



# *Welcoming Christ*

2022 STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL



LITTLE FALLS  
*Catholic Community*

ST. MARY'S • OUR LADY OF LOURDES • HOLY FAMILY

# *Hospitality:* WELCOMING CHRIST

**HOSPITALITY** — being friendly and welcoming — is one of the foremost hallmarks of a stewardship parish. One of the simplest ways that we can show others the love of God is by helping them feel wanted, valuable and welcome. In the Little Falls Catholic Community, we want our members to feel like they belong to a friendly place, so that they can become engaged in the life of the Church. In keeping with this goal, our theme for this year's Stewardship Renewal is "Welcoming Christ."

As scripture tells us in the Gospel of Matthew, when we help or serve others who are less fortunate than us, we are loving Christ Himself. When we take an extra moment to smile at someone, or bring them dinner during a rough time, we are telling that person that they are "good," and that we love and appreciate them as fellow children of God.

This year, during our Stewardship Renewal, take a minute to reexamine yourself. Do you spend time in daily prayer? Can you make a concrete effort to help another person — be it a long-time friend or a new parishioner — feel wanted and appreciated? Will you give of your finances, one of your most valuable commodities, so that God can bless you and others?



# *Stewardship of Time:* SPENDING TIME WITH GOD IN PRAYER

We, as a community of faith, must remember that we cannot give what we do not have. In order for us to welcome others into the life of the Church, we first need to make sure that our spiritual lives are properly in order. To become a more prayerful person, take inventory of how you spend the 168 hours in the week. Are you taking time to talk to God in prayer, to speak with Him as you would a friend? Are you seeking His truth through reading the scriptures? Will you make Him first on your priority list so that you are able to give to others from the graces He has given you?



**COMMUNITY PRAYER:** The Mass is the highest prayer of the Church, and should also be the high point of our week. Consider making it your top priority to never miss a Sunday liturgy.

**PERSONAL PRAYER:** Each person needs to spend time with God one-on-one. A daily heart-to-heart conversation with Christ is the key to personal spiritual growth. Pope Francis encourages Catholics to spend 10 minutes each day reflecting on the gospel for each day, which can be found at [usccb.org/bible/readings](http://usccb.org/bible/readings) or on Catholic phone and tablet apps, such as iBreviary, Magnificat or Divine Office.

**FAMILY PRAYER:** "The family that prays together stays together." Choose times each day to pray with your spouse and children: bedtime prayers, a scripture verse at mealtimes, or a decade of the Rosary on the way to school or work.

# *Stewardship of Talent:* SERVING IN MINISTRY



Following the example Christ set for us, we strive to offer ourselves in service to others. Every day, we have the choice to serve or to sit back; to get involved or be self-involved. This year, is God calling you to do more for others through service? As the pages of this book attest, there are dozens of opportunities throughout the year to serve others, educate our children, reach out to the needy, and much more. Your participation is welcome. Let's work together to build a welcoming community as we serve God and one another.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Our children learn about God and prepare for the sacraments, thanks to the hard work of our Religious Education Catechists. Will you use your gifts to help our young people grow in their relationship with Christ?

**PARISH LIFE:** Our parishes have a lot of ministries and means by which you can serve others, from ushering to cooking to community outreach. What means of service are you most attracted to? Where is your conscience stirring, inviting you to get involved in parish ministries to serve God and His people?

# *Stewardship of Treasure:* GENEROUS FINANCIAL SUPPORT



Christian discipleship requires that we put Christ first in every aspect of our lives, including our finances. Are you grateful to God that you are employed? Do you recognize the blessings the Lord has bestowed on you financially? How will you commit to giving back to the Lord a portion of your income? As you discern the amount of your gift, remember that God calls us to give from our “first fruits,” not from our leftovers. Ask for the grace to put God first in your finances.

At Little Falls Catholic Community, we give to God according to the scriptural “tithe,” which literally means 10% of one’s harvest or income. Each family is encouraged to break up the tithe as follows:

*5% to God through the parish offertory*  
*1% to the diocese*  
*4% to other charities*

If you’re unable to give the full biblical tithe right now, assess what percentage you can give, and then move up by 1% or 2% increments each year until you can reach the full 10%.

**CHALLENGE YOURSELF:** If you know you should increase your level of giving, but find it difficult to do so, challenge yourself: “How much do I spend every month on entertainment and eating out? Does my spending reflect the priority of God in my life?”

**GIVING A PERCENTAGE:** Why should we determine the amount of our gift based on a percentage of income? We give the tithe (which means 10% of one’s harvest or income) because it is a Scriptural benchmark that has been honored since the early Church (see Malachi 3:10).

**RETURNING YOUR COMMITMENT CARD:** All members of our parishes are asked to complete a stewardship Commitment Card. If you’re already praying, involved in parish ministries and tithing, we still invite you to participate in our Stewardship Renewal through filling out a Commitment Card. Make the choice today to be faithful to your word and to what God is calling you to this year.

# 2022 MINISTRY CATALOG

## PARISH SPECIFIC MINISTRIES

*Ministries in this section are available at each Little Falls Catholic Community Parish. When you sign up, you are signing up for the ministry at the parish you are registered at.*

### ACOLYTES/SERVERS

The Acolyte Ministry offers boys and girls the chance to get closer to the Lord and to represent the community at liturgies. Training will equip the youth to perform this special function. This is a great entryway for our young people to explore an interest in serving the Lord.

*Contact:*

*Holy Family: Jessy Waldock – 320-223-9700,  
holyfamilyvcfl@gmail.com*

*Our Lady of Lourdes: Dawn Knopik – 320-267-4243,  
dmact@yahoo.com*

*St. Mary's: Desirae Welle – 320-616-0408,  
desiraeuerle@yahoo.com or Angela Houdek – 320-232-9164,  
astadum@yahoo.com*

### BULK MAILING/BULLETIN STUFFERS VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to assist the office staff with bulk mailing operations as well as putting inserts into the weekly bulletins as needed.

*Contact:*

*Holy Family: Betty Loidolt/Cindy Loidolt – 320-632-6591,  
holyfamilybp@gmail.com*

*Our Lady of Lourdes: Parish office at 320-632-8243,  
ololoffice@yahoo.com*

*St. Mary's: Leah Schilling – 320-632-5640,  
stmarys@fallsnet.com*

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place during the Mass. Children leave Mass and gather to hear age-appropriate presentations of the readings, the Gospel, and a homily. They return to the sanctuary and rejoin the Eucharistic celebration. Volunteers are needed for the success of this ministry.

*Contact:*

*Holy Family: Jessy Waldock – 320-223-9700,  
holyfamilyvcfl@gmail.com*

*Our Lady of Lourdes: Parish office at 320-632-8243,  
ololoffice@yahoo.com*

*St. Mary's: Desirae Welle – 320-616-0408,  
desiraeuerle@yahoo.com*

### CHRISTMAS GIVING PROGRAMS

#### ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree is a tree with angels on it that list gifts requested by area social service agencies. Parishioners take an angel home, purchase the gift suggested and return the gift to put under the giving tree the next weekend. This is an opportunity to bless a child with a gift at Christmas.

*Contact:*

*St. Mary's: Leah Schilling – 320-632-5640,  
stmarys@fallsnet.com*

#### ADVENT GIVING TREE

During this Advent season help us remember the less fortunate in our area. We welcome you to take an envelope off the Advent Giving Tree and replace it with an ornament. Your donation will support the "Helping Hands Fund" of our parish, which helps those in need throughout the year.

*Contact:*

*Our Lady of Lourdes: Terry Witt – 320-632-2175,  
terrywitt@hotmail.com*

#### HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING PROGRAM

Members of this ministry collect items to be wrapped and delivered to less fortunate families during the Christmas season. Some members help collect the items, while others wrap the gifts. Finally, members of the ministry have them delivered to families.

*Contact:*

*Holy Family: Judy Buckingham – 320-630-8497,  
jrbuckingham1@yahoo.com*



## CHURCH DECORATORS

Each parish has a team of dedicated volunteers who keep the altar and sanctuary decorated according to the seasons of the Church, with special emphasis on Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. Volunteers of varied skills and talents are always needed.

Contact:

*Holy Family: Judy Swanson – 320-632-3171,  
bsswanson@hotmail.com*

*Our Lady of Lourdes: Jan Erwin – 320-632-9711,  
tomandjanerwin@gmail.com or Sally Greene –  
952-836-9513, sgr\_05@charter.net*

*St. Mary's: Lori Kneeland – 320-232-9664,  
lorikneeland@charter.net or Brenda Przybilla – 320-632-2436,  
brendaprzybilla@gmail.com*

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are entrusted with the special responsibility of assisting the priest and deacon in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass. The function of this ministry is to ensure the Eucharist is distributed under both the forms of bread and wine in a reverent manner. Ministers serve in the weekend liturgies. To become a Eucharistic Minister, one must participate in the appropriate training sessions and periodic enrichment experiences.

Contact:

*Holy Family: Jessy Waldock – 320-223-9700,  
holyfamilyvclf@gmail.com*

*Our Lady of Lourdes: William Hollerman – 320-360-0803,  
wkhollermann@gmail.com*

*St. Mary's: Lori Kneeland – 320-232-9664,  
lorikneeland@charter.net*

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

A group of dedicated parishioners bring Communion to those who cannot worship with us on Sundays due to illness or advanced age. Every week they bring kind words and prayers to those who are homebound, hospitalized, or in nursing homes.

Contact:

*Holy Family: Kirstie Bingham – 320-493-9094,  
pkbingham80@gmail.com*

*Our Lady of Lourdes: Parish office at 320-632-8243,  
ololoffice@yahoo.com or Bev Arndt – 320-630-8928,  
bgarndt@gmail.com*

*St. Mary's: Mary Fuechtmann – 320-232-9693,  
efuechtmann@gmail.com*

## FUNERAL MINISTRY

### SPECIFIC FUNERAL MINISTRY DUTIES

Liturgical Ministers (Acolytes, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Sacristans, bell ringers are needed.) See descriptions of these ministries throughout the catalog.

### FUNERAL LUNCHEON

On a rotational schedule, volunteers with the funeral luncheon ministry cook the meal, serve the food, and clean-up after the meal. There are many ways to serve through this umbrella ministry and many volunteers are needed. Please contact the appropriate people from the list below.

Contact:

*Holy Family: Jessy Waldock – 320-223-9700,  
holyfamilyvclf@gmail.com*

*Our Lady of Lourdes: Anita Miller – 320-632-1526 or  
John Kedrowski – 218-821-7258,*

*bigboykedrowski1962@gmail.com*

*St. Mary's: Leah Schilling – 320-632-5640,*

*stmarys@fallsnet.com or Helen Maurer – 320-632-5070*

### CEMETERY UPKEEP/HOLY FAMILY ONLY

Volunteers are needed to maintain the cemetery.

Contact: *Cindy Loidolt – 320-632-5720,  
holyfamilybp@gmail.com*

## LECTORS

Lectors proclaim the Scripture readings at Mass on Sundays and weekdays. Lectors proclaim the Word of God at Mass in an inspiring and meaningful way. They carefully review the Scripture passages and practice reading them aloud before coming to church.

Contact:

*Holy Family: Jessy Waldock – 320-223-9700,  
holyfamilyvclf@gmail.com*

*Our Lady of Lourdes: Michelle Blaine – 320-632-3576,  
bartchelle@msn.com*

*St. Mary's: Brenda Przybilla – 320-632-2436,  
brendaprzybilla@gmail.com*

## LITURGY COMMITTEE

Assist in planning all parish liturgies, ensuring adherence to the spirit of the various liturgical seasons and sacramental celebrations. Liturgy planning includes prayer, music, and proclaiming the Word, along with encouraging the congregation's active participation.

Contact:

*Holy Family: Judi Kosbau – 320-632-3493, j.kosbau@gmail.com  
or Maria Waytashek – 320-745-2610, mawaytashe@gmail.com*

*St. Mary's: Judy Smith – 320-630-5320,  
music.sm.olol@gmail.com*

*Our Lady of Lourdes: Parish office at 320-632-8243,  
ololoffice@yahoo.com*

## MONEY COUNTERS AFTER MASS

Volunteers count the money collected through the weekly collection after each Mass.

Contact:

*Holy Family: Cheryl Hoskins – 320-745-2673,  
choskins@brainerd.net*

*Our Lady of Lourdes: Rose Reichel – 320-584-5306*

*St. Mary's: Leah Schilling – 320-632-5640,  
stmarys@fallsnet.com*

## MUSIC MINISTRY

The Music Ministry provides music for parish liturgical celebrations. Those who love to sing wholeheartedly are invited to join Music Ministry. If you have a musical background and can contribute vocal or instrumental skills, pray about sharing that with your congregation; we need your talent. All instruments can be incorporated into our Sunday worship – strings, woodwinds, percussion, and brass! Those who have been blessed with the gift of a musical voice or an ability to play an instrument are encouraged to share that gift with the parish family by joining one of the groups or by volunteering to lead music during Mass.

Contact:

*Holy Family: Jessy Waldock – 320-223-9700,  
holymfamilyvcf@gmail.com*

*Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Mary's:*

*Judy Smith – 320-630-5320, music.sm.olol@gmail.com*

## PRAYER LINE

The Prayer Line is a network of parishioners who pray for intentions requested by fellow parishioners. The prayer requests can be anything from burdens one is trying to overcome to healing of a sickness. This is an effective way to intercede for important prayer intentions. New intercessors are always welcomed. All prayer requests are kept confidential.

Contact:

*Holy Family: Mary Kempenich – 320-632-6235,  
rm.kemp@charter.net*

*Our Lady of Lourdes: Marlene Knopik – 320-632-3407*

*St. Mary's: Helen Mauer – 320-632-5070*

## SACRISTANS

Sacristans are needed to assist the priests with setting up the altar for the Sunday liturgies as well as provide proper care for the linens, altar supplies, and vestments.

Contact:

*Holy Family: Doris Heying – 320-632-4812,  
tdheying@fallsnet.com*

*Our Lady of Lourdes: Parish office at 320-632-8243,  
ololoffice@yahoo.com*

*St. Mary's: Leah Schilling – 320-632-5640,  
stmarys@fallsnet.com*

## THE FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Integral to the mission of the *Little Falls Catholic Community* is "Fostering faith in Christ Jesus together." We draw upon the varied gifts of many in our community to support parents in their role as the primary educators of their children. Through our Family Faith Formation programs, we serve the mission of Jesus to evangelize; Through our proclamation of the kerygma (with its calling for conversion and invitation to faith) AND forming disciples through catechesis, fellowship and the liturgical worship.

We need volunteers who have a heart for passing on our faith to the next generation. You may participate in this mission by serving as: (including but not limited to)

- Teachers
- Childcare
- Intercessors
- Hospitality

There are many other positions needed ranging through all ages from elementary to continued young adult formation.

\*Safe Environment Training is required for all ministries involving youth\*

Contact:

*Holy Family Grades 1-5: Cindy Loidolt – 320-632-5720,  
holymfamilybp@gmail.com*

*Our Lady of Lourdes Grades 1-5 (OLOL):*

*& St. Mary's Grades 1-5: Parish office at 320-632-8243,  
ololoffice@yahoo.com*

*Tri-Parish Grades 6-12: Contact Parish Offices*

*Confirmation and Beyond: Grades 9-12:*

*Dcn. Jeff Winkelman – 320-248-6180, jwink1958@gmail.com*

## USHERS/CROSS BEARERS/GREETERS

Ushers are needed during the Sunday liturgies to seat late-comers and those who cannot find seats or who have special seating needs, to pass the collection baskets during the offertory, to bear the cross during the processional and recessional, and to distribute bulletins after Masses. Greeters welcome parishioners and guests into the church at each Mass in order to create a welcoming environment.

Contact:

*Holy Family: Jessy Waldock – 320-223-9700,  
holymfamilyvcf@gmail.com*

*Our Lady of Lourdes: Carol Wielinski – 320-632-8091,  
carolwielinski@yahoo.com*

*St. Mary's: Leah Schilling – 320-632-5640,  
stmarys@fallsnet.com*

## WELCOMING OF NEW PARISHIONERS

Parishioners meet and welcome new members at each parish. Besides becoming a friendly face on Sunday, established members will also relay information to the parish office so that correct information exists as new members begin their faith journey with us.

Contact:

Holy Family: Karen Holmberg – 320-250-1266

Our Lady of Lourdes: Sally Greene – 952-836-9513,  
sgr\_05@charter.net

St. Mary's: Darlene Brand – 320-360-8422,  
gbrand@live.com



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## LITTLE FALLS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

*Hospitality, Prayer, Formation, Service Ministries* in this section are available to any member of Little Falls Catholic Community. **IMPORTANT:** Even though the ministry may not meet at the church you are registered at, you are encouraged to sign up to participate.

### Hospitality

#### AFTER CHURCH SOCIALS

Volunteers are needed for semi-regular, after Mass socials. Tasks include set-up, cooking, clean-up, and engaging in community building. The schedule will include a mix of social events after the Saturday and Sunday Masses to include summer grill-outs in the parking lot and dinners and breakfasts in the church basement.

Contact: Melissa Peterson – 320-310-0271,  
melbert912@gmail.com

#### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Christmas Bazaar, held at St. Mary's, is a fun event which the parish hosts. (Typically, vendors make their goods and sell them at the bazaar.) All parishioners & parish organizations are invited to attend and volunteer time working at the bazaar. Especially needed are parishioners with talents in crafts and organizational skills. Volunteers are also needed to assist with games and booths during the event.

Contact: Leah Schilling – 320-632-5640,  
stmarys@fallsnet.com

#### COMFORT AND CARING GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

This group offers prayers, sympathy, and spiritual support to parishioners who have recently lost a loved one. This important program also helps the bereaved to learn coping skills in order to deal with the on-going emptiness and grief following the death of a loved one.

Contact: Donna Deering – 320-632-8959,  
donna@d@hotmail.com

#### FRIENDS IN FAITH

Members of this ministry reach out and/or visit those who are not actively participating in parish life to discover ways to bring them closer to Christ. They also minister to those who have experienced a recent family member's death or are just struggling and need the simple support of a friend.

Contact: Bev Arndt – 320-630-8928, bgarndt1@gmail.com

#### HAM AND TURKEY BINGO

Spring Ham and Fall Turkey bingos at Holy Family are one-day events that support parish activities.

Contact: Cindy Welle – 320-745-2615 or  
Barb Waldock – 320-632-2596

#### HOLY FAMILY HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Volunteers for the Heritage Festival plan the games, food and entertainment for this annual event held in June. Volunteers are needed for every aspect of this event, from cooking to cleaning to running the cake walk, to serving at the beer garden. Volunteers are also needed to plan entertainment for the event and to develop the heritage themes. This festival also provides the opportunity to make new friends and participate in many fun activities. Many volunteers are needed to manage and staff this fun event.

Contact: Keith Silbernack – 320-632-2661,  
kasilbernack@gmail.com or Duane Welle – 320-630-2042,  
dwelle@brainerd.net

#### KIDS CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SPREE

Sponsored by and held at Our Lady of Lourdes in the church basement, the beginning of December. New and gently used items are available for kids 8th grade and younger to purchase for Christmas gifts. All items

are \$1.00 or less and gift wrapping is available for free. Volunteers assist in the purchasing, donating, sorting and setting up of items prior to the Shopping Spree. On the day of the Shopping Spree, volunteers assist shoppers with selecting, purchasing and wrapping their gifts.

Contact: Deb Collis – 320-360-7666, collisdeb@hotmail.com

## LESSONS & CAROLS

Lessons and Carols is an advent service of Biblical readings and lessons along with the singing of Christmas carols and hymns that, together, tell the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus. Volunteers at this event held at Our Lady of Lourdes are always needed.

Contact: Judy Smith – 320-630-5320, music.sm.olol@gmail.com or Michael Retka – 320-232-5898, michael.retka@gmail.com

## OUR LADY OF LOURDES BAZAAR

This committee helps with planning and organizing the Our Lady of Lourdes Bazaar and Parish Picnic. During this event, all parishioners and parish organizations are invited to attend and volunteer time working at the bazaar. Especially needed are parishioners with organizational skills.

Contact: George Gold – 320-360-4478, gmgold54@gmail.com

## PARENTS GRIEVING CHILDREN SUPPORT GROUP

This support group provides a safe and confidential space where parishioners can find support while grieving the death of a child among others who have also experienced this type of loss.

Contact: Maryrose Capko – 320-360-1468, maryrosecapko@gmail.com

## QUILT BINGO

On Wednesdays during the school year, members of the community gather to make quilts. After the quilts are sewn, they host a bingo to give away the quilts. The funds raised support the Christian Women's Group.

Contact: Shirley Wielinski – 320-632-6738

## SHARE A MEAL

This event is held three times a year. Held at First Lutheran Church, this ecumenical effort provides meals for the less fortunate in the Little Falls Community. Volunteers are needed to provide food and prepare it.

Contact: Brigid Fitzgerald – 320-632-3378, brigidmfitzgerald@gmail.com or Terry Witt – 320-632-2175, terrywitt@hotmail.com

## SOCIAL MEDIA MINISTRY

The primary function of this group is to engage with the Catholic community via social media. This committee is responsible for publishing content on our tri-parish social media platforms that promote evangelism, Catholic related events, and pastoral updates.

Contact: Jessy Waldock – 320-223-9700, holyfamilyoclf@gmail.com



(Please check bulletins for The Haven of Mercy Catholic Community for updated opportunities for community prayer)

## CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the whole Christian life. We show our faith and hope in Jesus Christ in the Eucharist as we pray for and procession through our community with Christ leading the way. The procession takes place on the Feast of Corpus Christi (the middle of June). We will be looking for volunteers for planning, set up and hospitality.

Contact: Luke Waltman – 320-282-4404, lukewaltman@gmail.com

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Honoring the Second Sunday of Easter with the Universal Church, we answer the call of Jesus to experience and receive his Divine Mercy as was revealed to St. Faustina. The celebration includes Eucharistic Adoration, hearing of confessions, praying the Divine Mercy. Chaplet, and meditating on Divine Mercy.

Contact: Michael Retka – 320-232-5898, michael.retka@gmail.com

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament offers an opportunity to spend time with Jesus' Eucharistic Presence in The Blessed Sacrament. Having continuous hours open for many in the community to pray before JESUS in His Eucharistic Presence; this requires the commitment of many to fill the scheduled hours. Please consider serving this ministry (and mystery) of JESUS' PRESENCE by committing to a particular hour each week or serving as a substitute for those who do.

**Place, Times and Contact:**

**John Paul II Center:** Sunday (noon) to Friday at 8 p.m.  
Luke Waltman – 320-282-4404, lukewaltman@gmail.com  
or Deacon Jeff Winkelman – 320-248-6180, jwink1958@gmail.com

**Holy Family Church:** Thursdays 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Holy Family: Doris Heying – 320-632-4812, tdheyjing@fallsnet.com

# Formation



## LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

For this event, children of the religious education program and Mary of Lourdes School reenact the Passion story. Held at Holy Family, the Living Stations of the Cross take on a special meaning when seeing parish youth portraying the various characters from scripture. Adult and youth volunteers are needed to help with various elements of the day, including costume creation or maintenance, set design and set up, and providing treats for the after party, among other things.

Contact: Rachel Schilling – 320-360-5588,  
rschil@brainerd.net

## PATRIOTIC ROSARY (HAVEN OF MERCY)

The community gathers for a Holy Hour to pray the Rosary for our Nation. Included in that hour is the reading of Sacred Scripture, various reflections, hymns and times for silent prayer.

- (Independence Day) July 4th 2022; (Monday) 7 p.m.; St. James;
- (Labor Day) September 5th 2022; 7 p.m.; St. James;
- Evening in October (on or near the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary)

Contact:

Mary Jo Backowski – 320-630-7636, merryjoe@littlefalls.net  
or Jacki Retka – 320-630-2103, jackikretka@gmail.com

## ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET (HAVEN OF MERCY)

Please join us in prayer!

**Mondays** - St. James (6 p.m. - winter; 7 p.m. - summer); Parish (includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and Benediction)

Contact: Mary Jo Backowski – 320-630-7636,  
merryjoe@littlefalls.net

**Thursdays** - Our Lady of Lourdes (6:30 p.m.)

Contact: Jacki Retka – 320-630-2103, jackikretka@gmail.com

## SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE

Members of this apostolate, in groups of seven, each pray an hour every day of the week for the priests of our parish. We would like to have as many groups of seven as possible.

Contact: Linda Scepurek – 320-632-4805,  
lindascepurek@hotmail.com

## CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY

Catholic in Recovery seeks to serve those suffering from any kind of addiction (or unhealthy attachment) and their families. The founder of this program discovered healing and new life through the help of twelve-step recovery and the sacramental love and mercy provided by the Catholic Church. It is the aim of *Catholic in Recovery* to share the Good News that God can bring about healing and recovery, even in the most hopeless of cases. Meetings are scheduled for Holy Family on Thursdays at 10 a.m. but can be adjusted as necessary. (Additional times can be made available depending on participation and interest.)

Contact: Kay Kahler – 320-630-2697, Wmomk4@gmail.com

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN

Members engage in creative and spiritual programs which provide its members with the opportunity to develop their faith in meaningful ways.

Contact: St. Mary's: Janet Berendt – 320-632-5324

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN GUILD

A social and service organization, the Guild brings the women of the community together and enlists their talents in a variety of different ways. Some of their activities include supporting various parish projects, missionary projects, educating youth on life issues, hosting parties at nursing homes, praying for vocations to the religious life and various sales to raise money for various ministries. They meet the first Tuesday of March, May, July, September and November. Other meetings announced via the bulletin and other forms of communication.

Contact: Our Lady of Lourdes: Karen Carver – 320-237-7415,  
kfcpcb@q.com

## C'MON (CATHOLIC MOMS OUTREACH NETWORK)

A social group organized to build an understanding of the Catholic faith, provide encouragement, and lend support, nurture and ultimately celebrate moms and motherhood. Childcare is available or children are included at most events! Monthly meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month, 5:45 - 7 p.m. at Mary of Lourdes Elementary School Gym. This group is for women parenting children aging 0-16+ years old unless otherwise stated.

Contact: Julie Laflamme – 612-965-7030,  
jlaflamme@holyltrinitypierz.org

## DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

The Daughters of Isabella is a nation-wide spiritual, social and charitable organization that was started as an auxiliary to the Knights of Columbus. Its purpose is to unite all Catholic women in a sisterhood to achieve the following aims: to know one another better, to extend our circle of friends, to centralize all our resources to better help one another, and to be a greater force to contend with in the pursuit of good in our society. Female parishioners over the age of 16 are invited to join.

Contact: Linda Scepurek – 320-632-4805,  
lindascepurek@hotmail.com

## FORMING DISCIPLES GROUPS

The Faith of our baptism calls us to live as *beloved disciples* of Jesus Christ. Numerous new Discipleship Groups were formed following the Dcn. Poyo Tri-Parish Mission in 2017. These groups help their members to stay grounded as disciples; through shared prayer and the other 3 pillars in the life of Christ's disciples as described in Acts 2:42.

General Contact: Dcn. Jeff Winkelman – 320-248-6180,  
jwink1958@gmail.com

**Discipleship/Fellowship: Monthly Sundays 7 p.m.**  
- at JPII Center; reflecting on the Sunday Readings and homily.

Contact: Paula Waltman – 320-632-2187

### Discipleship/Fellowship:

#### Men's

"Men's Prayer/Fellowship"; Group of Men who meet to pray, consider the successes and challenges of *living Faith in Christ* from the past week and reflect upon the Gospel Reading for the coming Sunday.

**Weekly Thursdays 7:00 a.m. - Parish Hall at Holy Family**

Contact: Darrell Welle – 320-745-2582,  
6welle@brainerd.net

**Weekly Saturdays; 6:30 a.m. - at JPII Center**

Men looking to grow in faith and fellowship. Keeping each other accountable by focusing on the coming Sunday's readings and the four areas of scripture, fellowship, the sacraments and prayer.

Contact:

Paul Anez – 320-632-1961 or Luke Waltman –  
320-282-4404, lukewaltman@gmail.com

#### Women's

This group meets Friday mornings at 8:15 a.m. in the JPII Center (after 7:30 a.m. Mass). Meeting Format: Reading and reflecting upon the upcoming Sunday

readings; sharing how we have encountered God in the past week and praying the Litany of Trust.

Contact: Peg Winkelman – 320-290-8485,  
pwinkelman@albanytel.com

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION MINISTRY (TRI-PARISH)

Mentor couples meet with engaged couples preparing for the sacrament of marriage. Five to eight meetings are scheduled and held utilizing the Fully Engaged Curriculum.

Contact: Laurie Gold – 320-632-223, 1lauriejgold@gmail.com

## REC (RESIDENTS ENCOUNTERING CHRIST)

Morrison County REC is a two-day retreat that provides an opportunity for the Incarcerated (i.e. jail, prison or juvenile facility) to personally encounter Jesus Christ within themselves and others by witnessing and experiencing the power of the Christian community, the Sacraments and the Paschal Mystery. Those who feel called by the Holy Spirit to minister to the incarcerated and help others develop their relationships with God through this ministry are welcomed to volunteer.

Contact: Darrell & Bev Welle – 218-838-6203,  
6welle@brainerd.net

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is the educational process whereby adults who wish to become Catholic learn about the faith, build their relationships with God, and prepare to enter the Catholic Church on Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil Mass. Catholics who simply want to learn more about the Catholic faith are also welcome to attend. We are in need of one or more catechists and helpers to facilitate conversation in the RCIA candidates' preparation.

Contact: Dcn. Jeff Winkelman – 320-248-6180,  
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## SCHOENSTATT GROUPS (GIRLS AND BOYS OF ALL AGES)

A group of girls and boys of all ages that focuses on the Schoenstatt Movement's aim for everyday sanctity, to grow as free, dedicated, and active witnesses of Christ in modern life. Mary is our guide in educating and moving us toward becoming better followers of Christ. The Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary and Schoenstatt Fathers take an active part, along with parents, in youth formation.

Contact: Jenna & Stephen Miller – 320-594-0022 or cell  
218-296-3989, osseo\_house@hotmail.com

## SCHOENSTATT WOMEN'S GROUPS

A women's group that focuses on the Schoenstatt Movement's aim to grow in everyday sanctity as free, dedicated, and active witnesses of Christ in modern life. Mary is our guide in educating and moving us toward becoming better followers of Christ.

Contact: Jenna Miller – 320-594-0022 or cell 218-296-3989, [jmiller@stmaryslp.org](mailto:jmiller@stmaryslp.org)

## ST. ANNE'S CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Held at Holy Family Parish, this ministry began in 1930. Its purpose is to cultivate and promote a greater devotion to Our Lord of the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar through Our Lady and St. Anne, to increase the spiritual welfare of the members, and to promote the activities of our parishes. Activities include raising funds through bakes sales, Coborn's brat sales, Coborn's coupon books, etc., supporting fellowship weekends, providing gifts for First Communicants, sponsoring the Baccalaureate meal, providing monetary/food donations and birthday bags for the Morrison County Food Shelf, and hosting activities at nursing homes.

Contact: Michelle Athmann – 320-632-0991, [michelle\\_athmann@hotmail.com](mailto:michelle_athmann@hotmail.com)

## TOTUS TUUS (VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL)

Totus Tuus (Latin for Totally Yours) is a fun and energetic Catholic youth program taught by seminarians and college students throughout the Diocese of St. Cloud. From catechetical sessions, Sacraments, and Mass, to songs, games and skits - your child is sure to have fun while learning more about their Faith! Totus Tuus seeks to inspire in young people a true longing for holiness, a deep desire for daily conversion, and an openness to their vocation by constantly challenging them to give themselves entirely to Christ through Mary, and by continually strengthening their prayer lives in imitation of Her. Our Totus Tuus Vacation Bible School is held annually each summer.

Contact: Cindy Loidolt – 320-632-5720, [holyfamilybp@gmail.com](mailto:holyfamilybp@gmail.com)

## WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

This Bible Study group meets weekly (Wednesday afternoon and Tuesday Evenings) to study and reflect on scripture. The aim is to foster spiritual growth through prayer, discussion and faith sharing.

Contact: Mona Steinke – 320-632-4254

## WELL READ MOMS

Moms of the parish join together for a book club. If you like to read and enjoy a lively discussion, join the Book Club! Join us for one or all of the discussions.

Contact: Rachel Schilling – 320-360-5588, [rschil@brainerd.net](mailto:rschil@brainerd.net)

## YOUTH GROUP

This group is open to middle school and high school students to foster discipleship and mission. Activities, both done in the past and that we hope to do in the near future. Activities are listed below. There currently is no leader for the ministry, so please reach out to the parish office with questions:

Contact:

Holy Family: Cindy Loidolt – 320-632-5720, [holyfamilybp@gmail.com](mailto:holyfamilybp@gmail.com)

Our Lady of Lourdes: office – 320-632-8243, [oloffice@yahoo.com](mailto:oloffice@yahoo.com)

St. Mary's: Leah Schilling – 320-632-5640, [stmarys@fallsnet.com](mailto:stmarys@fallsnet.com)

### Steubenville Retreat

For the past 40 years, high school youth from across the United States have had their faith awakened and their hearts set on a fire through a personal encounter with Jesus at a Steubenville Conference. Each year our parishes facilitate a trip to one of these conferences for youth in our community. There are different themes every year so youth will experience something new with each retreat.

Contact: Dawn Knopik – 320-267-4243, [dmact@yahoo.com](mailto:dmact@yahoo.com)

### Summer Volleyball

Volleyball held over the Summer for members of the Youth Group.

### St. Cloud Diocesan Middle and High School Youth Rallies

Rallies held for middle and high schoolers in the St. Cloud Diocese.

### Youth Group Fun Nights/Worship/Prayer

Night of activities for the members of the youth group.

### Castaway Retreat

Castaway is a 3-day retreat experience for youth in grades 9-12 and sponsored through Catholic Education Ministries. Youth from our Diocese have been participating in this retreat for 44 years. Castaway is usually offered the last weekend(s) of March and is held at the Young Life Castaway Camp near Detroit Lakes. Registration information is available through contacting the Consultant for Youth Ministry and Religious Education at CEM.

### NET Retreat

NET is an acronym for "National Evangelization Teams" — a Roman Catholic Christian organization dedicated to spreading the Gospel to youth. Volunteers are needed to help put on this retreat.

### **New Year's Youth Lock-In**

Join us for our New Year's Youth Lock-In. During this youth group event, our members will participate in prayer and worship together, as well as celebrate the new year with their peers.

### **Mission Trip**

An opportunity for youth to experience firsthand service work to those in need both in the continental United States and in a foreign country. This will be coupled with opportunities for prayer, reflection, and worship.

### **Summer Youth Trip to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area**

Youth will be able to experience firsthand the adventure of being in the wilderness, working as a team, growing in faith, prayer and fellowship!

## *Service*

### **FAITH NOT FEAR**

This ecumenical group meets regularly to discuss social concerns issues pertaining to Morrison County and come up with plans to enact lasting change. The group currently focuses predominantly on homelessness, which is a real need within the community.

*Contact: Bea Britz – 320-761-6626, [bcbritzhome@msn.com](mailto:bcbritzhome@msn.com)*

### **HEALTH & HEALING**

The Health & Healing Ministry helps meet the physical, emotional, intellectual, social, and spiritual needs of our parishioners. This ministry helps to promote health and wellness among the parishioners through education and self-awareness. Part of this program includes the Parish Nurse Program. This ministry promotes personal, relational and community health. Health Care Professionals who are parishioners are on teams to promote this through blood pressure checks and other various services.

*Contact:*

*Holy Family: Kirstie Bingham – 320-493-9094, [pkbingham80@gmail.com](mailto:pkbingham80@gmail.com)*

*Our Lady of Lourdes: Bev Arndt – 320-630-8928, [bgarndt1@gmail.com](mailto:bgarndt1@gmail.com) or Peggy Martin – 320-632-5979, [pegmartin@icloud.com](mailto:pegmartin@icloud.com)*

*St. Mary's: Mary Fuechtmann – 320-232-9693, [efuechtmann@gmail.com](mailto:efuechtmann@gmail.com)*

### **PARISH NURSE**

Through the Parish Nurse Program, nurses serve parishioners as health educators, referral agents and advocates. They strive to promote and help

maintain the physical, emotional and spiritual health of the parish community. This ministry is a service that promotes personal, relational, and community health. It involves empowerment and faith, while teaching people to care for themselves. There currently is no leader for the ministry, so please reach out to the parish office with questions.

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### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Knights of Columbus is a worldwide leadership organization for Catholic men who desire to grow in personal spirituality & serve the Church. Locally, they sponsor the annual "Widows Dinner" and also support Special Olympic Events, the Coats for Kids program, as well as local Seminarians.

*Contact: John Kedrowski – 218-821-7258, [bigboykedrowski1962@gmail.com](mailto:bigboykedrowski1962@gmail.com)*

### **LENT GIVING TREE**

The OLOL Lenten Giving Tree gives the parish the opportunity to express our appreciation to those in need. Pick a special item from the tree and in return fill out the card and check off where you want your money to go toward like the Food shelf, Helping Hands and other needy projects.

*Contact: Deb Collis – 320-360-7666, [collisdeb@hotmail.com](mailto:collisdeb@hotmail.com)*



## MISSION AWARENESS

The hands and feet of Jesus cross borders within this ministry. A spiritual and service organization for men and women. Participation is open to adults and youth. Common Hope (Antigua, Guatemala)

San Rafael Mission (San Rafael, Mexico) Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls

Friends of San Lucas Toliman Mission (San Lucas, Guatemala)

Unbound (Sponsor a child or senior in various counties)

Unbound Awareness Trips

Contact: Dcn. Bruce Geyer – 320-616-1213,  
DcnBruce.Geyer@gmail.com

## MISSION CIRCLES

Originally started to support missions throughout the world, the Mission Circles have evolved to support so many various efforts with the community. They continue to support missions in various ways, but carry out other tasks such as making Christmas ornaments in memory of those who have passed away to supporting community graduation events. Through all of these efforts, members look to grow closer to the Lord and one another.

Contact:

St. Joseph Mission Circle Dolores Czech – 320-632-5284,  
grandmaczecher@gmail.com

St. Roberts Mission Circle Contact: Char Welle –  
320-745-2527, dwelle@brainerd.net

St. Herald Mission Circle Contact: Diane Tamm –  
320-632-3825

St. Gerard Mission Circle Contact: Irene Brisk –  
320-632-5778

## PARISH QUILTERS

Members of OLOL join together to make quilts for the less fortunate of the community.

Contact: Shirley Wielinski – 320-632-6738



## SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

The Social Concerns Committee invites all parishioners to proclaim the Good News through active participation in programs that serve those in need. They also seek to educate parishioners on Catholic Social Teachings "... to shape a society more respectful of human life and dignity, and more committed to justice and peace."

Contact: Bea Britz – 320-761-6626, bcbritzhome@msn.com

## STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Stewardship Committee acts as the consultative body to the pastor regarding the ongoing stewardship process in the parish. It engages in reading and discussions on the meaning of stewardship in our lives. Members act as models of stewardship for other parishioners by engaging in a life that is committed to the Eucharist, prayer, service and ongoing formation.

Contact: Wade Mathers – 320-630-6141,  
wjmmmathers@gmail.com



# MARY OF LOURDES SCHOOL

*Mary of Lourdes School Contact:*

*Jodi Vanderheiden, Principal – 320-632-6742, [jvanderheiden@molschool.org](mailto:jvanderheiden@molschool.org)*

## ADOPT A CLASSROOM

The Adopt a Classroom fund was set up for donations to be given to a particular class at Mary of Lourdes. This money could be used by the classroom teacher to purchase games, technology or other things that would enhance the education of the children.

## ANNUAL SCHOOL MARATHON

Every year, Mary of Lourdes School hosts a marathon for families and students. Volunteers are needed for the success of this event. Volunteers don't need to be Mary of Lourdes school families.

## CAROUSEL OF CRAFTS

An annual event held in December and sponsored by the Mary of Lourdes Parent & School Organization in the Little Falls Community Middle School Commons & Gym! Holiday crafts, live holiday music, delicious food, fellowship among parishioners. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

## EVENING 4 EDUCATION

This event is an annual fundraising event that benefits our parish school, Mary of Lourdes. The evening is filled with cocktails, dinner, live and silent auctions, raffles, live entertainment. All are invited to attend.

## LUNCHROOM VOLUNTEERS

The lunchroom volunteers assist Mary of Lourdes School during lunchtime with the students.

## MOL STATIONS OF THE CROSS, LENTEN PRAYER SERVICES, & ADORATION

During the Lenten season, Mary of Lourdes School invites you to join them for Stations of the Cross, Lenten Prayer Services, and Adoration.

## PARENT AND SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

The Parent and School Organization is the parental support arm of our parish grade school, Mary of Lourdes. Every parent who has children enrolled in the school is automatically a member. The Organization rounds out the students' experiences at Our Lady of Lourdes by supporting the school with its' time, talent, and treasure. Events ranging from field trips to the Knowledge Bowl, from elementary and MS fun days and assemblies to the kindergarten picnic; celebrations such as Catholic Schools Week, 1st Communion brunch and St. Nick Day; classroom assistance such as technology supplies and support, teacher longevity awards, teacher classroom spending money and wish list items, and MS Extra Curricular to PE equipment. Many volunteers are needed and all parents are encouraged to help out.

## RECESS SUPERVISOR VOLUNTEERS

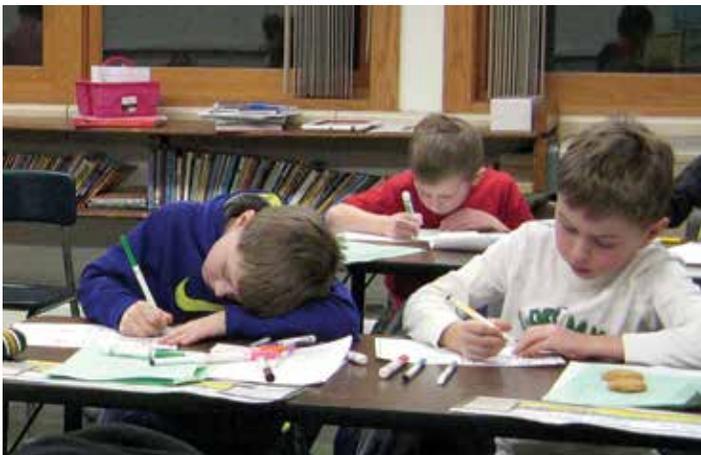
Recess volunteers supervise the children during their recess times at various points throughout the school day to ensure the safety and well-being of all the students on the playground.

## SCRIP VOLUNTEERS

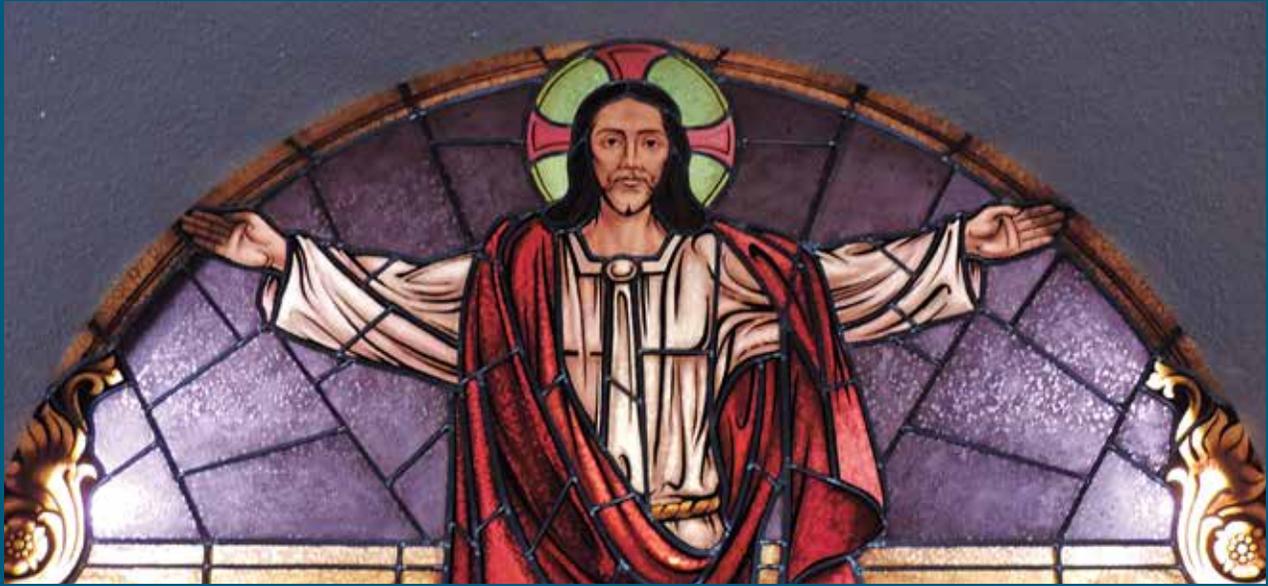
The SCRIP program is both a fundraiser as well as a tuition assistance program whereby the school purchases discounted gift certificates and resells them at face value. Mary of Lourdes keeps the discount amount as an ongoing source of money or families may apply 50% of the profit of what they bought to a specific family's tuition. Volunteers are needed to keep this program running.

## UNITED FINANCIAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS FUNDRAISER

Catholic United Financial Insurance holds an annual raffle to benefit area Catholic schools. All parishioners can participate in the raffles and fundraiser. Volunteers are needed to make this annual process a success.



*Please keep until Spring 2023*



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