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April 24, 2022

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Mass is celebrated on the
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5:00 P.M. on Saturday
Sunday at 8:30 A.M.
10:30 A.M.
(8:30 A.M. live streamed)

Please refer to "This Week
in the Parish" for the times
of the weekday Masses

Those wishing to celebrate
the Sacrament of Marriage
are asked to contact the
Pastor at least six months
prior to the intended
date of the celebration

NOTES FROM FR. RICK:

THE PARISH FAMILY EXTENDS PRAYERFUL SUPPORT to Mike LaSalle at the death of his sister, Leigh Nendick; to the family of Philip Haider; to the David Sjostrand family at the death of his wife and their mother, Betty Sjostrand; to Diane Gonsorowski at the death of her brother, Danny Thorstad. May the Lord grant them eternal life!

THE PERFECT FIT
The Diocese of Crookston is nearing the $9 million in cash goal needed for the initial payment on the Mount St. Benedict property. A special donor has generously agreed to match up to $300,00.00 dollar for dollar, for new gifts received between March 15 and June 15. If you have not yet had the opportunity to make your pledge and gift to the campaign, or if you have already made a one-time gift, perhaps you might prayerfully consider a new gift that will be matched dollar for dollar up to $300,00.00 Now is the time when every gift counts! Bishop Andrew Cozzens offers his encouragement as well as his gratitude for this new era in the life of the Diocese of Crookston.
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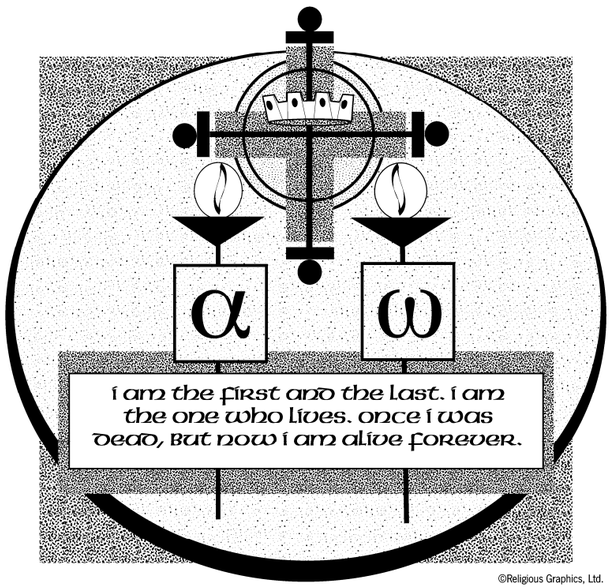

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

25 Monday — 1 Peter 5:5b-14—Psalm 89:2-3,6-7,16-17—Mark 16:15-20
No Mass today
9:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
Scholastic Book Fair in gathering space April 25– 29

26 Tuesday— Acts 4:32-37– Psalm 93:1-2,5– John 3:7b-15
8:00 A.M. Mass— Special Intention –AAT
8:30 A.M.—10:00 P.M. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

27 Wednesday—Acts 5:17-26 –Psalm 34:2-9 –John 3:16-21
1:00 P.M. Prayers at SkyLite Apts.
5:00 P.M.– 5:45 P.M. FAITH Night Supper
5:15 P.M. Mass + Virginia Cullen
5:45 P.M. Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:45 P.M. Rosary
6:00 P.M. FAITH NIGHT—MATT BIRK
8:00 P.M. Men's Prayer Group

28 Thursday – Acts 5:27-33 -Psalm 34:2,9,17-20 –John 3:31-36
8:00 A.M. Mass + Philip Haider
8:30 A.M.—10:00 P.M. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
10:30 A.M. Bible Study—Parish Hall Mtg Rm.
6:30 P.M.— RCIA
6:30 P.M. First Communion Retreat

29 Friday - Acts 5:34-42 –Psalm 27:1,4,13-14—John 6:1-15
7:00 A.M. KC Rosary
8:00 A.M. Rosary
8:30 A.M. Mass + Jordis Dotson
5:00 P.M Patriotic Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
10:30 A.M Prayers at Valley Home

30 Saturday — Acts:1-7– Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,18-19—John 6:16-21
5:00 P.M. Mass + Virgil Radniecki
With Celebration of First Holy Communion

1 THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER —Acts 5:27,32,40b-41 -Psalm 30:2,4-6,11-13—Revelation 5:11-14—John 21:1-19
8:00 A.M. Rosary
8:30 A.M. Mass + Vern Peterson
10:30 A.M. Mass —For the People
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training following Mass.

Please remember those who have asked for our prayers:

Mrs. Rosalie Burda, Brian Williamson, Lowell Arlt, Gary Arlt, Penny Radniecki Kalar, Joe Roskop, Danielle Weckwerth, Ed Walseth, Madeline Baumann, Merlin Stone, David Carlson, Kristy Dupree, Paul Vitale Timmy Nelson, Tom Miller, Elaine Radniecki, Rachael Carlson, Tim Przybylski, Jane Palm, Audrey Berard, Duane Lusignan, Jannelle Knott, Brian Huerd, Gordon Peterson, Frank Miller, Fern Melby, Ron Winter, Theresa Linnertz, Randy Winter, Alayna Espeseth, Michael Andersen, Andrea Dowers, Gail Hjelle, Gary Lane, Linda Otteson Brown, Kim Osowski, Bev Oski Hayes, Mikey Hedegard, Dennis Bjerken, Lillian Winter, Angie Kayfes, Matthew Kaiser, Carlos Diaz, Kaelyn Diaz , Renee Miller, Cheryl McClenahan, Jeremy Johnson, Dan Dowers, Ed Rasmussen, Lisa Swanson, Grace Rundell, Judy Langhorst, Michael Kruse, Corey Refshaw, Larry Schaefer, Mark Amundson, John Parent, Hensley Chapin, Emily Novacek, Marty Torgerson, Micki Taddy, Evie Huot, Lori Kristo, Sherrill McDonald, Dennis Srnsky, Doreen Dargon, Bonnie Audette, Lynn Odette, Cindi Determan, Candace Schafer, Wanda Murphy, Glenn Hofstad, Pete Christianson, Patty Anderson, John Barry, Mary Larson, Bud & Alberta Johnson, Delphine Ottesen, Sharon Kozojed, Gerald Kostrzewski, Jeanette Stoltman, Alice Stancyk Katy Seed, Vivian & Bruce Linander, Jim Legg, Shelly Legg, Donna Radeke, Elliana Viktora, David Holecek Richard Perreault, Faye Brinkman, Christopher Benjamin, Mary David, Myrna Lane, David & Phylliss Cornelius

RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS

By Margaret Rasmussen
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April 27—FAITH Night—Matt Birk
Supper at 5:00 pm—6:00 pm Presentation
April 28—6:30 pm First Communion Retreat
April 30—5:00 pm Mass & Celebration of First Communion
May 11– 5:45 pm Reconciliation for Confirmation Class
May 14-
10:00 am Brunch & Practice for Confirmands & Sponsors
5:00 pm Mass with Celebration of Confirmation

Blessed is She….

"...but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out." // John 19:34

Today we will celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy, a feast requested in a private revelation of Jesus to Saint Faustina and officially instituted by Pope Saint John Paul II. Divine mercy is at the heart of the Gospel. In fact, it's at the heart of all of Salvation History because it is God's Heart.

The Lord's merciful love is always freely offered to us. But like all grace, it is a gift which we can either accept or reject. Accepting the merciful love of God sounds like an easy no-brainer; however, our wounds, sin, and concupiscence can muddle our hearts and make us hesitant to fully live in His merciful love.

***It's a fruit of the Paschal Mystery** // Jesus' Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension were both propelled by and bore the fruit of divine mercy. It is God's "merciful love" (or "covenantal faithfulness") that He has offered to humanity since our creation. It is what compelled Him to become one of us in order to save us. It is why Jesus embraced the Cross and conquered death. It all comes down to offering us His mercy. By being baptized into His Death and Resurrection and by living a Christian life, we proclaim this merciful love—so let's live it. Let's fully embrace the forgiveness, intimacy, renewal, and trust that He invites us into each day.*

***It's the secret to holiness** // How do we accept divine mercy? By trusting God. How do we live trust? Through praise and thanksgiving. By accepting God's divine mercy, freely offered each day, we offer our days to Him in praise. It also means that we don't give up on our walk with Him. This perseverance in love is the simple secret to holiness. And it all comes down to merciful love.*

***There is no downside** // When we speak about trust, many of us grow timid. We've trusted people before and have been burned. We've been heartbroken and humiliated. Our experience in a fallen world layered on top of our fallen human nature can cause us to withhold all our trust. We might be willing to trust God with some things in our lives and hearts, but not everything. But here is where God is different. There is no downside in trusting the Father. Trusting in his merciful love does not end in heartbreak or humiliation. He does not leave us or forsake us. Trusting Him leads to healing, restoration, and love.*

We pray that this weekend's feast fills you with a renewal of Easter joy and spurs you to soak in the sweet mercy offered to you afresh each morning.

YOUTH NEWS

By Misty Mehrkens
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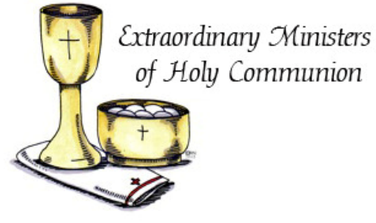
Hello Young Church!
Thomas wasn't present the first time Jesus appeared to the disciples in the locked room, and he said he would not believe the other apostles until he saw Jesus and touched his wounds for himself, just as they had had the opportunity to do. When Jesus did appear to Thomas and showed him his hands and feet, Thomas' response is the highest praise and highest recognition of the identity of Jesus. Thomas replied, "My Lord and my God" (John 20:28). Thomas, despite his doubt, identifies and professes Jesus' divine nature.
But if we take our faith seriously, I imagine all of us have some "Doubting Thomas" in us.
To doubt is to take a claim seriously enough to play with it, to turn it over and dissect it from all angles. The key is to stick with the doubt, like Thomas. He did not walk away. He did not say, "I will not believe, period. Ever. Resurrection is not possible and I will never believe otherwise." Instead, Thomas challenges the disciples to move closer to the risen Christ. "If the Lord really is here, I want to touch him"! A week later, the risen Christ appears to the disciples again, and in doing so, brings Thomas face-to-face with his doubts. Thomas's doubts draw him into an intimate encounter with Jesus. May our doubts do the same.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 27: FAITH Night with Matt Birk. Supper @ 5:00, Activity @ 6:00. (6th graders – you can find the link to sign up to serve here: https://bit.ly/AprilFAITH
April 29: Deadline to register for Steubenville|St. Paul Conference at the end of July. Open to all incoming freshman in high school to incoming freshman in college. Let me know if you are interested in coming! (Details are found in Misty's Minutes newsletter.)
May 14: Confirmation
May 22: Baccalaureate for our Senior Class! Letters will be sent out to Seniors soon for more information so please keep an eye out for it!
June 19-23: St. Theresa of Calcutta Camp – for youth entering grades 9 & 10. For more information go to https://www.crookston.org/toccamp
July 17-21: St. John Paul II Camp – for youth entering grades 7 & 8. For more information go to https://www.crookston.org/jp2camp



Training session for anyone interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minster of Holy Communion or anyone needing a refresher is scheduled for Sunday May 1 after the 10:30 am Mass.

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'" (JOHN 20:21)

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our "enemies." Think of someone in your life who you need to reconcile with. Call them right now or better yet, go visit them.

If you or someone you know has been a victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24 hour confidential number).

Are you unable to leave your home to get groceries or other supplies? Do you know someone who cannot get out because they are sick or they are vulnerable? If so, the Knights of Columbus wants to help you and your loved ones.
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First Friday/Saturday Adoration Vigil.
In remembrance of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, St Bernard's holds an Adoration Vigil between the First Friday and Saturday of each month. If you would like to sign up for an hour or sign up as an alternate, please contact Mark Christiansen at (218)556-0037 or email at mark.christiansen22@gmail.com

Volunteers are needed to serve Coffee & Rolls after the 8:30 am Sunday Mass .
Please consider helping in this ministry. Contact Julie Peterson for more information and to sign up. 218-686-8599

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!" Indeed, the mercy of God centers our heart in peace.
Vincentians see the crucified every day in the streets of large cities and in poor country villages. One of the great gifts of St. Vincent was the ability to recognize the crucified Christ in the face of the suffering and to mobilize the energies of others in their service. He was an extraordinary organizer. To aid the most abandoned of his time, Vincent gathered together rich and poor, women and men, clergy and lay.
Thank you for your prayers and support – for the St Bernard's' St Vincent de Paul members.

Are you thinking of joining the society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Bernards? We are an organization that helps the poor financially and spiritually.. If you are interested please join us at our next meeting Wednesday, April 27 at 6:00 pm.
A training session for all members is Sunday, May 7th at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in EGF. 8:30 am Mass with the training to follow, lunch will be provided. Contact Dave Bennett—218-689-2950 or Larry Langevin 218 689-1853 with any questions.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

St. Bernard's is looking for a Full-Time Custodian to manage the buildings and grounds and supervise the facility of St. Bernard's Church and School. This position will be open until filled. For more information and an application, please contact Fr. Rick Lambert at (218) 681-3571 or rdplambert@hotmail.com

Diocese of Crookston faithful are cordially invited to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Bishop Andrew Cozzens' ordination to the priesthood.

Bishop Cozzens was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis by Archbishop Harry J. Flynn on May 31, 1997.

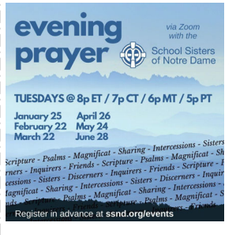
Bishop Cozzens will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 24 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Crookston.
Light refreshments will follow the Mass.

You are invited to an open house at the Pastoral Center and Retreat Facility located at Mount Saint Benedict Monastery, 620 Summit Ave., Crookston MN
April 27 4:00 -7:00 pm,
May 7th 11:00 am - 2:00 pm,
May 14 12:00 -3:00 pm.

Reach out to your pastor for a paper invitation with more information. **RSVP** to Maureen Novak at mnovak@crookston.org. Or call 218-281-4533 ext. 418

Patriotic Rosary

Please join the rosary rally praying the Patriotic Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet for peace in our country, from 5 to 6 pm on the last Thursday of each month.
See you on Thursday, April 28!



Online Evening Prayer for Young Adults

Young adults 18+ are invited to pray online together with School Sisters of Notre Dame on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 7-8 p.m. CT. Learn more and register for the Zoom link at ssnd.org/events.

Join in a Synod prayer and listening session:
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This is your opportunity to help shape the future of our local Church! All are welcome; no RSVP is necessary. The Church needs your voice!

Saturday, 30—Sacred Heart, Roseau (9:00 am to 12:00 pm)
Additional information and updates at: **www.crookston.org/synod.**

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

The Catholic Church is deeply committed to protecting children from abuse and holding people accountable for inflicting such pain. In December 2021, the revised Book VI of the Code of Canon Law went into effect. This is the most recent of several documents that specifically address the issue of the abuse of children. Other documents include Vos estis lux mundi and Vademecum. These documents expand the acts which are considered abusive, clarify the manner in which the cases are processed, and hold people accountable for their action or inaction with regard to processing of a case. Of significant importance is attention given to the care of victim survivors and all who have been harmed.

Bishops in the US lead the way for these changes with the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People 20 years ago. Today every diocese and eparchy must have in place systems for tending to those who have been harmed, protecting those in our care and seeking restorative justice.

"Love one another as I have loved you." John 13:34

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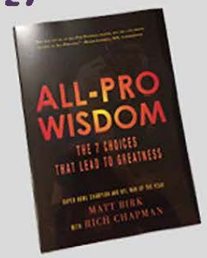

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Matt Birk Biography

Super Bowl champion **Matt Birk** is a 15-year veteran of the National Football League. Since retiring from football in 2013, Matt has held a number of roles inside the NFL League Office. A native of St. Paul, Minnesota, Matt was drafted by the Minnesota Vikings in 1998 and was a key off-season acquisition of the Baltimore Ravens in 2009. A six-time NFL Pro Bowl Selection and two-time All Pro, Matt proved to be an undisputed leader on the field and was named the sixth smartest athlete by *Sporting News*. More importantly, he has established a legacy of community service that will last far beyond his years of football.

A graduate of Harvard University with a degree in economics, Matt is the founder and CEO of Matt Birk and Company, LLC. He was the recipient of the *2011 Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year* award for his excellence on and off the field, including his commitment to emphasizing the importance of education through his H.I.K.E. Foundation. Established in 2002, H.I.K.E. stands for hope, inspiration, knowledge, and education, and impacts the lives of at-risk children by providing interactive programs and resources needed to guide a child though key educational transitions.

Matt also launched the "Ready, Set, Read!" program in Baltimore-area public schools to motivate and encourage more than 100,000 students to read at home through a system of incentives. He partnered with Scholastic to form "Read and Rise," an initiative to join schools, families, and communities together in supporting the development of children's literacy.

Matt parlays his diverse experiences culled from winning championships, creating partnerships, and educating others into a memorable message that connects with attendees and transforms audiences. He speaks to organizations across the country about the value of true inspiration, lasting leadership principles, the dynamics of teamwork, and fulfilling potential. Clients such as 3M, Coca Cola, Northwestern Mutual Life, and Walmart have benefited from the programs Matt has presented to their teams.

Matt is a member of the Board of Directors of the Pro Football Hall of Fame's Game for Life National Advisory Board, the Gridiron Greats Assistance Fund Board of Directors, and sits on the Board of Directors for the After the Impact Fund. He is the author of *All Pro Wisdom: The Seven Choices that Lead to Greatness*, and resides in Mendota Heights, Minnesota. Matt and his wife, Adrianna, are the proud parents of eight children.

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St. Bernard's School News

~April 24, 2022~

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MNSAA Accreditation Visit

Every seven years St. Bernard's School participates in a two-year self-study as a part of the Minnesota Nonpublic School Accrediting Association (MNSAA) accreditation process. "Accreditation is a framework for the best possible educational program for learners. In addition to delivering recognized credibility of the quality of a school program in the eyes of stakeholders and the public, accreditation also offers outside objective validation that a school has met high standards and is actively seeking a quality educational program." We are excited to welcome the MNSAA team from Wednesday, April 27 to Friday, April 29 for their onsite visit! Welcome to St. Bernard's School!

Scholastic Book Fair 4/25-4/28

The Scholastic Book Fair is one of the kids' favorite events. We are so happy to be able to hold a fair this year and we look forward to safely seeing all of you at the Fair! 4/25 Monday 8 AM – 4 PM, 4/26 Tuesday 8 AM – 4 PM, 4/27 Wednesday 8 AM – 5:30 PM, 4/28 Thursday 8 AM – 4 PM, 4/29 Friday 8 AM – 12 PM

Registration 2022-2023!

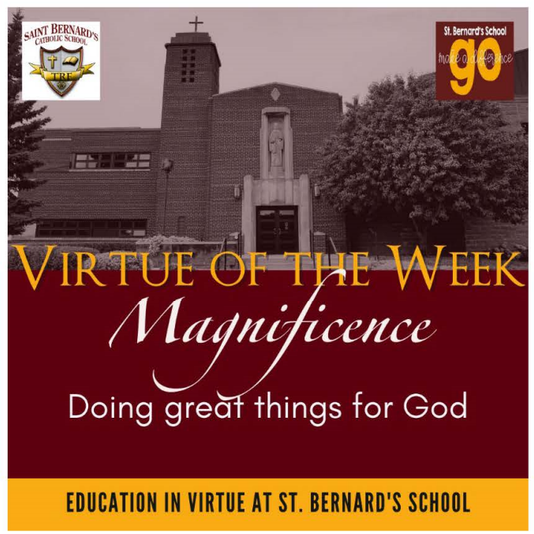
We are excited to announce that New Family Registration opened on March 1 for the 2022-2023 school year! Already classes are starting to fill up. We will ensure that every family who desires an education at St. Bernard's is able. Please see our website https://www.stbernardscc.org/ or contact the school office for more information!

Rummage Sale: Clean out those closets!

During this time, you may find opportunities to clean out a garage or closet or more. Make sure to box those items up and save them for St. Bernard's Annual Rummage Sale on June 17-19! While we will only accept **one** box of clothing, we will happily take all your donations like housewares, furniture, toys, tools, sporting goods, etc. Donations can be dropped off at the City Auditorium starting on June 13. This is a FREE WILL OFFERING rummage sale so your donations will help so many people!

Dates to Remember

4/25-4/29 Scholastic Book Fair
4/27-4/29 MNSAA Accreditation Site Visit
5/2-5/6 Teacher Appreciation Week
5/2-5/13 NWEA Testing
5/10 8:30 All School Adoration – All are welcome!
5/11 5th Grade – Deep Portage
5/13 St. Bernard's Gala: Monte Carlo Masquerade
5/17 12:30 Talent Show
5/19 1:00 Spring Fling
5/23 Reading Auction, Last Day PK!
5/24 12:00 Track and Field Day, Last Day PS and K!
5/25 1:00 Prekindergarten / Kindergarten Graduation!
5/26 1:00 5th Grade Graduation Mass!
5/27 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!
6/17-6/19 St. Bernard's Annual Rummage Sale



You are cordially invited to

St. Bernard's School Spring Gala
Monte Carlo Masquerade

May 13, 2022 | Legacy Event Center

5:30 p.m. Social Hour
6:30 p.m. Formal Dinner
Chicken or Steak, Sides, Salad, Bread, Dessert
Dance to follow Dinner

GAMING, SILENT/LIVE AUCTION AND RAFFLES ONGOING DURING EVENT

$50/ticket
Can be purchased online at
https://www.stbernardscc.org/gala
after mass or at the school office

Mask/Costume encouraged but not required