebration of Reception outside of the Easter Vigil, which is actually the preferred method for baptized Christians (candidates). Last Saturday happened to be the Feast of St. Joseph, the saint this candidate chose for his Confirmation name, so it was most appropriate that we celebrated his entry into the church on this feast day.

Very soon we will be celebrating the baptism of two grade school children in Belle River. The bulletin article I wrote a year ago was actually about an adult who desired baptism but did not want to go through RCIA, which is the proper way for an adult to receive baptism. RCIA also has a ritual for baptizing children and young adults, but choosing whether to baptize them within or outside of RCIA can be a bit challenging. The RCIA program for children calls for the child to also receive their First Communion and Confirmation at the same time. This puts most of them out of step with classmates they will be receiving instruction with in RE or at a Catholic School. Since they will continue to be receiving instruction in their faith through an RE program, I will be baptizing these two young people soon in Belle River. They are also receiving instruction for First Communion, so the baptism will take place before First Communion at the end of April.

This might also interest you. I have three adults in Osakis who are receiving instruction for Confirmation that they skipped when they were younger. I have no explanation for this, but I must receive the bishop's permission to confirm anyone who has been baptized Catholic. I automatically have permission to confirm a candidate whenever they are ready to enter through RCIA, and the permission to confirm catechumens during the Easter Vigil, but I must ask the bishop to confirm a baptized Catholic himself, or get his permission to confirm that person if he is unable to do so.

## Mass Schedules and Intentions



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|                     |           |                                        |
|---------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------|
| Wednesday, March 30 | 8:30 a.m. | †D. Chambers family special intentions |
| Sunday, April 3     | 8:30 a.m. | For the people of the parishes         |



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|                    |            |                           |
|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| Thursday, March 31 | 9 a.m.     | †Jacob & Mary Thoennes    |
| Friday, April 1    | 8 a.m.     | † Nick & Caroline Hockert |
| Saturday, April 2  | 4 p.m.     | †Roman & Ruth Roers       |
| Sunday, April 3    | 10:30 a.m. | †Parents of Dennis Paul   |



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Fridays at 2:15 p.m. at Immaculate Conception**  
Led by St. Agnes Students

## Holy Week Mass Times



**Holy Thursday**  
April 14  
7 p.m.  
Osakis

**Good Friday**  
April 15  
3 p.m.  
Osakis

**Easter Vigil**  
April 16  
8:30 p.m.  
Osakis

**Easter Sunday**  
April 17  
8:30 a.m. | 10:30 a.m.  
St. Nicholas | Osakis

## Next Week's Ministry Schedule

### Sunday, April 3, 8:30 a.m.

|                                |  |                                                |
|--------------------------------|--|------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sacristan</b>               |  | Mary Landowski                                 |
| <b>Greeters</b>                |  | Dennis & Deb Hillmer                           |
| <b>Lector</b>                  |  | Veronica Haavig                                |
| <b>Ushers</b>                  |  | Richard Klein & Bruce Botzet                   |
| <b>Extraordinary Ministers</b> |  | Lois Drexler, Dennis Hillmer, & Hugh McWhorter |
| <b>Mass Servers</b>            |  | NEEDED                                         |

### Saturday, April 2, 4 p.m.

### Sunday, April 3, 10:30 a.m.

|                                |                                       |                                                |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sacristan</b>               | Mary Gillespie                        | Dick Daas                                      |
| <b>Greeters</b>                | Dan & Lorna Morrissette               | NEEDED                                         |
| <b>Lector</b>                  | Sarah Munsterman                      | Darlene Hight                                  |
| <b>Ushers</b>                  | John Wysoski & Dick Petroske          | Richard Wielenberg & Dave Herzog               |
| <b>Extraordinary Ministers</b> | John & Joleen Peterka, Barb Schneider | Dave Marthaler, Byron Chisholm, & Kay Boogaard |
| <b>Mass Servers</b>            | NEEDED                                | Isaac & Liam Chisholm                          |

# Announcements

Submission deadline is Wednesday noon. [bulletin@icosakis.org](mailto:bulletin@icosakis.org)

## **DISCIPLESHIP: THE CALL • THE ROLE • THE MISSION LENTEN MISSION WITH VALLIMAR JANSEN**

Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday (March 27–29) at 6:30 p.m. at the Church of St. Mary in Alexandria. No cost. All are welcome. If you miss one night, come to the next.

Blessed with an extraordinary voice, Vallimar is a highly regarded singer, composer, and recording artist. Her presence on stage commands attention and her music draws people into the Word of God in a new and deeper way.

SUN  
27

### **SUNDAY: THE CALL**

Created in the image of God, for God's purpose

MON  
28

### **MONDAY: THE ROLE**

Transformed and filled with God's spirit

TUE  
29

### **TUESDAY: THE MISSION**

Sent forth with God's love

SAT  
2

### **SOUTHWESTERN DEANERY MEETING**

Saturday, April 2, at 9:30 a.m. at Assumption Catholic Church, 207 E. 3rd St., Morris). All parish women are invited to join. This is the first opportunity to meet since the deanery changed boundaries. Please contact Cheryl Weller at 320-309-7844 or [cwanne@yahoo.com](mailto:cwanne@yahoo.com) for more info. Please provide your email address if you are interested in the Zoom option.

SUN  
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### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST**

Sunday, April 3, following 10:30 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception. Pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, caramel rolls, coffee, juice, and milk. Free will offering. See you there!

### **ST. NICHOLAS 150TH ANNIVERSARY BOOKLETS**

To place an order, use the sign-up sheet in the church entry or call/text 320-766-8505 or 320-766-8509.

### **ST. NICHOLAS PERMANENT FUNERAL GROUP LIST**

Please add/update your info on the list posted in the church entry. We welcome any men or woman interested. Call or text 320-766-8509 or 320-815-3168 with questions.

### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD DATES**

Both Immaculate Conception and St. Nicholas parishes are participating in Habitat for Humanity again this year. Available build dates are listed below. Contact Bob Brillhart at [rwbrillhart@gmail.com](mailto:rwbrillhart@gmail.com) if interested.

April 18, 20, 21, 22, 25, 27

May 2, 5, 16, 18, 19, 23, 25, 26

July 6, 7 | August 15, 17

### **KING'S HOUSE RETREATS**

For more information on the retreats listed below at King's House (Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, MN), visit [kingshouse.com](http://kingshouse.com) where you can also register online—or call 763-682-1394.

### **AMAZING GRACE—HOW SWEET THE SOUND**

Explore this beautiful hymn, God's grace and presence in our lives, and how to absorb the gift of grace freely given from the Father. Take time for yourself to renew and strengthen your relationship with God amid quiet and beauty.

### **Women's Silent Weekend Retreat | April 1–3**

Retreat Fee: \$160; non-refundable \$50 deposit per person, includes two overnights and five meals.

### **Lenten Silent Midweek Retreat for Men & Women April 5–7**

Retreat Fee: \$160; non-refundable \$50 deposit per person, includes two overnights and 5 meals.

### **Retreat for Parish Staff and Volunteers | April 26–27**

Retreat Fee: \$110; \$50 non-refundable deposit with registration, includes one overnight and four meals.

### **"WERE YOU THERE WHEN THEY CRUCIFIED MY LORD?" PRESENTED BY FR. BOB MORIN, OMI**

We can enter more deeply into the Holy Week mysteries and passion narratives looking through the eyes of Peter, Mary Magdalene, and Simon of Cyrene. We let them be our guides to a deeper understanding of what we celebrate and are called to become. Includes Holy Thursday Liturgy, Good Friday Service, Reconciliation, Adoration, Seven Conferences, Stations of the Cross, Scriptural Rosary, three overnights, eight meals

### **Men & Women's Silent Holy Week Retreat | April 13–16**

Retreat Fee: \$275; \$50 non-refundable deposit with registration

### **NEWLY BAPTIZED**

The Catholic community welcomes Emma Rose Hlatky, daughter of Payton Hlatky and Kylie Anderson, who was baptized on Saturday, March 26, 2022, at Immaculate Conception. Congratulations!

### **NEWLY MARRIED**

Congratulations and many blessings to Cody and Melissa (Wielenberg) DeWenter who were united in marriage on Saturday, March 26, 2022, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Osakis.

### **DEATH NOTICE**

†Dexter Baker, age 83, entered into his new life on Saturday, March 19, 2022. Funeral services were held on Friday, March 25, 2022 at Immaculate Conception. Arrangements by Roy-Hetland Funeral Home, Osakis. May perpetual light shine upon him and may he rest in peace. Please keep his family in your prayers.



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### PARISH STAFF

Father David Petron ..... 320-859-2390, ext 103  
 Jennifer Kaweesa, Secretary ..... [jennifer@icosakis.org](mailto:jennifer@icosakis.org)

### SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation Saturdays at 3:00 p.m. before Mass at Immaculate Conception or by appointment at both parishes. Contact your parish office for baptism, marriage, and anointing of the sick.

### 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            | \$1,825        |
| Loose            | \$380          |
| Online           | \$640          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>\$2,845</b> |

| WEEKLY OFFERINGS |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Adult            | \$2,413           |
| Loose            | \$245             |
| Online           | \$110.50          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>\$2,768.50</b> |



#### BUDGET PROGRESS (July–June)

|          |                  |
|----------|------------------|
| Goal     | \$259,300        |
| Received | <b>\$176,551</b> |



#### BUDGET PROGRESS (July–June)

|          |                  |
|----------|------------------|
| Goal     | \$148,600        |
| Received | <b>\$119,080</b> |



#### ST. AGNES SCHOOL ALLIES SCHOLARSHIP

|          |                 |
|----------|-----------------|
| Goal     | \$25,000        |
| Received | <b>\$12,612</b> |

# Youth Faith Formation

# Catholic Education

## ST. NICHOLAS

### GRADES K-11

Tonya Beulke ..... 320-815-3162 [roytonya@gmail.com](mailto:roytonya@gmail.com)

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

### LITTLE HEARTS FOR JESUS (LH4J)

April 3 ..... Jesus forgives a woman  
 April 10 ..... The Passion of Christ  
 April 17 ..... Jesus is alive, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 April 24 ..... Peace be with you  
 May 8 ..... Your are my sheep  
 May 15 ..... Love one another  
 May 22 ..... I give you my peace

### SACRAMENTAL PREP (GRADE 2)

Jennifer Kaweesa ..... 320-248-0155  
[jennifer@icosakis.org](mailto:jennifer@icosakis.org)

### FAMILY FORMATION (GRADES K-6)

[familyformation@icosakis.org](mailto:familyformation@icosakis.org)

Terri Anderson ..... 320-760-9119  
Carrie Drevlow ..... 320-491-7676

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### KINDERGARTEN—GRADE 6

Peggy Stowe, Principal ..... [pstowe@stagnesosakis.com](mailto:pstowe@stagnesosakis.com)  
Sharon Marthaler, Office ..... [office@stagnesosakis.org](mailto:office@stagnesosakis.org)



In Kindergarten, we celebrated St. Patrick's day, made spiral rainbows with a pot of gold at the end to hang from the ceiling in our classroom, and had a science lesson about flowers where we got to watch our own flowers blossom in front of our eyes.

## 3 DAYS AND LESS THAN \$3,000 TO GO!

It's all or nothing. We must raise the full amount of \$25,000 before Wednesday, March 30 to receive the \$25,000 Challenge Grant from the Schulze Family Foundation.

### HOW WE WILL USE THE \$50,000:

- Create a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) program
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