



WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF

ST. DOMINIC

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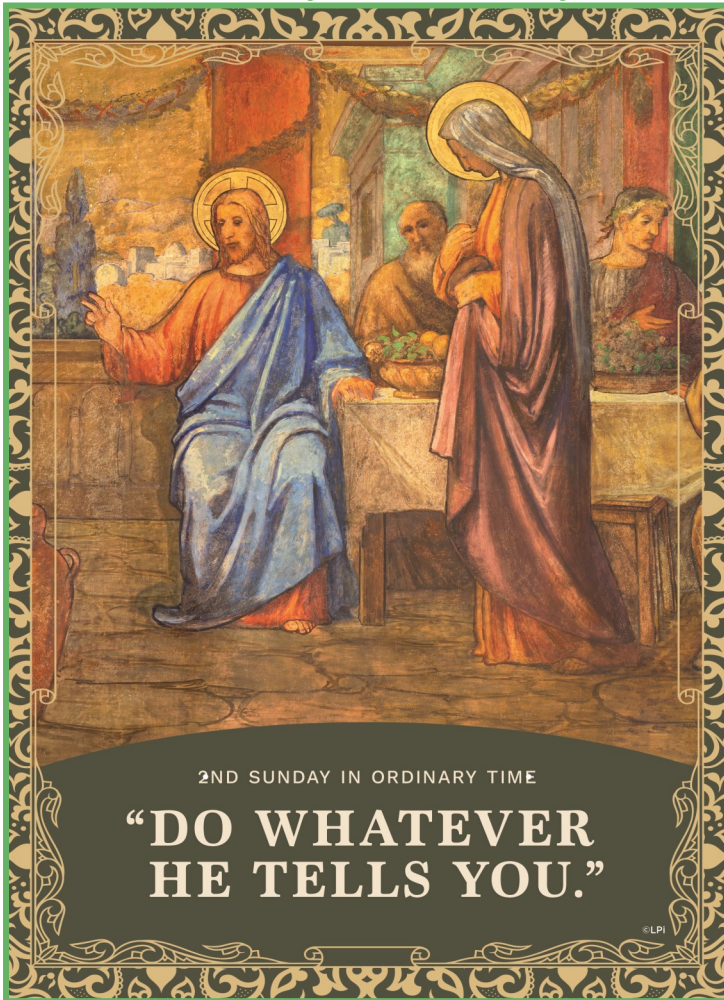


IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

GRANTSBURG

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 18th & 19th, 2025



When our hands have touched spices, they give fragrance to all they handle. Let us make our prayers pass through the hands of the Blessed Virgin. She will make them fragrant. -St. John Vianney

Weekly Mass Times

St. Dominic:		Immaculate Conception:	
Saturday	4:30 PM	Sunday	8:30 AM
Sunday	10:30 AM	Thursday	9:00 AM
Tues & Wed	10:30 AM	Friday	5:30 PM

Parish Contacts

St. Dominic

Parish Council

Sue Wallin - Chairperson
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Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Good and gracious God,
 you blew into our nostrils the breath of life.
 You are the One to whom we owe
 our very existence.
 Give us the courage to take that unpopular position
 of protecting those who have no voice,
 the unborn child in the womb
 to the person taking his or her last breath.
 The life you have given us is a gift beyond measure.
 Embolden us to speak the truth
 about protecting the child, the elderly,
 and the one without a voice in the public square.
 With thankful hearts,
 we ask all this of the One God,
 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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~~~ **Encouraging a Deeper Understanding of the Gospel** ~~~

A friend invited me to an invitation-only wine-tasting event. There were over two hundred varieties of wine. Having no idea how to approach such a massive selection, I wandered aimlessly among the tables, sipping this and that. At the end of the evening my friend asked if I had tried some of the exceptionally expensive wines. I hadn't. "The really good stuff disappears first," he said. "My man, you missed out on some amazing vino." I was so disappointed. I wasted my chance for amazing once-in-a-lifetime wine. The wine I tasted was, well, blah.

Don't we often feel a similar disappointment in life? I missed this or that opportunity. If only I had known. Optimism sputters and fades. The glory days are gone. The chances, it seems, for the really great things in life come and go so quickly. Then they are gone forever.



The good stuff goes first. Then life is just blah.

Not so with the Lord Jesus. In Jesus' miracle at the wedding at Cana, the steward of the feast says, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then...an inferior one" (John 2:10). That's the natural downward progression of life. The good stuff disappears quickly. But he says of the groom (who symbolizes Jesus), "But you have kept the good wine until now." This is the ever-improving trajectory of the realm of God's grace. With Jesus, the "good wine" of divine love, hope and peace gets better as our journey of faith progresses. Where are your greatest disappointments? Don't give in to the lie that the really good stuff is gone. Tell Jesus you've run out. Then learn how to taste that amazingly good wine, because he saves the best until now. — Father John Muir ©LPi

### Sunday of the Word of God—January 26

Pope Francis has declared the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 26, 2025, as Sunday of the Word of God in all Catholic parishes throughout the world. The reading for this Sunday focus on Scripture.

We invite all parishioners to bring their bibles to Mass next weekend for a Blessing of Bibles during the Masses.

### Walk for Life 2025

There will be a local Walk for Life held in Osceola on Sunday, January 26. Supporters will meet at St. Joseph's Catholic Church at 3:00 pm. They will walk to downtown Osceola and then back to the church. Following the walk, join the community for a free chili dinner. All ages are welcome. Please call 715-755-2229 for questions.



MARCH for LIFE

### SD Matching Parking Lot Grant

We have a \$10,000 matching parking lot grant. For funds turned in before February 1<sup>st</sup>, there is a donor who will match up to \$10,000. This does not include pledges, only actual funds received. This is a wonderful way to help us reach our goal for the parking lot.

*For those who have IRAs that have Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for 2025, you can also use a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to contribute toward this grant.*

We currently have collected a little more than half of the \$10,000 matching grant amount.

If you are able to contribute to this matching grant, please mark your gift – Parking Lot Matching Grant.

Thank you!

### ANNUAL PROTECT LIFE BABY SHOWER

Our Parishes are holding the Annual Baby Shower for women needing support during and after their pregnancies. Baby items can be brought to both parishes beginning this weekend, January 18 & 19 continuing through February 2. We thank you for your generosity.



Serving St. Croix, Polk and Burnett counties, Options on 8 in St. Croix Falls will be the recipient of the items collected. They need clothing (up to 18 months), diapers, baby wipes, socks, blankets, and cash or Wal-Mart gift cards used to purchase other items.

### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We are all the servants at Cana. Each of us, at various times, finds ourselves confused and unsure, empty where we should be full, unprepared where we should be ready. When we falter, Mary's words give us direction: "Do whatever he tells you." ©LPi



Catholic Schools  
United in Faith and Community

### Catholic School Collection - January 26

*United in Faith and Community*

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week runs from Jan. 26 - February 1. Next weekend we have our special collection to help support the fourteen Catholic Schools in the Superior Diocese.

If you would like to help support these schools as they instill the Catholic faith and morals in the children of our diocese, please bring your envelope next weekend. Thank you!

### CATHOLIC TRIVIA

**Question:** Who was the only apostle, excluding Judas, who was not martyred?

**Answer:** Matthew

**SD Fellowship: January 26**

All Saints - Jeanette Laqua/Barb Murphy



**Diocese of Superior Catholic Herald**

If you would like to receive or continue to receive the Catholic Herald at your home, please place your \$30 contribution for the year's subscription in an envelope and put it in the regular collection. *Changes to the subscription list will be made after February 3th.*

**New Prayers during Mass**

As per Diocesan request, we will be reciting different prayers each week during our intercessions.

- \*Weeks 1 & 2: Vocations Prayer - on the card in the pew
- \*Week 3: Synodal Prayer - on the card in the pew
- \*Week 4: The Jubilee Prayer for 2025 - found in the pew

**Mass Intentions**

We are in need of Mass intentions. If you are looking for a way to remember a deceased loved one, honor a birthday or special event, or pray for a special need, having a Mass said may be the perfect answer. Mass Intention envelopes can be found in the back of church.

Per Diocesan policy, the stipend for a Mass Intention is \$20.00. *Please specify the parish in which you would like the Mass to be celebrated. We try to honor date requests.*

**CATHOLIC QUESTIONS & ANSWERS?**

**Question:** Why do some dioceses move holy days, or not even celebrate them at all. Doesn't everyone do the same thing?

**Answer:** The short answer is no, not everyone does the same thing. Although the church is universal, there are many local customs and saints that each country, sometimes just a region, will honor. For example, feast days and patronal days may not be major feast days on the church's universal calendar, but are celebrated as such in one place. Holy days of obligation are the same way. The US Conference of Catholic Bishops has a certain amount of discretion in choosing days which best reflect the local church's experience and history.

Another reason certain feasts are moved is a practical one. With limited clergy, or a great difficulty for people to get to Mass, the feast day may be transferred to a Sunday. The rationale is that if a significant feast should be part of the church's celebration, then better to do so on a Sunday when people and clergy are available, rather than try to fit it on a day when one or both cannot be there.

Christmas and Immaculate Conception are always observed as days of obligation. In the USA we celebrate six holy days of obligation. There are also other special days and they are ranked, in order of importance as solemnity, feast, memorial and optional memorial. ©LPi

**Upcoming Events**

**Monday, January 20**

IC CCW Meeting at 4:30 pm  
 KC Meeting @ IC 6:30 pm officers/7 pm business

**Tuesday, January 21**

SD Bible Study @ 11:00 am

**Wednesday, January 22**

Rosary 9:30 @ CCC  
 IC Bible Study @ 12:30 pm

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENT

**The Significance of You**

There are close to 7.6 billion people currently on earth. That is a lot of people! If you try to estimate how many people have collectively been born since the beginning of time, a good guess is 108 billion! It is hard to contemplate that many distinctly different human beings created by our God. In the midst of all those people, where do you and I fit? Can we really be created to make a difference in the world? One can feel very small and insignificant when reflecting on the numbers.

We render ourselves insignificant when we make the mistake of seeing ourselves as being just like everybody else. However, when looking at the numbers, how can one honestly think we are all the same? Another way we become insignificant is believing the lie that one person in the midst of so many does not have the power to make an impact. However, we all spend time reading books, watching movies, or listening to news about singular people who made all the difference in some part of the world. Imagine your own world without a few key people who have touched you and made a difference.

We are all created with unique gifts. We have those gifts that have been part of us from birth and those that have been imparted to us by the Holy Spirit. St. Paul tried to get the Corinthians to understand that reality when he explained to them the many gifts of the Spirit. Perhaps some of his audience back then thought they were insignificant. The message then remains the message today: God is counting on you to use what He has given you. If you don't, who will?

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE**

|         | SD                                  | IC                                   |
|---------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Jan. 22 | CLASS                               | CLASS                                |
| Jan. 29 | CLASS - MASS & FIRST RECONCILIATION | CLASS                                |
| Feb. 5  | CLASS                               | 1st RECONCILIATION SERVICE @ 4:00 pm |



# MASSES AND INTENTIONS

## Saturday, January 18

SD 4:00 pm Confessions  
SD 4:30 pm Margaret Franzen by Ray & Colleen Draxler

## Sunday, January 19 *2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

IC 7:45-8:10 Confessions  
IC 8:30 am People of the Parish  
SD 10:30 am Those in Sacramental Preparation  
from our Cluster

## Tuesday, January 21 *St. Agnes*

SD 10:30 am All Souls Day Intentions

## Wednesday, January 22 *Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children*

IC 7-10 am Adoration  
SD 10:30 am All Unborn Children  
SD 11-12 pm Adoration

## Thursday, January 23

IC 9:00 am Susan DeBruin by Tera Bowman and Kerri Harter

## Friday, January 24 *St. Francis de Sales*

IC 4:30 pm The sick of our Parishes  
*Continuing Care Center - All are Welcome!*  
IC 5:30 pm Scott Christofferson by Paul & Kit Lammert

## Saturday, January 25 *The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle*

SD 4:00 pm Confessions  
SD 4:30 pm Sheila Staples by Joe & Steve Swies

## Sunday, January 26 *3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

IC 7:45-8:10 Confessions  
IC 8:30 am Intentions of the Betty Hinrichs  
Family by Karen Klinkhammer  
SD 10:30 am People of the Parish



### Parish Services

#### Home Bound

Please contact the office to be placed on the communion list or if you would like a ride to Mass on the weekend.

#### Baptism and Matrimony

Please call the office to get all the information you need for your upcoming sacrament.

#### Anointing of the Sick

Available by appointment, please contact the office.

#### Prayer Chain

If you need a prayer said for you or your loved ones, please contact the office to begin the prayer chain.

#### Rosary

The Rosary is recited one half hour before weekend Masses.

| STEWARDSHIP 1/12/2025          | SD           | IC             |
|--------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Envelope Collection            | \$880.00     | \$1,360.00     |
| Loose Collection               | \$520.00     | \$731.00       |
| Children's Collection          | \$25.00      | \$7.50         |
| Parking Lot                    | \$1650       |                |
| <i>Outstanding CSA Pledges</i> | <i>\$832</i> | <i>\$1,315</i> |

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS AND SERVERS

#### Saturday, January 25

##### St. Dominic - 4:30 pm

Ushers: Bill Schommer, Don Supinski

Greeters: N - Colleen Draxler  
S - Carol Schommer

Lector: Ronda Thompson

Sacristan: Colleen Draxler

Communion: Colleen Draxler

Server: Steve Swies

#### Sunday, January 26

##### Immaculate Conception - 8:30 am

Homebound: Jennifer Wagner

Lector: Jennifer Wagner

Communion: Barb Benson

Sacristan: Barb Benson

Ushers: Jim & Val Strub

##### St. Dominic - 10:30 am

Homebound: John (S), Kathy (L), Colleen (F)

Ushers: Ken Deutsch, John Scheidt

Greeters: N - Mary Wallin  
S - Mary Erickson

Lector: Judy Marek

Sacristan: David Malinovsky

Communion: Mary Wallin

Server: Patrick Chenal



### New Parishioners

#### *Welcome!*

If you would like to become a member of our Parishes, please fill out the following form. Then mail it, drop it off at the parish office, or put it in the collection basket.

St. Dominic       Immaculate Conception

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_