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PASTORALLY SPEAKING

"For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named..." (Ephesians 3:14)

I once read an article about how priests ministered to their faithful in the USSR. Having had so many of the normal responsibilities of parish life taken away by the Communists, the Church was able to focus more intentionally on the spiritual life—which, of course, is the fundamental work of the Church in the first place.

The renewed focus on "the one thing needful" (Luke 10:42) led to the emergence of what became known as "spiritual communities." These communities gathered around devoted bishops and priests who taught the faith, made disciples, and offered sound spiritual guidance.

The article went on to say that the foundation of these spiritual communities was frequent participation in the Holy Mysteries, especially Holy Communion. The sacramental life gave them their unity and their strength.

Our parish has many responsibilities. We care for those in need. We teach the faith. We support children, youth, adults, and seniors. We maintain our facilities. We develop ministries and programs. We reach out to our community. All of this matters. But none of these things is our identity.

Our identity is that we are a family. We are a spiritual family whose Father is God. We are brothers and sisters in Christ, formed by the Gospel, nourished by the Holy Mysteries, and united by the Holy Spirit. Everything else we do should flow from that reality.

Healthy families naturally care for one another. They teach one another. They gather around the table to break bread together. The same is true of the Church. As we remain rooted in discipleship, prayer, and especially the Eucharist, our ministries become expressions of who we already are—a family gathered by Christ in the house of our Heavenly Father.

In Christ,

Fr. Andrew Jarmus

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Financial Operations Update

One of the priorities currently underway is a review of the financial operations of our parish. During the past month, I met with the Finance Committee and our financial officers to review our current financial processes and responsibilities.

Together, we examined the duties of the Board Treasurers and Financial Secretaries, identifying the many important tasks that keep the financial life of our parish running smoothly.

The next step in this process will be to reorganize these responsibilities so that the workload is shared more effectively. Our goal is to distribute tasks among several individuals, reducing the burden on any one or two people while providing greater continuity, accountability, and long-term sustainability for our parish's financial operations.

Thank you to everyone who has dedicated their time and talents to these important ministries. Your service is greatly appreciated as we continue working to strengthen the administrative and financial stewardship of St. Mary's.

In Christ,
Scott Boris
President Board of Trustees

NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS

In accordance with the Bylaws, Article IV, Section 3: Notice of the new member application shall be published in the next monthly *Bulletin*. The following individual(s) have submitted an application for membership to St. Mary's: *William Morris, Connor Thornton.* If you have any comment pertaining to any applicant, please submit it to any Board member during this 45-day period, which began with the publication of this *Bulletin*.

MUSIC NOTES

Hello everyone,

I am Benjamin Sawchak, your new choir director. I was born into the Orthodox Church at Ss. Peter and Paul in Lakewood, Ohio in 1998. To say that Orthodoxy runs in my family is an understatement. Both my grandfather Paul and my father Timothy were priests, and my mother Jennifer studied liturgical music and music education at St. Vladimir's Seminary. And both of her parents were avid singers at St. Michael Antiochian Orthodox Church in Louisville, Kentucky.

My family moved from Ss. Peter and Paul in Lakewood to Holy Trinity in Gardner, Kansas in 2005, and I have lived there up until now. I began directing choir in high school, graduating from Gardner Edgerton High School, and proceeded to get my Bachelor's in voice performance from the University of Kansas (2024) and my Master's in choral conducting from the University of Missouri-Kansas City (2026). Along the way, I have held a variety of jobs, including directing the choir at Hope Lutheran Church and operating a bus for the city of Lawrence, Kansas.

Outside of music I enjoy sports like football, basketball, and my favorite, baseball (Go Pirates!) I am an avid rail fan and enjoy all things trains, so you'll never have to worry about lacking random and niche railroad facts. I enjoy technology and playing video games with my friends in my free time. And I love to participate in all things art and music, whether it be seeing the opera, visiting a museum, admiring local architecture, or listening to various symphonies or choirs perform.

Orthodox liturgical music has always been a passion of mine. It is an integral part of my faith, and it is ultimately what inspired me to pursue music professionally. I am so excited to start this journey together and be a part of this wonderful parish. I hope to grow closer to our faith as a community, and I look forward to helping grow our choir and church both musically and spiritually. I also hope to engage with our youth and find ways for them to be involved in our music ministry. Please feel free to reach out if you have interest in joining the choir, or if you have any other questions! God bless and I look forward to meeting everyone!

In Christ,

Benjamin Sawchak

From the Olive Shoot Cathedral Shop

As summer continues, we are open on the second Sunday of each month **(August 9 this month)** through September or by appointment. I can be reached at oliveshoot@stmarysoca.org for anything needed between regular hours. Stop in and visit us, many new things continue to be added! Thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful summer!

Grief Group

St Mary's has a Pan-Orthodox Grief Group that meets every month. If you are interested in joining or need more information, reach out to Joni Snidarich at stmarysgriefgroup@gmail.com

PROSPHORA BAKING PANS-- PROJECT ACCOMPLISHED!

In our last monthly bulletin, we listed out initial baking pan sponsors. Additional donations from the following people were received. We have now met our fundraising goal to cover the cost of the new baking pans! **THANK YOU** to everyone!

Donations came from: Joanne Korluka IHO Mary Ann Brinda's 101st Birthday; Dorothy Zurbey, Walt Grivna Jr.; Robert & Julie Jensen; Phyllis Banholzer; and from a Coffee Hour collection.

FOCUS MINNESOTA

The FOCUS (Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve) food shelf is looking for a few more volunteers for the month of August. All are welcome regardless of sign up, but signing up helps the organizers. Thanks! --Ann

CHURCH SCHOOL

After two years of training through the CrossRoad Parish Youth Ministry Network, Sophia Miller, Sarah Varian, and Anna Memorich will transition to new roles in the church as co-coordinators for Church School, Youth, and the Saints. Julie Miller will continue as a co-coordinator, focusing mainly on grades PreK-5, while Sophia, Sarah, and Anna will focus on grades 6-12 and the Saints. Sophia Miller and Stasi Micich will be the Saints advisors.

In addition to the change in leadership, there will also be significant programming changes. Kindergarten and 1st grade will now be taught as a combined classroom, and the same will apply to 4th-5th grade, 6th-8th grade, and 9th-12th grade, for a total of six classrooms.

A special thank you to Kirsten Rohmann who is stepping down as one of the Church School Coordinators. Kirsten has volunteered many years of her time with St. Mary's Youth Programming, and her work has been greatly appreciated. Kirsten will continue to help with registration, so you will still see her around the youth office.

Church School registration begins in August and will be in-person. Returning families will simply need to verify that their information is correct or update it if not; there will be no new forms, but a signature will be required. New families will need to complete a form for registration and provide the necessary information.

The first day of Church School will be September 13, 2026. Details and dates for the new school year will be communicated in the coming weeks.

ELSEWHERE

Save the Date! A free Event:

Join us on Saturday, August 22nd for 9:30 a.m. Liturgy at the historic St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Chisholm followed by lunch and a 1:00 p.m. presentation by Mary Soroko on her book *Forged in Iron, A Minnesota Rusyn Immigrant's Tale* at the Minnesota Discovery Center. See more at the MDC event site or the QR code below. Please RSVP to Mary Kaye Kuzma at Mookykook@gmail.com if you plan on attending the lunch.

St. Mary's Coptic Festival

Celebrating 20 Years of Faith, Community, and Tradition at 501 6th St, South Saint Paul!

Saturday August 29, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Sunday August 30, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Benefit Concert

Join us for a night of beautiful and unique blend of Western Classical music and Byzantine chant in support of St. George GOC and FOCUS.

Date: Saturday, October 24, 2026
Time: 7:00 PM (Doors open at 6:30 PM)

Capacity is limited. Purchasing tickets in advance is strongly encouraged. Visit St. George's website or use the QR code below to purchase tickets. Contact office@stgeorgegoc.org with any questions

Iconography Workshop

As St. Mary's Cathedral once again sponsors the iconography workshop, Nov 1-7, you are encouraged to participate as students. The theme this year is Christ the Teacher. Jesus is holding a Gospel Book declaring: "I am the Light of the world." A 10% tuition discount is given to parishioners. Contact Marilyn Johnson at mjohnson@alumni.umn.edu, see the church website for details, or register by QR code below.

Many Years!

A very Happy Birthday to all who celebrate their birthdays in August, especially Mike Bress, who will be celebrating his 93rd birthday on August 23!

May God grant you many years!

Congratulations to all who are celebrating their anniversaries during the month of August:

Sophia & Victor Shuran	Aug. 4	35 years
Todd & Polly Walker	Aug. 4	53 years
Scott & Cindy Solz	Aug. 8	27 years
Jennifer & Christopher Lake	Aug. 15	11 years
Scott & Sandi Parr	Aug. 16	18 years
Scott & JoAnn Rusinak	Aug. 18	42 years
Timothy & Megan Monko	Aug. 20	9 years
Dn. David & Susan Kostick	Aug. 20	28 years
Sarah & Daniel Cusick	Aug. 20	26 years
Donald & Rose Dzubak	Aug. 21	38 years
Dn. Joshua & Malene Ford	Aug. 23	23 years
Bernard & Chris Gulachek	Aug. 23	40 years
Michael & Mary Varian	Aug. 24	13 years
Jordan & Kelle Griffin	Aug. 24	18 years
Bryan & Melissa Vaughan	Aug. 25	13 years
Daniel & Julie Ann Miller	Aug. 26	25 years
Michael & Shannon Voytovich	Aug. 27	33 years
Peter & Darlene Felegy	Aug. 29	62 years
Fr. Myron & Mat. Paula Manzuk	Aug. 29	56 years
Kathleen & James Kirkendall	Aug. 30	24 years
Jack & Irene Novak	Aug. 30	68 years
Edward & Betty Bearse	Aug. 31	46 years

May God grant you many years!

Transitions

Baptism:
Gordy, 6-13-2026

Marriage:
Anna Scheglowski & John Taylor, 6-5-2026
Viktor Boris & Linnea Kronzer, 6-7-2026

Funerals:
Demeter Kokosh
John Miller

Contributions from June & July

General Fund
In memory of John Miller
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In memory of John Miller
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In memory of Joe Neumann
From Family and Friends

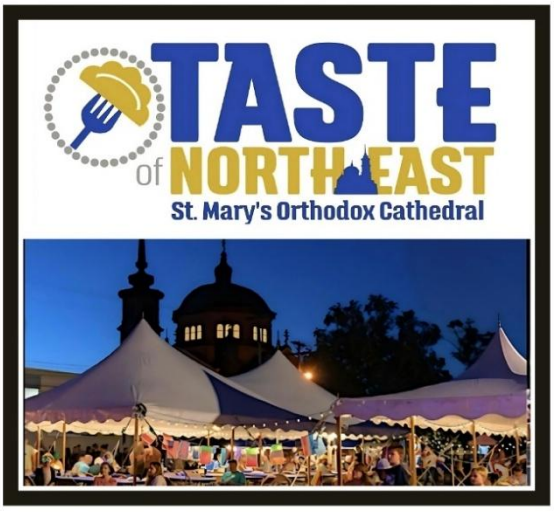
Dear Parish Family,

Planning is underway for the 2026 Taste of NE Festival (September 26–27), and we're looking forward to another joyful weekend of food, music, and fellowship!

To help make this event possible,
WE INVITE YOU TO BECOME A PERSONAL SPONSOR.

- Sponsorships help cover essential festival costs, such as live music, security, permits, equipment rental, etc.
- Being a sponsor shows your support for the festival's mission of creating a fun and welcoming event for our church and community.
- Your support also helps ensure that the festival is a financial success. In 2025, the festival donated $20,000 to St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral, $3,000 to Focus and $1,000 to Eastside Neighborhood Services; and we hope to exceed those amounts in 2026.

Thank you for your support!



Thank you for choosing to be a personal festival sponsor!

Two ways you can become a sponsor:

1. CASH OR CHECK

Complete the form below and mail/drop it off at the church office (1701 5th St. NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413) along with your donation. Checks should be made payable to St. Mary's Taste of NE Festival.

Sponsorship Level (check one):

_____ Kielbasa King (or Queen): $200 or more
_____ Holubki Hero: $100
_____ Perohi Partner: $50
_____ Festival Friend: $25

Name:_____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Address: _____
_____

2. VENMO

Decide on your sponsorship level, and then pay with the Venmo link below. Add memo note "FESTIVAL SPONSOR".

If you have any questions, please call or text Sandy Tomczyk, 612/720-6391.

TASTE OF NORTHEAST
ST. MARY'S ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

SAVE THE DATES:
Saturday Sept 26
Sunday Sept 27

A huge THANK YOU to our PERSONAL SPONSORS:

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Thanks so much for your support!

If you are interested in becoming a business sponsor, marketplace vendor,or are looking to donate to our silent auction/basket raffle, please use the QR code below to navigate to our digital forms. If you would like to be a personal sponsor, please see other side for more info.

FOCUS
MINNESOTA

Love in Action
A Benefit Dinner for FOCUS Minnesota

Join us for Love in Action, a benefit dinner supporting the work of FOCUS Minnesota. Enjoy an evening of drinks, dinner, and dessert as we gather to celebrate the impact being made in our community and the lives being transformed through Christ-centered service. Admission is free, and guests will be invited to make a meaningful contribution in support of FOCUS Minnesota's ministry. We look forward to sharing this special evening with you.

We kindly ask that you respond using the QR code provided or by visiting focusna.org/mndinner

Questions? Contact Dustin Hertzog at dhertzog@focusna.org

Date: Thursday, August 20th

Where: St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church - 3450 Irving Ave S, Minneapolis

When: 6:00 - 9:00 PM

RSVP: Please RSVP by July 30th

focusna.org/mndinner

POUR FOR A CAUSE

Wine and Cheese Fundraiser

Thursday October 29, 2026

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					31	**1 - Dormition Fast Begins** 11:00am - Parish Hall reserved 5:00pm - Great Vespers 5:45pm - General Confession
2 - Dormition Fast 8:30am - Divine Liturgy, Annunciation Chapel (Cemetery) 9:00am - Divine Liturgy, Cathedral 10:45am - Coffee Hour, Informal	**3 - Dormition Fast** 7:30am - Perohi Making Office Closed	**4 - Dormition Fast** 7:30am - Perohi Making 1:00pm - Online Bible Study w/Fr. Andrew 7:00pm - Online Bible Study w/Fr. Andrew	**5 - Dormition Fast** 6:15pm - Festal Vespers 7:00pm - Q&A w/Fr. Andrew	**6 - Transfiguration of Our Lord, Dormition Fast** 7:45am - Festal Matins 9am - Festal Divine Liturgy, Cathedral 7:30pm - Zoom Adult Bible Study w/Dn. Philip	**7 - Dormition Fast**	**8 - Dormition Fast** 5:00pm - Great Vespers
9 - Dormition Fast 8:30am - Divine Liturgy, Annunciation Chapel (Cemetery) 9:00am - Divine Liturgy, Cathedral 10:45am - Coffee Hour, Informal **10:45 - Olive Shoot Shop OPEN**	**10 - Dormition Fast** 7:00pm - Board Meeting Office Closed	**11 - Dormition Fast** 1:00pm - Online Bible Study w/Fr. Andrew 7:00pm - Online Bible Study w/Fr. Andrew	**12 - Dormition Fast** 6:15pm - Daily Vespers 7:00pm - Catechumen Class	**13 - Dormition Fast** 9am - Divine Liturgy, St. Andrew's Chapel (Basement) 6pm - Orthodox Guys' Night 7:30pm - Zoom Adult Bible Study w/Dn. Philip	**14 - Dormition Fast** 6:15pm - Festal Vespers	**15 - Dormition of the Mother of God** 7:45am - Festal Matins 9:00am - Festal Divine Liturgy 5:00pm Great Vespers
16 - Parastas Sunday 8:30am - Divine Liturgy, Annunciation Chapel (Cemetery) 9:00am - Divine Liturgy, Cathedral 10:45am - Parastas, Cathedral 10:45am - Coffee Hour, Informal	**17** 7:30am - Perohi Making Office Closed	**18** 7:30am - Perohi Making 1:00pm - Online Bible Study w/Fr. Andrew 7:00pm - Online Bible Study w/Fr. Andrew	**19** 6:15pm - Daily Vespers	**20** 9:00am - Divine Liturgy, St. Andrew's Chapel (Basement) 7:30pm - Zoom Adult Bible Study w/Dn. Philip	**21**	**22** 6:30am - Parish Hall reserved for Women's Club 5:00pm - Great Vespers
23 8:30am - Divine Liturgy, Annunciation Chapel (Cemetery) 9:00am - Divine Liturgy, Cathedral 10:45am - Coffee Hour, Informal 2:00 - Reserved, Wedding	**24** Office Closed	**25** 1:00pm - Online Bible Study w/Fr. Andrew 6:30pm - Grief Group 7:00pm - Online Bible Study w/Fr. Andrew	**26** 6:15pm - Daily Vespers	**27** 9:00am - Divine Liturgy, St. Andrew's Chapel (Basement) 7:30pm - Zoom Adult Bible Study w/Dn. Philip	**28** 11:00am - Perohi Public Sales	**29** 5pm - Great Vespers
30 8:30am - Divine Liturgy, Annunciation Chapel (Cemetery) 9:00am - Divine Liturgy, Cathedral 10:45am - Coffee Hour, Informal	**31** 7:30am - Perohi Making Office Closed	**1 - Church New Year** 7:30am - Perohi Making 1:00pm - Online Bible Study w/Fr. Andrew 7:00pm - Online Bible Study w/Fr. Andrew	**Schedule is subject to change. Please check the Weekly Messenger or www.stmarysoca.org for updates.**			

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