

Fides♥Spes♥Caritas

AUGUST

Wine and Cheese
Saturday, August 8th
after Mass



Men's Group
Every
Wednesday
6:45 AM
Lower Level of
Church



Women's Book Club
Tuesday, August 11th
and 25th
2-3:30 PM
Lower Level of
Church

Beer and Brotherhood

The Brew Station
1803 Superior Street
Three Lakes, WI
Listen for the date of our
next gathering during the
ambo announcements or
contact Jeff Richmond for
more information
jtrichmond7@gmail.com
(563) 340-7939



Let's Grow Together garden fun!!!



FOOD PANTRY

Collection of non-perishable items for the
Three Lakes Christian Food Pantry is the **last**
weekend of each month!
Baskets will be in the entryways!

The Pope's Monthly Intention

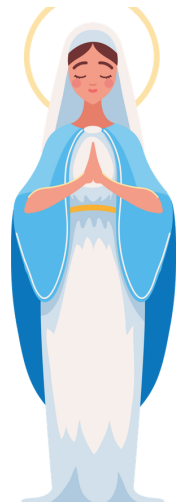
For evangelization in
the city



Let us pray
that in large
cities often
marked by
anonymity
and loneliness
we find new
ways to
proclaim the
Gospel,
discovering
creative paths
to build
community.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 15th

please note, due to falling
on Saturday this year, this is
not a holy day of obligation





Melissa Monte has accepted the administrative assistant opening for our cluster! Please welcome her and be thankful for her commitment to this ministry! Her first day is Monday, August 3rd!



Watch for updates on the progress of our goals in future editions of the newsletter!

Your Parish Council:

**Fr. Ron, Fr. Srikanth, Scott Hall,
Gary Mastalish, Don Meeder,
Mary Schulz, Jeannie Sprangers**



CATECHISM CORNER

answers and explanations on page 4

- What are the three actions required of the penitent for a good confession?
 - Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving
 - Contrition, confession, and satisfaction (penance)
 - Faith, hope, and charity
 - Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist
- What is the principal effect of the Sacrament of Reconciliation?
 - Physical healing
 - Admission into the Church
 - Receiving the Holy Spirit for the first time
 - Forgiveness of sins and reconciliation with God
- Why does the priest assign a penance after absolution?
 - To earn God's forgiveness
 - To punish the penitent
 - To help repair the harm caused by sin and encourage conversion
 - To determine whether the confession was sincere
- Which parable best illustrates God's joy over a repentant sinner?
 - The Prodigal Son
 - The Sower
 - The Good Samaritan
 - The Rich Fool
- What is the Seal of Confession?
 - A written record of the confession
 - The bishop's approval of absolution
 - The priest's absolute obligation never to reveal what was confessed
 - A certificate given after confession
- Why is the Sacrament of Reconciliation sometimes called the Sacrament of Healing?
 - It guarantees physical recovery from illness.
 - It is celebrated only in hospitals.
 - It replaces the Anointing of the Sick.
 - It restores the soul wounded by sin and strengthens the Christian life.

Over the past three years many goals have been accomplished at St. Theresa's:

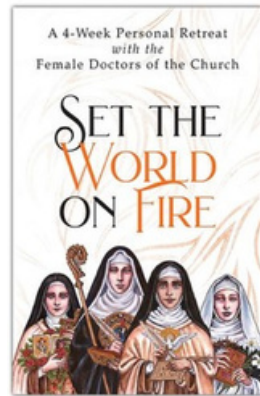
*New pews in the annex * Bollards near the church * New seal-coating and striping in the parking lot * Improved Wi-Fi * Kitchen renovation * Youth garden * Pavement in front of the Man Cave garage * Facade renovation at the Thrift Store * Exterior painting of the Thrift Store * Several other smaller projects *

The following three goals were established by our Parish Council for our 2026-2027

"Maintenance to Mission" goals required by the Diocese of Superior.

- Mission Goal #1:** Re-establish a Faith Formation program at St. Theresa's that serves the parish community up to and including 4th grade. The starting point is to get the first level of the Atrium program started this coming fall and progress from there. Atrium is a teaching model of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.
- Mission Goal #2:** Contact at least 50 individuals or families who were former members of St. Theresa's to facilitate their return to the Church.
- Maintenance Goal:** We will maintain and provide upgrades to the St. Theresa parish buildings and grounds to enhance worship and provide a safe and welcoming environment. We will complete at least two of the top five projects over the next 12 months. The projects will be completed safely and within the budgeted dollar amount. Projects on the current list: Upgrade electrical distribution system, install improved lighting for parking lot safety, improve basement acoustics, repair steeple, replace ductwork at the Thrift Store.

We meet to discuss books and videos centered on the Catholic faith and Christian principles. Participants share their insights and experiences, strengthening their faith and building friendships. All meetings will be from 2:00-3:30 PM in the lower level of St. Theresa. New members are always welcome - please join us!

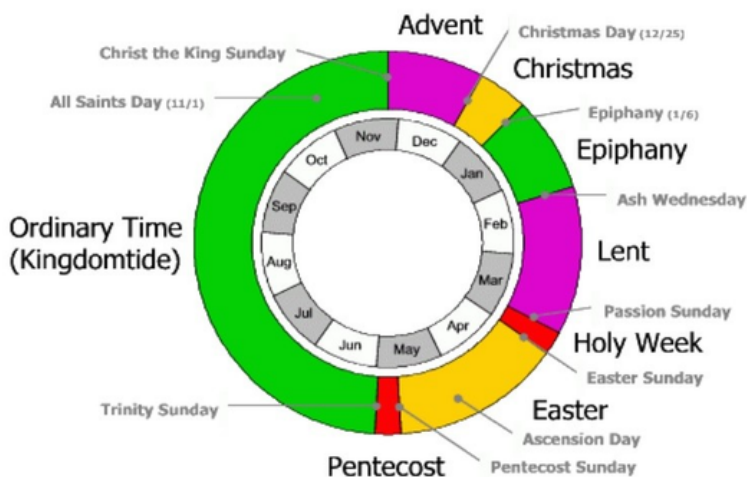


During August, we will continue our discussion of *Set the World on Fire: A 4-week Personal Retreat with the Female Doctors of the Church* by Vinita Hampton Wright. Even if you were unable to join us in July, it's not too late as each week offers a unique and in-depth experience of a saint and her unique gifts to the church.

August 11th: St. Catherine of Siena, a Third-Order Dominican who poured out her life for people in need but also gave astute, sharp direction to Church leaders, will guide you to live every moment with courage through the love of truth.

August 25th: St. Hildegard of Bingen, a Dictine abbess whose spiritual visions led to books, poetry, music, art and early scientific discovery, will show you how to engage life with passion and creativity.

Ever Wonder What the Different Colors Signify?????



PURPLE	RED	ROSE/PINK	GREEN	WHITE/GOLD
Penance Preparation	Sacrifice	Anticipation	Hope, Life & Growth	Joy & Purity
Used during Advent and Lent	Used during Passion Sunday, Good Friday, Pentecost, and the feast of the Apostles and martyrs	Used on the third Sunday in Advent and the fourth Sunday during Lent	Used throughout Ordinary Time	Used during Easter and Christmas seasons and feasts of the Blessed Mother, angels and saints who weren't martyred

Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA)

Northern Lakes Catholic Communities will be presenting OCIA beginning Monday, September 14th. We will meet every other Monday from 6 PM-8 PM at St. Peter the Fisherman parish in Eagle River. Scott and Denise Hall will again be facilitating this fantastic opportunity to learn about the incredible richness and beauty of our Catholic Christian faith.

Please share this with others or consider joining us if you would like the opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith in order to make informed decisions . . . if you are already attending the Catholic church, but have never gotten around to "making it official" . . . or, are not sure what you would like to do, but have interest in becoming Catholic!

We will have a wealth of knowledge, information, and great snacks to guide you on your journey!

For further information, or to register, please contact Scott Hall, ociaformation@northernlakescatholics.org or 404-867-6997

Thrift Store

Open for Donations and Shopping,

Thursday thru Saturday, 10AM-3PM

Donations also accepted:

Wednesday 9AM-1PM



Check out our upcoming sales:

- **August 6th-8th:** 50% Off All Dishes and Glassware
- **August 13th-15th:** All Women's Tops, Half-Price
- **August 20th-22nd:** 50% Off Jeans and Shoes
- **August 27th-29th:** Half-Off Puzzles and Games

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The Man Cave
will be open on
Saturday,
September 5th
9 AM-3 PM



sign-up in the narthex
for approximate head
count

SAVE THE DATE

Come celebrate St.
Teresa of Avila's Feast
Day after Mass on
Saturday, October
10th

Catechism Corner Answers

- 1. Answer:** B) Contrition, confession, and satisfaction (penance). **Explanation:** The penitent must be truly sorry for sins (contrition), confess them honestly, and perform the assigned penance to help repair the harm caused by sin.
- 2. Answer:** D) Forgiveness of sins and reconciliation with God **Explanation:** The sacrament restores sanctifying grace if it has been lost through mortal sin and strengthens the person's friendship with God.
- 3. Answer:** C) To help repair the harm caused by sin and encourage conversion **Explanation:** Forgiveness is God's free gift. Penance expresses repentance and helps repair the effects of sin in ourselves and others.
- 4. Answer:** A) The Prodigal Son. **Explanation:** The father in the parable eagerly welcomes his repentant son home, beautifully illustrating God's mercy toward every sinner who returns to Him (Luke 15:11-32).
- 5. Answer:** C) The priest's absolute obligation never to reveal what was confessed **Explanation:** The seal is absolute. A priest may never reveal anything learned during confession, even under threat of imprisonment or death.
- 6. Answer:** D) It restores the soul wounded by sin and strengthens the Christian life. **Explanation:** Sin wounds our relationship with God, the Church, and ourselves. Through Reconciliation, Christ heals those wounds by restoring grace, peace, and spiritual strength.

NORTHERN LAKES CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES

Working together in faith

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Mass

Wednesday 8:30 AM

Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM

Adoration and Confession

Wednesday 8:00 AM

***1st Wednesday

9:00 AM-Noon***

Rosary for Priests

Wednesday 7:15 AM

***1st Wednesday 7:45 AM

Confession

Saturday 3:00 PM-3:45 PM

Talk To Us

Questions, Comments, Suggestions Welcome!
What would you like to see? Please email Liz at liz@northernlakescatholics.org or call/text 715-617-5255. Thank you for your input! August submission deadline: **08/26/2026**

