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Mission Field Mass Schedules

Weekend Masses

Holy Spirit-Virginia

Saturday 5pm

Sunday 8am & 10am

Resurrection-Eveleth

Saturday 4pm

Sunday 10:30am

St. Joseph-Gilbert

Sunday 8:30am & 6pm

Our Lady of Hope-Aurora

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 9:30am

Daily Masses

Holy Spirit-Virginia

Monday & Tuesday 8am

Wednesday 5:30pm

Resurrection-Eveleth

Wednesday & Thursday 8am

St. Joseph-Gilbert

Friday 8am

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Our Lady of Hope

Monday & Thursday 9am

Tuesday 5:30pm

Confessions

Saturday

Resurrection—10am

OL Hope—3:30pm

Holy Spirit—4pm

Sunday

St. Joseph—5pm

Adoration

Resurrection

Wednesday

8:30am-8:30pm

Holy Spirit

Tuesday & Thursday

8:30am-9pm

OL Hope

Monday

9:30am-8pm

St. Joseph

Friday 8:30am-Noon



Joyful... Docile

Stewardship of Treasury

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Month of November

Monthly Goal: \$40,416.00

Received to Date this Month: \$23,209.58

November 16/17 Ordinary Income: \$6,862.95

Annual Goal 24-25 \$485,000.00

Received to Date: \$160,765.11

Diocesan Ministries Appeal

2024 Goal: \$59,276.00

Funds Collected: \$34,955.00

Remaining Balance \$24,321.00

MCS Capital Campaign \$4,368,090.54

Marquette Catholic School Endowment Fund Balance: \$152,914.49

Holy Spirit Endowment Fund Balance: \$52,885.12

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Our Lady of Hope 16 West 5th Ave N Aurora, MN 55705 218-229-3210 I have written about healing hope and joy these past three weeks. I summarize these principles this week with some quotes from our Bishop's Pastoral letter. I hope you have taken the time to read his profound vision for the ten county Catholic Diocese of Duluth, you can find his document on the Diocesan website. We should all feel charged with the work to bring about healing, hope and joy to our world and so reap the glory and reward of the fruits of the Holy Spirit . This involves taking a leap of faith into (what Bishop Felton's predecessor) said once, "It is time for us to move on to evangelization and mission" (Bishop Paul Sirba)

Bishop Daniel said that the deepest longing we have amongst the people of our diocese is a desperate cry for healing instead of hurt, for hope instead of despair and for an abundant joy rising from the drudgery of everyday life as we know it. Our mission banner is simple: Abundant Healing, Hope and Joy in Jesus!

He continues writing later: In recent times, we have been walking in the darkness of many challenges: the listing of priests with an allegation of abuse of a minor, bankruptcy, the merging and clustering of parishes, grieving the loss of Bishop Sirba, enduring the long wait for the appointment of the new bishop, the rise of coronavirus and its impact on all aspects of life, the decline in Mass attendance and reception of the Sacraments, the general decline in population for a majority of counties and the list goes on. Let's just say, the night has been long and dark.

Jesus said in the Gospel of Luke: "I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it was already ablaze!" Bishop writes: The tongues of fire that came to rest on the heads of the apostles set their hearts on fire and they burst forth from the upper room into the world to blaze a trail to Jesus Christ. The early Christian community preached a Someone and not an idea, program or plan. And that someone they gave witness to was Jesus Christ – whose life, death and resurrection is the Kingdom of God at hand; and Who is healing, hope and joy.

The darkness will only be conquered by the light of Christ. What we have been doing will no longer suffice to breach this darkness. We must pray as families. We must study and pray with the Bible. We must gather as a People of God to combat the evils of our selfish, materialistic, private lives. Being intent on just surviving in this world we know and confront it with healing, hope and joy. Meditate and think about how you can add your gifts and talents, how you can take the opportunity life presents you to change what you are doing and change what others are doing in the world. The time for contributing to the darkness is over. The time for cooperating with the Holy Spirit is now. How can I say with a greater, impactful voice that all of us need to turn to the Lord. Get rid of sin and sinful habits, be prayed over for healing in Christ's name, speak words, positive with hope for the future, find joy with your family in prayer and in each of your parishes, spread the good news that Jesus is Lord and there is no other.

Jesus said in John 12:46 "I came into the world as light so that you need not live in darkness" There is a great revival coming in our Diocese and at its center is JESUS!

More to come...
Fr. David

Relentless Prayer... United



All Are Welcome
Please join us for a Thanksgiving Dinner
November 28
Doors open ay 4pm
Food Served 5pm-7pm
Or until food runs out
Holy Spirit Social Hall

The Adorer's bench - A perspective on the commitment of adoration

One of the most difficult things about committing to an hour of adoration is the pinch it often puts on our day-to-day activities. My wife, Judy, and I have taken a hard-to-fill time slot on Thursday's at dinner time. And, over the past couple years we have found that there are a good number of people who may not be committed to that time slot, but they come somewhat frequently. These adorers, we decided, were our best potential backups because, obviously, this was an hour that was convenient for them. Several of these we have contacted and, in a way, we created a bench (to steal a basketball term) in case we have a conflict. And we are so grateful for these few teammates (as I refer to them) because 1) it makes our adoration commitment a bit easier to fulfil, 2) it affords those few a bit of comfort in knowing they are, in a way, part of a team. and 3) this approach creates a mini-adoration community, who, in a small way, connect with one another, and largely in the pursuit of the glory of God

And so, those of you who maybe were hesitant to commit to be on the schedule, I would like to encourage you to reach out to that person or persons who are on the schedule during that time slot which is convenient for you and offer to be their adoration backup. . . to be an adorer's bench for those lead adorers.

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Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Catherine Laboure (28 min-audio) It was almost midnight when St. Catherine Laboure was awakened by a soft voice, whispering, "Sister, sister, sister." Mysterious events led her to the chapel where the Blessed Mother appeared and sat down near the altar. St. Catherine knelt at her feet, rested her hands in Mary's lap, looked into her eyes, and had a heart-to-heart conversation with her. Later, St. Catherine would refer to that night as "the sweetest moment of my life." Our Lady gave St. Catherine a special duty to spread the wearing of and devotion to the miraculous medal. The medal is a symbol of special graces Our Lady bestows on souls who truly search out her Son, Jesus. Nov. 28 is the feast day of St. Catherine of Laboure.

Mass

Monday November 25
8:00 AM † Jack Smrekar

Tuesday November 26
8:00 AM † Marcia Bergquist

Wednesday November 27
5:30 PM † Frank Galaski

Thursday November 28 No Mass Friday November 29 No Mass

Saturday November 30

5:00 PM † Eleanor Gagnon Davis

Sunday December 1 8:00 AM † Dan Saarela 10:00 AM † Jean Korsman

Altar Server Schedule Weekend of November 30-December 1		
Sat. 5:00pm	Sun. 8:00am	Sun. 10:00 am
M. Scharber	L. Evans	J. Berlin
A. Scharber	S. Beukema	C. Berlin
		J. Berlin
		G. Zebro
		M. Pollak

Sacristan Schedule Weekend of Nov. 30-Dec. 1

 11/30
 Sat. 5:00pm
 C. Bainter

 12/1
 Sun. 8:00am
 S. Skube

 12/1
 Sun. 10:00am
 L. Peterson

Lector Schedule Weekend of Nov. 30-Dec. 1

 11/30
 Sat. 5:00pm
 C. Bainter

 12/1
 Sun. 8:00am
 J. Skube

 12/1
 Sun. 10:00am
 J. Eddy

Respect Life

Thank you! Your generous and compassionate hearts provided a beautiful supply of socks and mittens during collection for the Family Life Center's urgent need of socks and mittens for moms, children, and babies.