



Sacred Heart Catholic Community of Wilton

October 4, 2026 • Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH COMMUNITY

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Church Physical Address: 135 3rd St NW, Wilton, MN 56687
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Fellowship Hall..... (218) 751-8446

BOOKKEEPER

Deb Heineman..... (218) 444-3287

BULLETIN INFORMATION

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Please call or email bulletin info by 7:00 pm on Thursdays.
If you wish to receive the bulletins via email, please contact
Ruth Walters at walters56601@gmail.com.

CEMETERY

Shelly Fredriksen (218) 556-8023
Richard Anderson..... (218) 467-3275

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & HALL RENTAL

Shelly Fredriksen (218) 556-8023
If you would like to use the church or social hall
for an event, (wedding, reunion, etc) please contact
Shelly to schedule and for rental information.

FUNERALS

LeAnn Agnes..... (218) 289-2351

LITURGY

Ann Illies..... (218) 751-9254
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MUSIC MINISTERS

Deb Smith..... (218) 387-5322
Mardelle Mohs (715) 699-1384

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Joe Rucinski
Symon Schindler-Syme
Mary Sorenson..... (218) 368-7895
Jennifer Trammell..... (218) 556-5945
Ruth Walters (218) 308-1265
Theresa Wilander
Regular meetings are the third Sunday of Jan., Mar.,
May, Jul., Sep., and Nov. starting at 7:00 pm in the
church social hall.

PARISH OUTREACH

Deb Heineman..... (218) 444-3287

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Contact Fr. John for information.

TRUSTEES

Richard Anderson
Cheryl Pauly

ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBERS

If you have changed your phone number, address or email address, please let Shelly know so the church records can be updated. It is helpful when notification about weather related announcements need to go out. Thank you for your help.

BAPTISM

Please contact Father John. When a date is set, please contact Ruth Walters.

BUSY BAGS

There are Busy Bags available for children during Mass. They are on the bulletin rack.

CALLING TREE

If church is cancelled due to weather, an email notice will be sent. If you don't have email and would like to have a phone call for cancellations, please give your phone number to Zelda or Polly. Thank you.

HEARING HELP

If you need assistance in hearing, there are hearing devices available for Mass.

KEEP US INFORMED

Please keep the priests and other church members informed of the hospitalized, sick or shut-ins or a recent family death. Contact Zelda Cartier or Deb Heineman for a visit from a Eucharistic Minister or a card.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like Mass to be said for someone, please contact Ruth at (218) 308-1265 or fill out a Mass Intentions envelope found in the bulletin rack and give to Ruth.

SACRED HEART COMMUNITY WELCOMES YOU

No matter what your present status is in the Catholic Church.

No matter your current family or marital situation.

No matter your personal history, age, income, background, gender, race, ethnicity or spirituality.

No matter your own self-image of holiness or virtue -

You belong to Jesus Christ
and you belong to us!

You are invited, accepted and respected here at Sacred Heart.

We want to share our Roman Catholic way of faith and life in Christ with you!

NEW PARISHIONERS

New Parishioners are always welcome! Please see Shelly Fredriksen to register.

RECONCILIATION

8:30 am prior to Mass.

SERVING CREWS

If it is your month to serve on the cleaning crew, and you are unable to help, please find a substitute to take over for you.

TRADITION

The first Sunday of the month, Potluck immediately following Mass.

Everyone Welcome!

VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

Diocese of Crookston
Cindy Hulst, LSW
24 hour confidential number:
(218) 281-7895

SCHOLARSHIP

Sacred Heart has established a Youth Scholarship Fund to help with tuition for our young people who choose to attend parochial school. If you would like to donate to the fund, please indicate (either on the memo line of your check, on an envelope, or by post-it note) that the donation is for youth scholarships.

Restrooms are located at the far end of the social hall, and in the nursery. The nursery is available for anyone with small children, so that all may participate in celebrating Mass.

If you are in need of a gluten free host, please let the Sacristan know

Please pray for those who have been called to leave their families in service to our country.

LIGHTS & DOORS

If you are last person in church please make sure lights are off and the doors are locked.

10/4/26

Reading I Isaiah 5:1-7

Resp. Psalm Psalm 80:9, 12-16, 19-20

Reading II Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel Matthew 21:33-43

10/5/26

Reading I Galatians 1:6-12

Resp. Psalm Psalm 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c

Gospel Luke 10:25-37

10/6/26

Reading I Galatians 1:13-24

Resp. Psalm Psalm 139:1b-3, 13-15

Gospel Luke 10:38-42

10/7/26

Reading I Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14

Resp. Psalm Psalm 117:1bc, 2

Gospel Luke 11:1-4

10/8/26

Reading I Galatians 3:1-5

Resp. Psalm Luke 1:69-75

Gospel Luke 11:5-13

10/9/26

Reading I Galatians 3:7-14

Resp. Psalm Psalm 111:1b-6

Gospel Luke 11:15-26

10/7/26

Reading I Galatians 3:22-29

Resp. Psalm Psalm 105:2-7

Gospel Luke 11:27-28



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 4 Children's Liturgy of the Word

Second Collection

Capital Improvements

Potluck

Following Mass.

October Serving Crew

Rucinski Family, Vollbrecht Family

October 5 Lois Rucinski Funeral

10:30 am, Sacred Heart Church. Visitation 1 hour prior to the service at the church.

October 6 Theresa Walsh Funeral

11 am, St. Mary's Catholic Church, 725 6th St NW, Fosston. The family will greet friends one hour prior.

October 10 Bethel's Best Bazaar

Bethel Lutheran Church, 5232 Irvine Ave NW, Bemidji - 8 am - 2 pm
Crafts, Farmers' Market, Silent Auction (ends at 1 pm), Bake Sale, Lunch 11 am-1 pm. Rommergrot! Fresh Lefse!

October 11 Meatball Dinner

Solway Lutheran Church - 11 am - 1:30 pm
Ages 8 & under - free, Ages 9 and up suggested \$15.00. Homemade Meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, homemade lefse, homemade pies. Country store - bake sale.



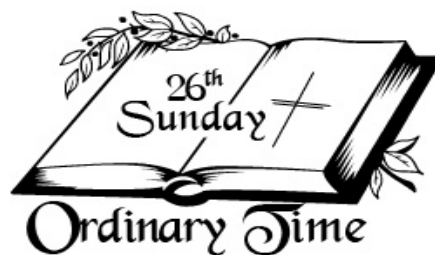
Mass Intentions

MASS INTENTIONS

For the repose of the soul of
Delores Orth

PLEASE NOTE

If your birthday or anniversary did not appear in the bulletin, this is not an oversight. Anyone who did not request this information to be included in the bulletin on their parish registration form is not included. Please check with Shelly Fredriksen to make sure your information is up to date.



FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:

Bring your souvenirs, invitations, thank yous, clippings, photos of Sacred Heart Memories to display and/or scrapbook. Place in the bright light teal basket on the liturgy table.

PE/INTERVENTIONIST TEACHER

St Mary's Mission School in Red Lake is hiring a PE/ Interventionist teacher for the 2026-2027 school year. The position can be full or part time. We offer competitive wages and full benefits. For more information about the position, please contact Alyssa Schindler at principal@stmarysmision.org

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

We pray for the repose of the soul of Lois Rucinski, who passed away this past week. May she be at peace in the arms of Jesus, and for her family during this difficult time.

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We pray for the repose of the soul of Delores Orth, mother of Carol Bjelland who passed away this past week. May she be at peace in the arms of Jesus, and for her family during this difficult time.

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We pray for the repose of the soul of Theresa Walsh, sister of Chris Agnes who passed away this past week. May she be at peace in the arms of Jesus, and for her family during this difficult time.



OCTOBER 4

Greeters.....Lorraine Galland
Altar Server.....Brenalen Fredriksen-Holm
Announcers & Readers..... Megan Fuller
John Carrlson, Ann Illies
Ushers..... Theresa Wilander
Carol Bjelland
Eucharistic Ministers..... Evie Johnson
John Trammell, Kathy Carrlson

OCTOBER 11

Greeters.....Lorraine Galland
Altar Server.....Teagan Rucinski
Announcers & Readers..... Joe Rucinski
Josie Proulx, Lois Jenkins
Ushers.....John Trammell
John Sorensen
Eucharistic Ministers.....Lorraine Galland
Evie Johnson, Kathy Carrlson

OCTOBER 18

Greeters.....Ann Illies
Altar Server.....Parker Fuller
Announcers & Readers.....Deb Heineman
Alyssa Schindler, Molly Vollbrecht
Ushers..... Karl Oestreich
Zach Thoma
Eucharistic Ministers..... Theresa Wilander
Stephanie Downey, Karen Shafer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The person who is listed first in the bulletin should bring the ciborium from the tabernacle to the altar and offer the body of Christ to those coming for communion. The other two listed should offer the cup with the Blood of Christ.

- **Eucharistic Ministers, please remember to gather the vessels after Mass and clean them for the next week in the Sacristy.**
- **The Eucharistic Minister who brings the eucharist from the tabernacle to the altar is responsible for returning the key for the tabernacle to the sacristy.**

UPDATE ON MIKE & ROSEMARIE WEBER

Rosemarie Weber wasn't able to have her back surgery as her blood pressure dropped. She needs more testing before she can be scheduled for surgery again which may not be till December. Her and Mike are settling into an apartment in Rochester to be closer to doctor. Appreciate your prayers.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Reminder: please notify Ruth when loved ones no longer need to be on our prayer list.

Jim Aakre
Barb Arbuckle
Sandra Brown
Kristy Christianson
Curt Connelly
Bill Downs
Alys Ann Edwards
Blake Edwards
Harriet Elsberd
Dennis Enright
Marty Fallon
Sophia Forchass
Lorraine Galland
Briggs Geisen
Brandi Green
Brandon Hart
Johanna Heineman
Harlan Johnson
Van Johnson
Whitey Kloeppner
Rosie Larson
Mike Lien
Margie Lisak
Kay Lisak-Buck
Julianne Little
Lydia
Kate Mayo
Seth & Lochlan McClusky
Brody Moen
Delores Orth
Elizabeth Parthun
Joe Raiter
Janice Renner
Lubchek Ryzhyy
Larry Schmidt
Cathy Simenson
Kevin Smethers
Calvin Smith
John Sorensen
John Swanson
Peggy Thayer
Debbie Theis Miller
Katie Van Der Meer
Gary Vold
Mike & Rosemarie Weber
Madonna Welter

CURSILLOS

Starting to make plans for fall? Consider signing up for Cursillo. The men's Cursillo is October 22-25. Both will be held at the Crookston Pastoral Center. This three-day retreat is an encounter with oneself, with Christ, and with others. It also focuses on living Christianity in all environments. Applications can be found on the Crookston Cursillo website.

WHAT'S IN YOUR HEART?

"Have no anxiety at all," Saint Paul writes. It's a tall order. But faith, especially the faith expressed in prayer, really can move us beyond all anxiety to the supreme peace God offers. Think about the sources of anxiety in your life and how faith can help you get through them.

- Much of the readings this week deals with rejecting God and repenting of that rejection. At what moments have you turned away from God? What has been or should be the way you turn back?

THE POWER OF PETS

Most organizations I've worked for have eventually done some version of a "Meet Our Pets" social media post. Without fail, it becomes one of the most popular posts of the year. Dogs, cats, birds, horses, even the occasional turtle—people can't get enough of seeing beloved companions. There is something joyful about seeing animals who are cherished. I work for a community of Catholic sisters, and this year, their *Laudato Si'* committee chose a simple theme for the Season of Creation (which concludes today on the Feast of Saint Francis, which is also the Blessing of the Animals in many parishes): love. Because love is what moves people to act.

What in God's creation is most deeply loved? For many, after family and friends, the answer comes quickly: a pet. Loving a pet can be a beautiful beginning to growing into gratitude for all creation, until every living thing is seen as a gift rather than a possession. I think part of the appeal of Saint Francis is he meets people where they are and invites them to something greater.

In today's gospel, the tenants forgot that the vineyard had been entrusted to their care. Francis always remembered, and in doing so, he bore the kind of fruit God wants to find in every human heart.

Jennifer Tomshack

Jennifer Tomshack is communications manager for Maryknoll Lay Missioners. She is a veteran journalist who has written and edited for numerous publications, including U.S. Catholic magazine. She has a master's degree in journalism from Northwestern University and a bachelor's degree in English from DePaul University.

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus..." Philippians 4:6-7

The opposite of Christian stewardship is fear. Giving to God "from the top" and not from what is left over requires an inner assurance that God will provide for our needs. This assurance or faith is the solid foundation for the practical exercise of stewardship.

ADVENTURES IN LIFELONG LEARNING

Adventures in Lifelong Learning is organized exclusively to provide opportunities for continued lifelong learning in the Bemidji area. It is intended that ALL programs will assist participants to improve their critical thinking skills and appreciate the diversity of human experience through presentation.

Bemidji ALL: since 1994

Tuesday, October 6, 2026 --

Dr. Caleb Curfman: Citizens, Soldiers, and Revolution: The Human Side of America's War for Independence

The American Revolution was fought not only by armies but also by families, communities, and political activists. Discover how military events and social change shaped one another during the struggle for independence. Dr. Caleb Curfman teaches History at Northland Community and Technical College. His research focuses on 19th Century America, specifically the era of the American Civil War and Native American history. His current manuscript project focuses on a social military history of the Dakota War of 1862, arguing that the Civil War and Dakota War created the conditions for a refinement of identity for Minnesota citizensoldiers on the frontier.

Note: NELL -- Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning -- hosts Isabelle and this presentation, Wednesday, September 30, 9:30 a.m., Bagley Public Library. Part of Isabelle's story is also in print in the newly published North Country Journal. Books will be for sale at her presentations.

Fall, 2026: 8 Tuesdays, 10-11:30 am at The Bemidji Eagles, starting 9/29/26 - 11/17/26
Please, bring your own coffee/tea/water cups.

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Sunday, Oct 04, 2026

They'll know us by our respect

We know Christians are to love others. Whether it's Jesus telling people to love God with all their souls, hearts, and minds and their neighbor as themselves or Saint John saying God is love, it is clear love is at the center of living one's faith. Love for all is not the intimate love we share with family, spouses, and close friends. No one can love everybody in that way. No, the essence of Christian love is respect for the life and dignity of all human beings. Christians are often ridiculed for such respect, particularly when it concerns vulnerable or marginalized lives, such as babies in the womb; disabled, elderly, and poor people; undocumented workers; prisoners; addicts; or even our sworn enemies. But our love for even the least of our brothers and sisters is what sets Christians apart. Show that love today on Respect Life Sunday, and every day.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43 (139). *"By the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes."*

Monday, Oct 05, 2026

Don't fence love in

"Hear, O Israel," says a famous Jewish prayer, taken from the Book of Deuteronomy, "... you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might." Sound familiar? How about this, from the Book of Leviticus: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." As you can see, the Christian teaching to love God with all your being and to love your neighbor as yourself was not new. What was new was the messenger: Jesus. And right before the "love your neighbor" quote, the Old Testament says, "You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people." Christ, however, made it clear that love wasn't meant only for your own people. "Your neighbor" is everyone.

Galatians 1:6-12; Luke 10:25-37 (461). *"Because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?'"*

Tuesday, Oct 06, 2026

The better part?

There's probably no other gospel story that infuriates women quite as much as the one we read today about Martha and her sister Mary. Invariably, the argument goes something like this: If everyone—including Jesus—would have helped out in the kitchen, both Mary and Martha could have sat and listened to what Jesus had to say. Still, no matter how much we might like to rewrite the story, for 2,000 years Martha has cooked and served while her sister sits at Jesus' feet. What can we learn from this maddening story? How about acceptance? Of tension. Of the unsolvable. Of all that is unresolved in our lives. It's worth contemplating.

Galatians 1:13-24; Luke 10:38-42 (462). *"A woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak."*

Wednesday, Oct 07, 2026

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us

The Rosary has been a favored Catholic form of prayer for centuries. It invites us to pray a set order of Our Fathers, Hail Marys, and Glory Be's along a string of beads while meditating on gospel stories from Mary's and Jesus' lives. This spiritual practice has helped generations of Catholics ask for Mary's intercession

and God's direction. In October 1571, Catholic soldiers prayed the Rosary to prepare for battle with Turkish soldiers in the Gulf of Corinth. When they won that battle, Pope Pius V claimed that October 7 would be known as the Feast of Our Lady of Victory. Two years later, his successor, Gregory XIII, changed the name to the Our Lady of the Rosary. As our world faces many challenges, we continue to turn to prayer and ask for Mary's intercession as we seek God's guidance.

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14; Luke 11:1-4 (463). *"Jesus was praying in a certain place."*

Thursday, Oct 08, 2026

Keep your mind and heart open

In biblical times, hospitality was not so much a question of courtesy or manners but of moral obligation. The harsh, nomadic conditions of desert life meant that welcoming the traveler was often a matter of survival. Not only friends were to be welcomed but strangers as well, because, for the Israelites, they, too, had once been "strangers in a strange land." In our age of proliferating gated communities, alarm systems, checkpoints, and border walls, it's easy to lose sight of the fact that the door to our heart must always remain open to weary travelers and strangers we meet on life's journey.

Galatians 3:1-5; Luke 11:5-13 (464). *"Knock and the door will be opened to you."*

Friday, Oct 09, 2026

What it takes to be Christian

So, which comes first, believing or doing? Over the centuries Christians have argued and fought and divided over this question, slinging theological doctrines and scripture verses at one another like rocks. Didn't Saint Paul say, "We know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ"? But didn't Saint James say, "Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead"? We're only now figuring out that faith and works go hand in hand. Truly good works are grounded in faith, while true faith is expressed in charitable action. You can't have one without the other. What can you do today to strengthen these key ingredients to true discipleship?

Galatians 3:7-14; Luke 11:15-26 (465). *"The law does not depend on faith; rather, the one who does these things will live by them."*

Saturday, Oct 10, 2026

Who are the blessed?

You'd think Jesus wouldn't have missed an opportunity to accept a compliment about his mother. But instead, he uses the moment when someone calls her blessed for being his mother to make it clear that true blessedness comes from hearing and living according to the word of God, and that blessedness is available to all. Being someone's mother, spouse, child, or friend isn't enough to make us holy; we must each choose to follow Jesus ourselves. Undoubtedly, Mary is blessed because she is the first disciple to hear the word of God and keep it. We, too, will find ourselves blessed when we put our lives at the service of the Lord and faithfully follow his word.

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Galatians 3:22-29; Luke 11:27-28 (466). *"He replied, 'Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.'"*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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