



The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 14th, 2025



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St. Anthony's

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Sts. Peter & Paul

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Mass Schedule

Sun. Sept. 14th The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:30am Sts. P&P: Marilyn Lingen

10:30am St. A: Pat Klosterman+

Mon. Sept. 15th No Daily Mass

Tue. Sept. 16th Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

8:30am Sts. P&P: Marilyn Lingen+

Wed. Sept. 17th St. Robert Bellarmine

8:30am St. A: Christian Mothers

Thu. Sept. 18th Weekday

8:30am Sts. P&P: Joe Mertes+

Fri. Sept. 19th St. Januarius

8:30am St. A: Pat Klosterman+

Sat. Sept. 20th St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon

8:30am St. A: Al Brandt+

5:00pm St. A: Loretta Althoff+

Sun. Sept. 21st 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Sts. P&P: Loretta Althoff+

10:30am St. A: People of the Parish

Confession Times

Saturdays 3:45pm-4:45pm St. A

Sundays 7:45am-8:15am Sts. P&P

Anytime by request

Schedule of Ministries

Saturday, September 13th

Lector: Joe Braun

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Don Althoff

Sunday, September 14th

8:30am

Lector: Barb Severson

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Dan Lugert

Gifts: Todd & Tammi Althoff

10:30am

Lector: Renata Fobb

Servers: Serentiy A. & Xavior M.

Ushers: Yoney Fobb & Dale A.

Gifts: Yoney Fobb Family

Financial Updates

St. Anthony

Plate: \$66.25
Envelopes: \$1,325.00

Sts. Peter & Paul

Plate: \$56.00
Envelopes: \$270.00
Non-Offertory \$2,000.00

Anniversaries Birthdays

Jason & Jennifer Kjar

Taylor Mauch; Ezra Pausch; Carol Simdorn; Alyson Krier; Hattie Szudera

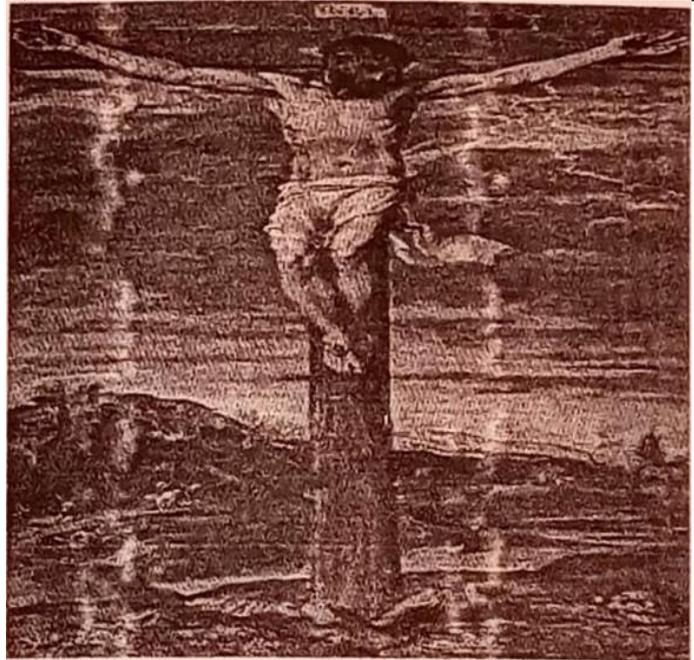
People in Need of Prayers

Steve Mertzen, Travis, Steve Cerkas, August Dockter, Mary Ann Frankis, Kristen Czekala, Tyrell Fauske, Nettie Mauch, Kate Cook, David Severson, John Lingen Jr., Oliver Morff, Joe Lenz, Carol Colby, Micah Pellman, Julie Wahler, Cindy Braun, Randy Lugert, Randy Kolstad, Randy Mauch

Thank you(or keening God's Houses Clean for the Month:

St. Anthony: Gary & Audrey Andel, Curt & Sue Berg, Richard & Cindy Spellerberg, Todd & Caryn Klosterman, Don & Clair Jo Althoff, Joe & Dawn Storbakken, Vance & Kristi Wagner

Sts. Peter & Paul: Denise Hejtmanek, Pam Foertsch, Marietta Pellman



St. Anthony & Sts. Peter and Paul Religious Education program is selling Pizzas from Brew Pub and Pizza Corner. Pizzas are \$12.00 and order forms are located in the back of the church. Order forms are due back Wednesday, September 17th. Pizzas can be picked up October 5th after 10:30a.m. Mass in Mooreton.

Prayer Scripture of the Week

Pray and read Psalm 22 or Psalm 78 (or read Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraphs 595-623 Jesus Died Crucified)

Prayer before a Crucifix:

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus while before Your face I humbly kneel and, with burning soul, pray and beseech You to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity; true contrition for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment. While I contemplate, with great love and tender pity, Your five most precious wounds, pondering over them within me and calling to mind the words which David, Your prophet, said to You, my Jesus: "They have pierced My hands and My feet, they have numbered all My bones." Amen.

Readings for the week of September 14th

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| Sunday: | Nm 21:4-9, Ps 78:1-2, 34-38, Phil 2:6-11, Jn 3:13-17 |
| Monday: | 1 Tm 2:1-8, Ps 82:2, 7-9, Jn 19:25-27 |
| Tuesday: | 1 Tm 3:1-13, Ps 101:1-3, 5-6, Lk 7:11-19 |
| Wednesday: | 1 Tm 3:14-16, Ps 111:1-6, Lk 7:31-35 |
| Thursday: | 1 Tm 4:12-16, Ps 111:7-10, Lk 7:36-50 1 |
| Friday: | Tm 6:2-12, Ps 49:6-10, 17-20, Lk8:1-3 |
| Saturday: | 1 Tm 6:13-16, Ps 100:1-5, Lk 8:4-15 |
| Sunday: | Am 8:4-7, Ps 113:1-2, 4-8, 1 Tm 2:1-8, Lk 8:19-21 |

St. Paul's Corner

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross commemorates two key events: The 4th century discovery of the True Cross by St. Helena and the triumphant return of the cross to Jerusalem in 629AD after it was recovered from the Persians by Emperor Heraclitus. It is a day to celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death, recognizing the cross as an instrument of salvation,

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross serves as a contradiction between the kingdom of man and the Kingdom of God. The cross and act of crucifixion for the kingdom of man was one of, if not the most, humiliating and torturous forms of human execution. Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Word of God, freely lays down his life on the cross. The cross becomes our Lord's marriage bed; his side is pierced with a lance; blood and water pour forth as he gives birth to the Church and the Christian faith. What was meant to become an instrument of death became an instrument of life.

The sign of the cross becomes for Christians the bridge between earth and Heaven. Jesus opens the gates of Heaven making the opportunity for eternal life and salvation possible for all people.

On the day of our Baptism the sign of the cross was traced over our forehead as the priest claimed us for Christ. We have been distinctly set apart for Christ, the Kingdom of God, destined for eternal life in Heaven. A Christian's allegiance and loyalty is, first and foremost, always to Jesus Christ and, his Bride the Church, not a political candidate or party. Doing otherwise is to contradict the first commandment: "I am the Lord your God; you shall not have strange gods before me." Yet the hearts of many Christians seek to serve and proclaim the kingdom of man rather than the Kingdom of God.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen, some may remember his radio program *Life is Worth Living*, prophetically began speaking about the dangers of communism and socialism in the 1950s-1960s. The dangerous ideologies of communism and socialism generally at some point directly exclude God and religion all together from the public sphere. The emphasis is on the human individual as god who has control and power over all the people where death eventually ensues. In 1999 *The Black Book of Communism* attempted to tabulate a Marxist-Lenin death toll in the twentieth century with a figure approaching 100 million over nine nations.

In many of these nations, places of worship are controlled by the government or are closed. Religious objects, including crucifixes, will be destroyed or removed by government officials and replaced with an image of the "leader." In the words of Joshua, "And if you be unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will served, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River; or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24: 15)

