

MAY 5, 2024
6th SUNDAY OF EASTER



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 In the event of an **Emergency after Business Hours**
 Call Fr. Andrew at 715-392-8511

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024

8:30 A.M. – Kathy Dusek-M
 David Dusek

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024

8:30 A.M. – For the Deceased Edge, Kontrim,
 Ketchum, Pelletier, & Pitzen Families-M

Doug & Mary Jo Edge

5:00 P.M. – Volunteer Mass

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024

8:30 A.M. – Joe Krieg-M

Kay Gustafson

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024

8:30 A.M. – Dolly Cosgrove-M
 Her Family



WEEKEND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024

4:00 P.M. – Susan Roubal Wesley Dehlin-M
 Sandy & Mike Bailey

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024

7:30 A.M. – The Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of
 Cathedral Parishioners

10:30 A.M. – Fr. Lee Flaherty-M
 Rita LaVenture



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE for the week of May 5th

Will burn in Loving Memory of Ray & Frankie Allen

By: Bill & Donna Durand



VOCATIONS... *As the Father has loved me so I have loved you. Live on in my love. Bask in the love of God; ask how to respond. (John 15: 9-17)*

Cathedral Church Calendar

Mon. May 6 – 6:30pm Prayer Group Mtg. in KH
 Wed. May 8 – 5:00pm Volunteer Mass with Dinner to follow.
 Thur. May 9 – 1:00-3:00pm Adoration



PRAYER MINISTRY –

There are people in the parish willing to share your needs and prayers. Please call Mary Jo **218-341-2606** if you or a loved one is in need.



LITURGICAL ROLES for May 11 & 12

READERS:

4:00 Ryan Bayless
7:30 Vickie Owens
10:30 Tim Thom & Erica Milliken



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

4:00 Anna Marie Olsen (F) & Susan Paine (B)
Need 2 Ministers for Communion Cup
7:30 Vickie Owens (F) & Renee Wachter (B)
Need 2 Ministers for Communion Cup
10:30 Bonnie Thom (F) & Tim Thom (B)
Cup: Kent Phillips & Erica Milliken



SERVERS:

4:00
7:30
10:30 Lily & Lauren Milliken



USHERS:

4:00 Eric Williams (Lead)
 Irene Peterson
 Need 2
7:30 Bob Ahlborg (Lead)
 Jim Crawford
 Bruce Haraldson
 Kevin Peterson
10:30 Walt Tafelski (Lead)
 John Berchild
 Sandy & Tom Henning



GREETERS:

4:00
7:30 Vickie Owens
10:30 Erica, Lauren & Lily Milliken



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Jesus' commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives if necessary. What gifts of myself – my skills and talents, my time and resources – will best demonstrate my love for God's people?

	<u>Apr. 27/28</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Envelopes:	104	91
Collection:	\$6,917.50	\$3,724.00
On-Line Giving (42)	\$2,329.50	\$3,211.00
Loose:	\$ 767.00	\$ 207.00



Thank you for your generosity!

FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

Congratulations and Blessings to

Alice Sims &
 Caroline Smith

who made their **First Communion on Saturday, April 27th** at the 4:00pm Mass

May you always be nourished with the Eucharist at the table of the Lord!



MASSES AT ST. MARY HOSPITAL-SUPERIOR

Masses are celebrated at St. Mary's Hospital, Superior, on Wednesdays at 11:15 A.M.

BACCALAUREATE MASS

Hello 2024 graduates! There will be a Baccalaureate Mass at the Cathedral on Sunday, May 26 at 10:30 AM. This Mass is an opportunity to thank God for the blessings received by you and your families as well as an opportunity for the Cathedral community to pray for the next steps in your journey. You will receive a blessing by Fr. Andrew as you go forth to new adventures!



Cathedral School is posting a position for an afternoon Janitor

- ~ Job description and application forms are available at the Cathedral Parish Office.
- ~ Include cover letter & resume to Colleen and return to the Cathedral Parish Office.

WEEKLY MEDITATION

Let's examine some of the main themes in the Mass readings for the 6th Sunday of Easter.

1st Reading - Acts of the Apostles 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48

- Peter encounters Cornelius, discovering that the Holy Spirit of God comes to all people who fear the Lord and act uprightly.
- As a result, Gentiles are now able to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Psalm - 98:1-4

- "The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power."
- Singing joyfully to the Lord, we proclaim God's victory, justice, kindness and wondrous deeds to all the nations.

2nd Reading - 1st Letter of John 4:7-10

- We love one another because God first loved us, for God is love.
- Out of love, God sent his son as expiation for our sins.

Gospel - John 15:9-17

- Jesus commands his disciples to love one another as he loves us.
- The Lord chooses us and appoints us to go and bear fruit that will remain as we carry out his command to love one another.

Fr. Andrew



Question for Children: In what ways do you experience God's love, offered to you through family, friends, and teachers?

Question for Youth: Jesus commanded us to love one another. Who is most in need of your love and kindness right now? How can you be more loving to those most in need this week?

Question for Adults: Concretely, how do you show love to others?

Readings for the week of May 5, 2024

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3,4-5, 6-7 Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday: *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20



CATHEDRAL CHICKEN DINNER

THANK YOU!!

For the first time in recent memory, the Chicken Dinner was a Sell Out!! We want to recognize and thank everyone who pitched in to make it a great success! Thank you to all the VOLUNTEERS – adults, students, chicken dinner regulars & first timers - who gave their "time & talent". Thank you to the SPONSORS who gave their "treasure" to defray dinner expenses. Once again, all expenses were covered! Thank you to the OFFICE & MAINTENANCE STAFF for their valuable behind-the-scenes support & to FATHER ANDREW for tirelessly promoting the event. Special thanks to Angel Ticket donors & to Lynne Tracy who distributed the meals. **And to our GUESTS...THANK YOU for your long-time support of the Cathedral Chicken Dinner!** We look forward to working with & serving you again next year.



Your Chicken Dinner Committee,
Sandy Bailey, Lloyd Ethier, Sandy Frazier, Amy Honz, Kevin Honz, Vickie O'Brien, Vickie Owens, Kevin Peterson

CATHEDRAL NEWS



PRAYER GROUP MEETING

Monday, May 6th
6:30 PM Cathedral Kress Hall
All are welcome!

Any questions please call Anna Marie ~ 715-392-1673

Bible study! Immediately following the 8:30am daily Mass on Thursday mornings at the Cathedral, we will gather in Room 2 in Kress Hall for about one hour of time to read, discuss, and prepare our hearts for the upcoming Sunday Gospel. **(No Bible Study on May 9)**

2023-2024 Cathedral Book Club

We meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Cathedral Parish Office. All are welcome to attend.

May 8th – Sunflower Sisters – Martha Hall Kelly



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Where do I drop off items?

At our current location, which is a business center, we have limited space and do not have someone present to accept donations each day, nor a drop off spot.

However, we do accept donations for our "free store" and have people come and select items or we deliver to people in need. Each month we distribute an average of \$2000 in items such as food, clothing, household goods and furniture to our brothers and sisters.

If you have items to donate, call us and leave a message. Due to space limitations we cannot accept every donation, but our volunteers will talk to you about the type of donation you have and whether we have current need. If we are able to accept - then we will discuss how we might be able to receive the item.

We can accept items for our annual silent auction. We cannot accept large, heavy furniture or used mattresses. Please call and leave a message for us at 715-398-4039.

P.S. God bless our volunteers who gather, sort, distribute, and deliver to our friends who are in great need!

CATHEDRAL SCHOOL NEWS



IMPORTANT DATES

May 8- Sacramental Mass
May 8- Mass/Volunteer Dinner @ 5pm
May 17- Readers Theater @ 1:30pm
May 17-18th- Middle School Lock- In 8:30pm- 7:00am
May 24- Preschool Concert @ 10:00am
May 24- K-8th Concert @ 1:00pm
May 24- Lumen Christi @ 5:30 at UWS
May 27- NO SCHOOL
May 30- 8th grade Retreat @ St. Williams Church
May 31- Poetry Café @ 2:00pm
June 3- Kindergarten Graduation @ 1:00pm
June 5- Farewell Mass @ 8:30am
June 5- 8th Grade Graduation @ 5pm in Kress Hall

Cathedral School Registration for the 2024-2025 School Year ~ for Preschool through 8th grade. **Cathedral School** continues our tradition of **3 year-old and 4 year-old Preschool**. Preschool classes are 5 days a week with half-day or full day options available. Before and after school care is available for Preschool students through our Extended Care program. To schedule a tour please contact us at 715-392-2976.

CALVARY CEMETERY

Flags, flower baskets and other decorations may be placed on graves five (5) days before Memorial Day and **MUST** be removed within fifteen (15) days thereafter. Flowers and other decorations placed in urns or containers built into flush monuments, foot markers or other ground level markers shall be placed and removed in accordance with this same schedule.

Flower baskets, urns and other decorations may be mounted on or attached to monuments. Attachments must be secured to the monument and provide a minimum clearance of 12 inches between the ground and the

decoration. Artificial flowers must be secure in their containers.

Flowers and decorations placed for funeral services will be removed by the Sexton when the flowers fade.

The following installations at gravesites **WILL NOT** be allowed:



- Placement of fences, rocks, bricks or other permanent materials around monuments.
- Planting of flowers, trees or other vegetation around monuments or on graves.

Any such installation will be removed by the Sexton without liability.

Memorial trees may be planted at locations approved by the Sexton.

The Association shall not be responsible for theft, vandalism, or accident within the cemetery.

Please Note: Due to theft and vandalism in previous years, we ask that you **mark your name** (permanently) on flower baskets, urns and other decorations that you place **temporarily** on graves.

NOTE: There will be an 8:30am Mass on Memorial Day at Calvary Cemetery weather permitting.

CLUSTER NEWS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN OUR CLUSTER:

Cathedral – every Thursday from 1-3pm
St. Anthony, L.N – every Thursday from 9-10am
St. William – 1st Saturday from 5:30-6pm
Holy Assumption – 1st Friday from 7:30-8:00am
St. Anthony, Sup. – 1st Tuesday from 8-8:30am



TAKE A BABY BOTTLE - SUPPORT LIFE ON MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND!



The Catholic Daughters and our area Knights have joined together to support the Lake Superior LifeCare Center of Superior.

Area Catholic churches will distribute baby bottles after all Masses on Mother's Day weekend. Take the bottle home with you and fill it with spare change, cash or a check made out to the Lake Superior LifeCare Center. Return the bottle at the weekend Masses on Father's Day. Pray for families and children and for the ongoing mission of the LifeCare Center and its impact in the lives of so many in our community.

The Center is searching for an ultrasound technician. Pray that they are able to secure a technician to help parents see their child growing in mother's womb.

Thank you in advance for your support!

ST. ANDREW DINNER The Diocese of Superior Office of Vocations will be hosting a St. Andrew Dinner on May 22 at St. Joseph in Rice Lake from 5:30pm - 8:30pm. We invite any young men in middle school, high school, and college who are open to learning more about what the Lord may be calling them to; alongside their parents. St. Andrew Dinners provide an evening for young men to discern God's call on their lives; and for their parents, an evening of learning how to support their sons on their journey of discernment. For more information, contact your pastor, and to register, email Shannon Wahl at office@stjosephricelake.org

Totus Tuus

at Cathedral of Christ the King

June 9-14, 2024

Totus Tuus is a week-long summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship.

Registration is open to all youth, no matter their religious affiliation, entering 1st grade through 12th grade in the fall of 2024.

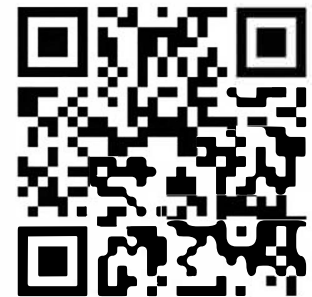
Grade School Program (Entering grades 1-6)
9am-2:30pm -- June 10-14

Middle and High School Program (Entering grades 7-12)
7:30pm-9:45pm -- June 9-13

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Hover your phone's camera over this QR code to access our online registration form or type this web address into your browser:

<https://forms.office.com/r/UkSMArS835>



Direct all questions to: jessicapearson@superiorcatholics.org



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Father Andrew's Summer Challenge!

This is an excerpt from an article published by Eyesafe Nielsen Estimates...

Recent reports from Nielsen suggest that **media consumption has increased 60%** due to COVID-19 and home confinement during March, 2020. Given already high screen time hours, this increase is significant. Eyesafe analyzed the current **Nielsen Audience Report** numbers to develop the “Screen Time Report” which excludes Radio, to understand the actual amount of time the population is in front of devices on a daily basis.

Nielsen has found that in previous times of crisis requiring forced time spent home can lead to a **60% increase in media use**. Additional surveying from Nielsen has found that **working from home results in increased screen time** with worker in the office spending more than 21 hours per week, and workers from home spending 25 hours per week, on work devices.

With a 60% increase in TV and Game Console Media use, and 14% increase in Mobile and Work-Related Device Use, Eyesafe estimates U.S. screen time per person 18+ has increased to 13:28 hours per day in March 2020, up from 10:09 hours per day in Q3 2019.

The Eyesafe estimated per day use of screens for March 2020 in the U.S. includes:

- Live TV: **5:31**
- Time-Shifted TV: **:46**
- Game Console: **:20**
- Internet Connected Device: **:43**
- Internet on a Computer: **:36**
- App/Web on a Smartphone: **4:31**
- App/Web on a Tablet: **:59**
- Total Screen Time Per Day: **13:28**

This shift in screen time is resulting in increased **high-energy blue light exposure**, concerning for children and adults. Further analysis will review this continued trend in screen time consumption globally and exposure to high-energy blue light in our new reality.

Source: <https://eyesafe.com/covid-19-screen-time-spike-to-over-13-hours-per-day/>
Date Verified: March 28, 2021

“We unite our hearts to Jesus Christ through study, prayer, and service.”

I look at these statistics and I believe that we can do better!

Now while I admit that there is good programming on television and on the web, I suggest that at times it is difficult to find. **Therefore, I propose a challenge: Take time during the month of May to talk about the role of television, internet, and video games in your house, and consider one of the following for the three great summer months of June, July, and August:**

1. Cold Turkey. That's right! Dump the screens and fill your life with 1001 activities that are good for your mind and your body. Unplug the set(s), stop the video games, and shut down the internet wherever possible. Take back your life and CHOOSE for yourself what kind and type of entertainment and recreation is good for you. And if you need "screen time" by all means take it... but only when YOU CHOOSE what and when you watch. If you can't handle this.....

2. Cut the time. The average American now watches 38+ hours of television a week (that's 5 hours and 31 minutes a day). Decide for yourselves what you choose to watch and set a goal for each person in the house to watch no more than 10 hours a week (about 1 ½ hours a day). If this is still too much for your electronic addiction then.....

3. Have a household discussion. Sit down and discuss what you are watching and come up with a plan. How much TV is too much? What kind of programming is being viewed? How much “surfing” on the web is really useful? What are some alternatives to the mind-numbing effects of the tube? Set limits for yourself.

Talk about the challenge and decide if you would be willing to follow through for 3 months. Some people think that I am crazy to even suggest this, but do we really want our lives completely wrapped around a screen? Do we really want to open our minds and hearts to programming, images, and ideas that are contrary to the Gospel?

This can be an incredible opportunity for all of us to rediscover the beauty and power of summer. In the coming weeks I will suggest different activities and ideas.

Now, if you want to really do your homework and learn more (I warn you it will make you rethink the role of TV/internet in your life!) the web does offer a wealth of information in seconds. If you are looking for some solid sources for information about television and movies there is hope!

Common Sense Media

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>

Parents Television and Media Council

<https://www.parentstv.org/>

US Conference of Catholic Bishops
(Catholic News Service)

<https://www.catholicnews.com/movie-reviews/>

REMEMBER: we got through COVID-19 the best we could, we can choose how to respond now.

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April 2024

Dear Friends:

I am excited to invite you to our 14th Annual Lumen Christi Award Dinner for Cathedral School. This award is presented to a member of our community who lives the values that our School strives to instill in our students. The award is called "Lumen Christi" which means "the Light of Christ," and it refers to Christ as the source of truth, faith, knowledge, and character.

The recipient of the **Lumen Christi Award** this year is **Robert 'Bob' Ahlborg**. Bob is a graduate of Cathedral School, Class of 1966. His dedication to the Buildings & Grounds Committee for Cathedral School and Cathedral Parish makes him deserving of the Lumen Christi Award. Bob continues to help people all over the City of Superior and inspires others to volunteer and help out their fellow-man. He truly shines with the Light of Christ. I am excited that Bob is receiving this award. His full bio can be found on the reverse side of this letter.

The cost for the event is \$100 per person, and all proceeds directly benefit Cathedral School. Please join us if you can.

Open seating will be at round tables and a cash bar available. A professional photographer will be on hand for group photos and you will then be given a photo release for your printing as desired.

The Lumen Christi Award Dinner will be Friday, May 24th in the UWS YellowJacket Union Great Room.

5:30-Social Hour 7:00-Formal Dinner 8:00-Dessert & Lumen Christi Award Presentation

If you would like to attend this event, please complete and return the form below marked "Lumen Christi Award Dinner" to the School Office with your contribution before May 14th. (You may place it in the offertory box or drop it off at the rectory office, also.)

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Andrew P. Ricci

Rector

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Please detach and return to Cathedral School Office by Tuesday, May 14th

Name(s) _____ Address _____

Will attend (\$100 per person is enclosed)

Cannot attend, but please accept this contribution

"We unite our hearts to Jesus Christ through study, prayer, and service."



The 2024 Recipient Robert Ahlborg

Robert 'Bob' Ahlborg was born to Edmond and Sophie Ahlborg in Superior on October 8, 1948. The oldest of four, he attended Cathedral School from 2nd Grade through graduation in 1966. His church service started at an early age, as he began serving as an altar boy in the sixth grade at 5:30 AM mass with Monsignor Kress. Later on as an adult, he began serving the church as a morning sacristan when Cathedral Church was shut down in 2000 for construction. Bob is still a sacristan and lead usher for the 7:30 AM Sunday mass.

After high school, he joined the Navy and did 4 active years as an aviation electrician in squadron VS-37 (Air Anti-Submarine Warfare Squadron) stationed at North Island in San Diego, CA. During the Vietnam conflict, he departed San Diego on the Aircraft Carrier USS Hornet CVS-12, and served in Vietnam and the Far East during tours in 1967 – 1969.

After his military experience, he returned home and reacquainted himself with the area, to which his father said, "You party too much and it's time to get a real job." Subsequently, he got hired on at the railroad, with Duluth, Missabe & Iron Range, now Canadian National Railroad. He worked hard and diligently as a machinist, retiring in 2002.

Bob found true love in a Lutheran girl from Solon Springs. As they courted and planned their lives together, Fr. Meulemans was the chaplain at St. Joe's Hospital in Billings Park and they went for marriage classes in his 'broom closet' office. On October 27, 1973 he married Mary Beth Polzin at Pilgrim Lutheran Church with both a Lutheran pastor and Catholic Priest presiding. Fr. Meulemans says Bob and Mary Beth were one of his greatest marriage successes, culminating in the celebration of 50 years of marriage in 2023.

Bob and Mary Beth settled in Billings Park, building the home they still live in today, and started their family. Drew was born in 1977, Taylor in 1979 and Garrett in 1980. Drew married Carissa; they live in Superior and have two children, Hadley and Dawson. Taylor married Ewa, from Poland and they currently reside in Monterey, CA and have two children, Amelia and Franek. Garrett is married to Paige; they live in St. Paul, MN.

Throughout Bob's life, he has had a passion for gardening and says he 'always wanted to be a farmer'. His gardening skills are legendary and every resident in Billings Park has probably had something from his beautiful garden over the years. Once fully retired, Bob became everyone's handy man, and he polished his 'jack of all trades' reputation with plowing, shoveling, plumbing, painting, building, siding, etc. He is a friend to all those in need and, regardless of that need, he'll happily step up to the challenge to ease theirs.

Bob has been on Cathedral's Building & Grounds Committee for over 15 years and has played key roles in the School Exterior Project during the Faith In Our Future Campaign, new exterior doors at the church, the installation of the new pipe organ, upgrade of the baptismal font, classroom remodels, upgrades to the priests' duplex, our current Centennial Campaign adventure, and so many other repairs and upgrades all over the Cathedral Campus. His knowledge, advice and elbow grease have been priceless to our Cathedral Family.





Impact

Bring faith to life. Find life in faith.

COME, HOLY SPIRIT!

Fill our hearts. Come to our aid.

Think about your life for a moment: all that you hope and dream for, the things that fill the minutes and hours of your days, the challenges, joys, and everything in between. Then, remember that in each of those times, in all of the yearning and wondering, ups and downs, ins and outs, the Holy Spirit is with you. Always and everywhere.

It may be easy to lose sight of the Holy Spirit. Unless we are attentive to God's continual offer of grace, we may feel that we are left to face the circumstances of our lives alone. The celebration of Pentecost reminds us that we have been imbued with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, special ways in which the Spirit is present. The gifts are already given; we must be ready to recognize and allow the Spirit to activate them within us when we need them, and in doing so, we will powerfully know the Spirit's presence.

Confused or facing a difficult decision? Ask the Spirit to provide **wisdom**. When uncertain or befuddled by the complexity of life around you, **understanding** awaits. When seeking God's will in demanding situations, ask the Spirit to give you **knowledge**. When you or a friend face a moral or ethical dilemma, rely on the Spirit's **counsel**. Feeling weak and wavering in your commitment to live as a disciple of Jesus? Ask the Holy Spirit for **fortitude**. Seeking meaning and purpose in life and faith? Ask for **piety – reverence for God and God's ways**. Need to see beyond the mundane and understand yourself as a child of God? Invite the Holy Spirit to imbue you with **fear of the Lord - holy awe**.

The Holy Spirit knows our hearts and is already at work within us. The Holy Spirit is love. Love resides within us, awaiting our readiness to live in love boldly, compassionately, trusting that our good God will give us all we need.

In the same way, the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings.

Rom 8:26

"True to his nature as giver and gift alike, he is now working through you. Let unifying love be your measure; abiding love your challenge; self-giving love your mission!" Benedict XVI's insight helps us to understand the mystery of the Holy Spirit. Not only does the Spirit give us great and wonderful gifts, the Holy Spirit is the gift!

As with all good gifts entrusted to us by our gracious God, we are called to steward well the gift and gifts of the Holy Spirit. The gifts are not only for us, but for all. There is no doubt the world - the people and circumstances around you - needs wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, fortitude, piety, and holy awe. As a good steward of these gifts, give them lavishly, sacrificially, as a reflection of the giver, the Spirit of God.

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

We live in mission through the Holy Spirit

Have you ever felt it just isn't possible to live as a disciple in today's world?

There is no doubt, living faith in our daily lives is not always easy. Not only is the world increasingly ambivalent about, sometimes overtly hostile to, faith, it is challenging to consciously live as a follower of Jesus. Doing so requires us to be intentional about our attitudes, decisions, and actions, every day, in every situation.

We are sometimes uncertain whether we are ready to take our relationship with Christ seriously.

It isn't that life is always hard, although we all have difficult periods in our lives. It is simply that living as a Christian raises expectations about the way we should live.

Sometimes it feels as though we're hitting a wall, and are tempted to take the easy way out.

Friends may want us to do things that feel counter to the Christian way of life. We may face ethical dilemmas at work. We may fight selfish and self-centered tendencies when demands are placed on our time. We may be afraid to truly live as a person of faith, for fear of rejection or ridicule.

After Jesus' crucifixion, the disciples were filled with fear.

They likely felt they had hit a wall. They remained together, waiting as Jesus had told them, uncertain of what was to come.

On the day of Pentecost, they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Empowered with the strength and courage of the Spirit of God, they they boldly shared the good news of Jesus' resurrection and they never looked back.

Like the disciples, we, too, have a mission. And like them, the Holy Spirit is with us.

In his pastoral exhortation on the call to holiness in today's world, Pope Francis challenges us to live our mission with purpose through the power of the Holy Spirit: "You too need to see the entirety of your life as a mission. Try to do so by listening to God in prayer and recognizing the signs that he gives you. Always ask the Spirit what Jesus expects from you at every moment of your life and in every decision you must make, so as to discern its place in the mission you have received. Allow the Spirit to forge in you the personal mystery that can reflect Jesus Christ in today's world." (GE, 23).



IMPACT THIS MONTH

BE QUIET

Find a place and time for quiet at the end of each day or week.

BE ATTENTIVE

Pay attention when you feel the presence of the Holy Spirit or when you especially need to know God's love.

BE OPEN

Be open to the actions, attitudes, sacrifice, or service to which you may be called.

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

We begin and end prayer with the Sign of the Cross, but have you ever thought of the sign itself as a prayer?

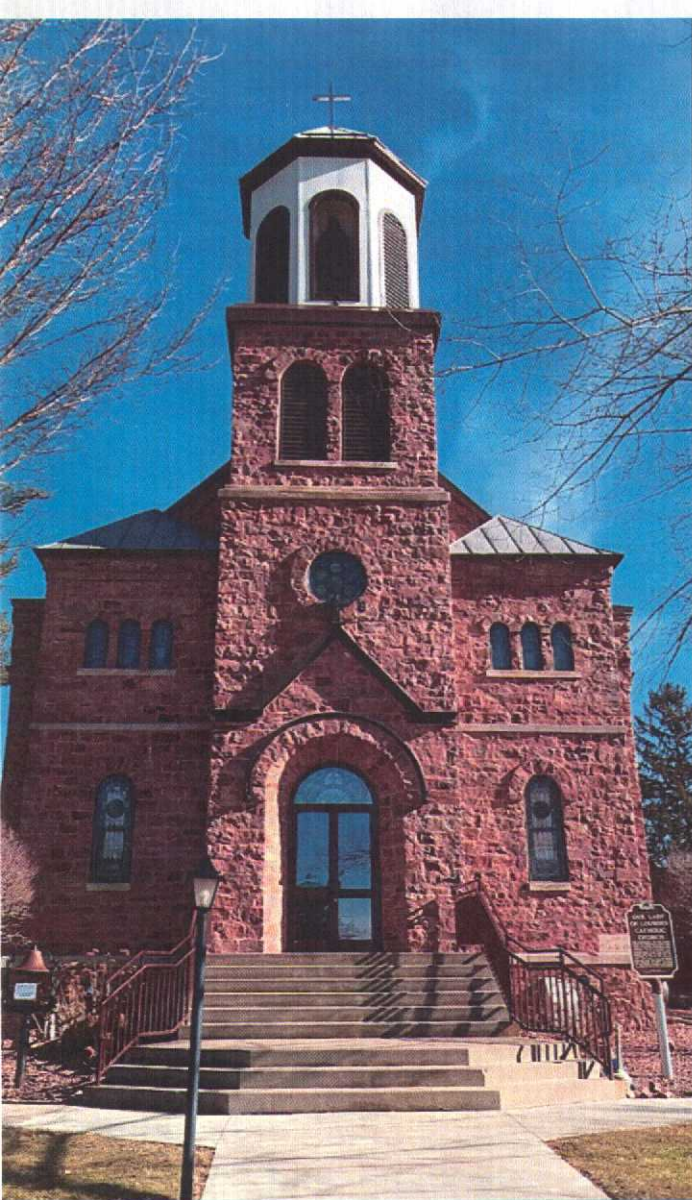
The Sign of the Cross invites us into an encounter with God's love, protection, mercy, forgiveness and presence. Through this briefest of prayers, we recall the key mysteries of our faith: that we are created in love and for love by God the Father; we are redeemed through Jesus Christ, whose passion, death, and resurrection lead us to the fullness of life; and we are filled with the Holy Spirit, whose presence empowers us to live as God desires.



These three persons of the Holy Trinity are one God, whose love is overflowing, everlasting, abundant beyond our comprehension.

The Sign of the Cross is a sign of our faith, whether prayed privately in personal prayer or publicly, before meals, at Mass, with friends.

The next time you make the Sign of the Cross, make a renewed commitment to live as a child of God, disciple of Jesus Christ, as one who is anointed and sealed with the Holy Spirit. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul-St. Joseph Conference will be hosting the Superior District Council spiritual retreat for its members and those wishing to explore becoming a Vincentian. We will be led by Tim Williams, National Vincentian Formation Director.

Where: Our Lady of Lourdes – Dobie

When: May 11th, 2024

Time: 9:00am-3:30pm, Mass to follow at 4:00pm

Lunch will be provided

Cost: \$10.00

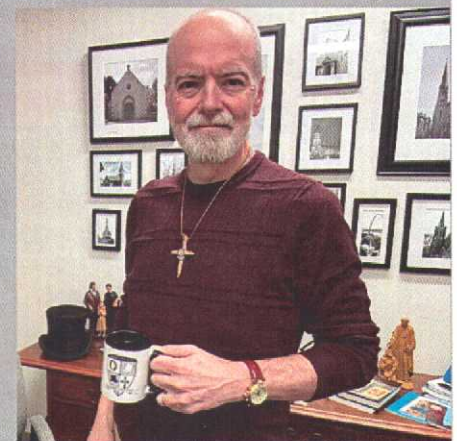
The Heart and Soul of Our Vincentian Vocation

In this retreat we will delve deeply into our heritage and spirituality, learning from the words and example of our saints and founders. Most importantly, we will pray and share with each other, growing together in holiness and leaving refreshed and inspired to live our vocation fully.

Please join us!

Register here:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/b07f1f41-c644-4b8f-9f8e-ee9dc2d467da>



Tim Williams,

National Vincentian Formation Director



Email Dana Nelson, director@svdpricelake.org with any registration questions.



Southwest Deanery CCW

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10AM CHECK IN
10:15AM PROGRAM
12PM SALAD LUNCHEON
1PM DIY FLORAL PLANTER
2PM MASS

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Reconciliation Will Be Available

Register by May 8th at:

<https://tinyurl.com/CCWDeanery>
or email bridgetteadler@gmail.com

Cost: \$10

