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Fourth Weekend in Lent



*“Merciful and compassionate is the
Lord, your God, and He will not
turn away His face from you if you
return to Him.”
(2 Chr 30:9)*

Mission Field News



Friday, May 2 - Sunday, May 4

Marquette
Alumni
Weekend &
Spring Gala



Friday, May 2

Wine & Cheese Social
New Marquette School
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**GALA
NIGHT**

Saturday, May 3

Open House
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Spring Gala
Range Recreation Civic Center
5:00 pm - Doors Open
7:00 pm - Dinner

Cocktail Attire
Tickets \$60



Sunday, May 4

Closing Mass of
Thanksgiving
New Marquette School
10:00 am



For more information and to purchase tickets to the gala visit: www.marquettecatholicschool.com/springgala2025

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Eucharistic Revival Night #3 at Holy Spirit



“Gaze upon Him,
consider Him,
contemplate Him,
as you desire to imitate
Him.”

St. Clare of Assisi



Eucharistic Revival night is a source of amazing adoration, worship, reconciliation with our Lord, and an overall source of peace for those in Our Mission Field. If you have not made it to one of these beautiful evenings, you have truly been missing out! You have one more opportunity to join us this season for a Eucharistic Revival Night in Gilbert at St. Joseph's in May! Please keep an eye out for further details in upcoming Our Mission Field Newsletters.

Upcoming Lent Events



40 Hours Retreat - April 4 - 6: St. Joseph

Stations of the Cross - Our Lady of Hope: Wednesday's 5:30 pm and **Resurrection:** Friday's at 6 pm

Mission Field Night Prayer - Every evening at 9 pm during Lent on Our Mission Field's Facebook page

Theology on Tap - April 12: The Haven - Hoyt Lakes - 6 pm

Sunday Night Holy Hours - Holy Spirit - 6pm - with Teaching by Fr. Brandon on Discernment of Spirits

Chrism Mass - April 14: Cathedral, Duluth - 5:30 pm - Mission Field Dinner following


Communal Penance - April 15: St. Joseph - 6 pm



February Financial Update

“Lent is a fitting time for self denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt.”

(Pope Francis)

	Ordinary Income Need for 2024/2025	Ordinary Income Received to Date	Ordinary Income Needed Monthly	Ordinary Income Received February 2025	Ministries Appeal Goal 2025	Ministries Appeal Received
Holy Spirit (939 registered households)	\$485,000	\$298,316	\$40,416	\$29,181	\$76,370	\$16,230
Our Lady of Hope (200 registered households)	\$237,000	\$128,008	\$19,750	\$13,281	\$41,634	\$5,740
Resurrection (559 registered households)	\$233,000	\$167,405	\$19,416	\$17,275	\$45,876	\$3,762
St. Joseph (217 registered households)	\$147,000	\$112,695	\$12,250	\$12,327	\$29,213	\$3,560

Priest's Corner



Meaningful Mass



By Fr. David Forsman

I had an occasion recently to be in a Church here in the Mission Field for a Sunday Mass. It was twenty minutes before the start, and there was nobody there. It was me, Jesus in the Tabernacle and of course many angels surrounding us. I was flabbergasted. The first people that showed up 2 minutes later actually asked me, "Is there Mass tonight?" The lights were on, the candles lit, the gifts in their place on the stand in back, but the lack of faithful people caused doubt for them and me. I said "yes." With no time left there gathered a small crowd in the final minutes and ten more after Mass began. My perplexity caused the Holy Spirit to move and I gave two homilies.

I told them a story about how just that week I went to a Wild game in St. Paul. I had three tickets and the original group intending to go changed, so I had to fill the third spot. The original plan was to stay at my sister's in Robbinsdale on Sunday night, which I did. On Monday, I had to drive north again and pick up a woman in Moose Lake who would fill that third spot. She was in her 70's, and I took it upon myself to alleviate her drive. I went from Robbinsdale to Moose Lake, then to Hastings to pick up the other, and to St. Paul for the game. At the game 95% of the people were already there early. We took our seats. The Wild won 3-1. We left one minute early to get a jump in the parking ramp. 95% of the people stayed in the arena, and instead of taking an extra 45 minutes to get out of the parking lot, we escaped immediately. Off to Hastings to drop off the first, then to Moose Lake to drop off the second, and finally by 1:30 am I arrived in Proctor to sleep at my mother's home. I clocked my time driving, 8 hours... one day. For a Wild game.

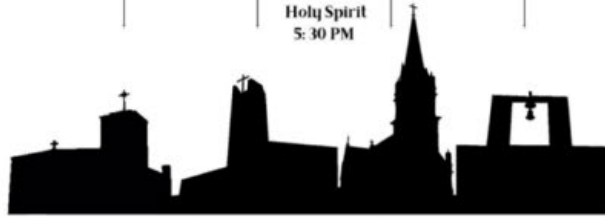
Why is it that if we can arrive early and stay late for something as meaningless as a hockey game, is there a lack of wisdom and understanding about the worship of the living and true God? In places as remote to us as Africa, the faithful walk for hours to go to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and in many villages the Mass takes hours...not 50 minutes (or so). Get in, get out, and go to and from the Mass. This to me has always been disconcerting. I am a champion of making preparation before Mass, and pausing at the end to make thanksgiving. *Faith, belief, and meaning is reflected by our actions.* What is in your heart (love for Jesus) is demonstrated by living it on the outside. What better time spent? What faith lived and demonstrated to others than the witness of the hard truth that God is God and I am not. I need Him, I want to be around Him. My routine can be broken by a greater truth.

There was a Catholic Church in Willow River (that has since been closed) where all the faithful stayed in the Church at the end. They fell down on their knees together and prayed privately. Prayers of thanksgiving to the God who filled them with the Bread of Life. I have never seen anything like it in all my years as a Catholic. Such witness for visitors to that parish. I dream of that reality in the Mission Field. I also note that in my tour of Masses and locations here, there are only two Sunday Masses, and no Saturday Masses, where the rosary is prayed before the Mass publicly. I think we have to work on that...I really do.

Search your heart, amend your routine, express your faith, follow the Holy Spirit. Nothing is more meaningful than the Mass.

Mass & Confession Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mass Holy Spirit 8:00 AM	Mass Holy Spirit 8:00 AM	Mass Resurrection 8:00 AM	Mass Resurrection 8:00 AM	Mass St. Joseph 8:00 AM	Confession Resurrection 10:00 AM	Mass Holy Spirit 8:00 AM
Mass OL of Hope 9:00 AM		Confession Resurrection 8:30 AM	Mass OL of Hope 9:00 AM	Confession St. Joseph 8:30 AM	Confession OL of Hope 3:30 PM	Mass St. Joseph 8:30 AM
		Confession Holy Spirit 4:30 PM			Confession Holy Spirit 4:00 PM	Mass OL of Hope 9:30 AM
		Mass Holy Spirit 5:30 PM			Mass Resurrection 4:00 PM	Mass Holy Spirit 10:00 AM
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					Mass Holy Spirit 5:00 PM	Confession St. Joseph 5:00 PM
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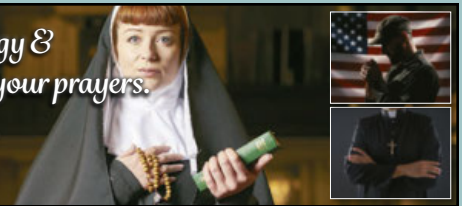
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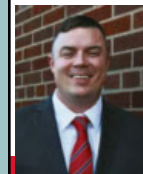
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