



Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Four Pillars in Faith ACC,

It is once again time for the semi-annual update from the pastoral council chairperson. The majority of the council's time over the past six months has been spent discussing two main topics. The first topic was the All Things New process. The council received updates as to how the process was going and offered feedback to Father Timothy based on comments and discussions council members had had with parishioners. I would like to personally thank the parishioners who volunteered to serve on the All Things New Committee. It was an intense process that demanded a great deal of time over the past nine months and the pastoral council is grateful that you were open to God's call to serve the ACC in this capacity.

The second topic of discussion was based on results from the parishioner survey conducted in early 2025. This topic was how to build community within the ACC. We talked about current efforts as well as potential future efforts. However, like many of you, our discussions struggled to gain traction as we wondered what the future of the ACC was going to look like. In November, we found out that the future likely involves the loss of two of our parishes.

The original plan for this column was to discuss how we should look for opportunities to build community, but it now seems appropriate to use this space to recognize that our ACC is grieving the upcoming loss (barring any significant changes) of two of our parishes. We humans generally do not do change very well, and many of us have significant memories at the church buildings in Foreston and Ogilvie. Funerals, weddings, First Communions, bazaars, luncheons, and the list goes on. Losing the tangible object where these memories occurred is much like losing a loved one. There will be a grieving process, and as Christians, we should support each other through this process. We should remember that everybody grieves differently. We also should remember that our memories will live on and can continue to bring us joy even though our loved one, or in this case a building, is gone.

I pondered this a great deal as I sat in my deer stand the last weekend of deer season. I looked out on a woods that was about to change. It will be logged off this winter and I will never see it the same again. A part of me was very sad as I thought about all the memories I had made with my grandfather in those woods. I soon realized however, that those woods were always changing. Trees that were there twenty years ago are now rotting on the ground, but my memory of the missed buck has never gone away. The logging job, while painful, will create new opportunities to make new memories with my kids as we chase deer under different trees. I trust that God will also offer new opportunities for all of us to make memories and grow in our faith in the new version of our ACC, just as he did in the old one. As always, please pray for the pastoral council.

Sincerely, Jared Barse

### Calendar at a Glance

#### Sunday, January 4

- Eucharistic Adoration, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m., with Family Rosary at 5:00 p.m., St. Mary's, Milaca.

#### Monday, January 5

- No Daily Mass.
- St. Mary's Guild, Milaca Christmas Party, 5:30 p.m., St. Mary's, Milaca. All Women of our ACC are invited!

#### Tuesday, January 6

- No Daily Mass.
- Adult Bible Study, 1:00 p.m., St. Mary's, Mora.

#### Wednesday, January 7

- No Daily Mass.
- Knights of Columbus Meeting, officers at 6:30 p.m., membership at 7:00 p.m., St. Mary's, Mora.
- St. Mary's/St. Louis Bertrand Lifelong Faith Formation for all grades, parents, and parishioners 6:15 - 7:45 p.m., St. Mary's, Milaca. Guest Speaker: Jeff Duresky
- Confirmation Classes for grades 10 and 11, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., St. Mary's, Mora.

#### Thursday, January 8

- No Daily Mass.
- Divine Mercy Prayer Group, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m., St. Mary's, Milaca.

#### Saturday, January 10

- NET Lifeline Mass for Teens, grades 7-12, bus leaves St. Kathryn's at 3:45 p.m.
- Fellowship Social, following the 4:00 p.m. Mass, St. Louis Bertrand.

### Mass Schedule and Intentions

**\*\*No Daily Mass January 5-8  
as Father will be on retreat.\*\***

#### Saturday, January 10 - Sunday, January 11

**Saturday, January 10 at 4:00 p.m.  
St. Louis Bertrand, Foreston**  
†Emma Reibestein

**Saturday, January 10 at 6:00 p.m.  
St. Kathryn's, Ogilvie**  
People of Our Parishes

**Sunday, January 11 at 8:00 a.m.  
St. Mary's, Milaca**  
†Patrick Archibald

**Sunday, January 11 at 10:00 a.m.  
St. Mary's, Mora**  
†Mary Smith

Livestream Mass on the YouTube Channel  
Sundays, 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's, Mora



Adoration locations, times and needs  
can be found in a previous bulletin.  
Reconciliation location and times can be found  
online and in a previous bulletin.



## Mass Attendance Counts

4:00 p.m., St. Mary's, Mora, Wednesday, December 24: 250  
7:00 p.m., St. Mary's, Milaca, Wednesday, December 24: 228  
12:00 a.m., St. Louis Bertrand, Thursday, December 25: 144  
9:00 a.m., St. Kathryn's, Ogilvie, Thursday, December 25: 115  
  
4:00 p.m., St. Louis Bertrand, Saturday, December 27: 162  
6:00 p.m., St. Kathryn's, Saturday, December 27: 73  
8:00 a.m., St. Mary's, Milaca, Sunday, December 28: 153  
10:00 a.m., St. Mary's, Mora, Sunday, December 28: 127

## Next Week's Readings

**Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7** Here is my servant.

**Psalm 29** "The Lord will bless His people with peace."

**Acts 10:34-38** God anointed Jesus with the Holy spirit and power.

**Matthew 3:13-17** The Spirit of God descends like a dove.

## Happy Birthday! January 4 - 10

**St. Louis Bertrand:** Tony Kollar, Mary Jo Gerads, Alex Sunder, Gabriella Helmin, Mary Mick

**St. Mary's, Milaca:** Mary Flock, DeAnna Gould, Judy Pelton, John Zeroth, Belinda Ash, Tim Ziegler

**St. Kathryn:** Theodore Meyman, Paul Kunkel

**St. Mary's, Mora:** Jessie Faber, Robert Haase, Patricia Paul, Donna Mann, Teagan Oslin, Mary Matykiewicz



## "Pray Without Ceasing" - 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Please include our families, friends and parishioners in your prayers, especially Becki Gould, Gene Stifter, Renee Coleman, Connie Vigen, Sharon Toenies, Zaven and Sharon Tufenk, Bernie Klejeski, Janice Landreville, Victoria Fitzgerald, Marlene Jansen, Frank Jindra, Kristina Hudson, Phyllis Pfeffer, Brian Gothman, Bretta Schindelle, Bonnie Meyer, Kari (Koep) Myhre, Nancy Drown, Nancy Dumond, Paul Johnson, Joel Marudas, Special Intentions, and for the faithful departed.

\*\*Please pray for our seminarian, Nicholas Daubner.

Please pray for all those who serve in the military, especially former and current parishioners:

Alec Bathgate, Amanda Birnbaum, Matthew Boyle, Ron Duresky, Corbin Heins, Christopher Helmin, Lawrence Kummet, Danielle Lundberg, Sam Marohn, Owen Marohn, Ben McCormick, Paige Minges, Leander Notch, Ryan Richter, Joe M. Ryan, Martin Stellmach, Hunter Sykes, Christopher Wilcox, Jonathan Wilcox, Daniel Wunderlich Jr.

Blessed salt, water, and chalk are available at your parish.

### EPIPHANY BLESSING

The top of the inside of the exterior doorways of the home are marked (20+C+M+B+26) with the blessed chalk while praying:

Hear us, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God, and send Thy Holy Angels from Heaven to watch over, cherish, protect, be with, and defend all who live in this house. I call upon Thy Saints, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, to protect our family and our home from every harm and danger, and I place their mark over this door to remain there as a constant reminder to us and to all who enter here that this home is truly a house of the Lord. O God, make the door of this house the gateway to Thine Eternal Kingdom. I ask these things in the Name of Jesus Christ, Thy Son. Amen.

## Announcements

### Happy Anniversary!

We offer our congratulations to Harvey and Elizabeth Toenies, who are celebrating their 62nd Wedding Anniversary. May God continue to bless their marriage and family.

  
**St. Mary's Guild, Milaca Christmas Party**  
**Monday, January 5**  
**Social at 5:30 p.m. - Potluck Meal at 6:00 p.m.**  
All women of our ACC are invited to the St. Mary's Guild Christmas Party in the parish hall. Please come and bring a lady friend! We will be playing the dice game, so please bring a wrapped gift with a value of \$10.00. We are also accepting monetary donations for the Milaca Area Pantry. We look forward to seeing you there!

### NET Lifeline Mass for Teens, Grades 7-12

**Saturday, January 10** - The bus will leave St. Kathryn's in Ogilvie at 3:45 p.m. Cost is \$10.00 per student for bus transportation. Bring a bag lunch for the bus and \$5.00 for the collection basket at Mass. Contact Lee Ann King at 320-406-2425 to sign up!

### St. Mary's Guild, Milaca Meeting

St. Mary's Guild will meet on Monday, January 12, 6:00 p.m. All women of St. Mary's are welcome!

### Committee for the Affirmation of Plans (CAP) Parish Hall Meeting

#### Thursday, January 15 at 6:00 p.m., St. Kathryn's

This Parish Hall Meeting will be our time to ask questions and share concerns. Father Timothy has asked that, in preparation for this meeting, to send any questions or concerns to the 4PillarsAllThingsNew@gmail.com email or drop a letter into one of the ACC mailboxes found at each church entrance.

**Please make every effort to attend this opportunity to share your concerns and to learn more.**

### Family Movie Event - Saturday, January 24, 2026

#### Paradise Theatre, 237 S Union Street, Mora

Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Movie begins at 1:00 p.m. The price of admission, a small popcorn and small pop are covered. Register with your parish office to ensure space and refreshments will be available.

  
**Holy Face of Jesus Information Meeting**  
**Sunday, January 25, 2:00 p.m.**  
**St. Mary's, Milaca**

Please join us for an informative meeting on the Holy Face of Jesus devotion and its connection to the

five First Saturdays. Come and learn how these devotions of reparation are linked and very necessary for our times.



### Knights of Columbus Breakfast Fundraiser Benefiting Kick Cancer to the Curb

**Sunday, January 25, 9:00 a.m. to Noon**

#### St. Mary's, Mora

Serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, and fruit. Free-will Offering. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 5078.



### St. Kathryn's Minnesota Hot Dish Buffet

**Wednesday, January 28, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.,**

Join us for a Hot Dish Buffet at St. Kathryn's in Ogilvie! Free-will offering. We will have a MN Gift Basket Raffle, tickets are \$1.00 each. The drawing will be held that evening.