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Why are there Eucharistic Miracles?

Quite simply, humans are weak.

As Catholic Christians, we believe that at each celebration of the Mass, a miracle happens. The priest takes our offering of bread and wine and calls the Holy Spirit down upon the offering. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, the bread and wine become the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We know this to be true. We also know that through Transubstantiation, this happens, while the outward characteristics of bread and wine, that is the 'eucharistic species', remain unaltered.

Over time, many Eucharistic miracles have been documented. A Eucharistic miracle is when the Host has "turned into human flesh and blood." Eucharistic miracles have been documented and proven by blind scientific testing over time. The type of miracle varies greatly. In Siena, Italy a consecrated host has remained preserved for over 250 years. Another instance in Lanciano, Italy in the 8th century, a priest found himself doubting the Real Presence during the Mass. When he consecrated the Host transformed into flesh and blood. This has been proven to be cardiac tissue, blood type AB+.

In the end, the Lord grants us Eucharistic Miracles to encounter, to learn about to witness to help us maintain the strength in our faith. He is a good, loving Lord, that continually offers us opportunity to grow closer to Him. He consistently meets us wherever we are in faith.

When you pray through the Mass, do you find yourself truly believing the moment you are in? Jesus is truly present there and wanting to become one with you through the Eucharist. It is called the 'Mystery of the Eucharist' because it is just that, a mystery, something difficult for the human mind to fully comprehend. It is those times of wrestling with the miracle that we are reminded of Jesus' words: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe. (Jn 20:29)"

To learn more about Eucharistic Miracles check out the webpage:

TheRealPresence.org

Did you know...?

Saint Carthage the Elder (Carthach) was an Irish Bishop. He was a disciple of Ciaran of Saighir and also served as a

tutor. He was baptized by St. Patrick. He spent some years traveling and on a penitential pilgrimage. Upon completion of that time, he was reinstated with the religious brotherhood of Saighir. He then founded the monastery of Druim Fertain in Carberry and another in Lough Sheelin, County Meath.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Penance Service 3/5
- Mission Planning 3/5
- HSD 3/17-3/19
- FF Spring Break 3/22, 3/29
- Shadow Stations of the Cross 4/2, 4/5

GREAT SITES TO BOOKMARK

- Daily Readings ~ https://bible.usccb.org/
- Resources for all ages (free to our parishioners, contact Jen with trouble registering)
 https://formed.org/
- Cluster website, stay up on all things in our cluster! ~ https:// www.northernlakescatholics. org/
- Faith on the Go! Find digital ways to grow each and every day: https://www.northernlakescatholics.org/faith-on-the-go-
- Fr. Mike Schmitz Bible in a Year Podcast: https:// ascensionpress.com/pages/ biy-registration
- Fr. Mike Schmitz Catechism in a Year Podcast: https:// media.ascensionpress.com/ all-catechism-in-a-yearepisodes/
- Ryan O'Hara: https://www.ryanohara.org/



At the time of the Liturgy of the Word, the young people will be called forward for a blessing from Father and then taken out of Mass for some time studying the scripture.

They will return to Mass by the time of the offertory. Children's Liturgy of the Word is open to all children ages 3 years-completion of grade 1.

All are welcome, visitors and registered parishioners alike!

St. Albert, St. Peter ~ 1st Sunday St. Kunegunda ~ 3rd Sunday St. Theresa ~ TBD



Our parishes will currently hold monthly Youth Masses.

This will be our normally scheduled Sunday masses,
but with the youth taking the lead
on all Liturgical Ministries.

Please contact Jen

@ 715.490.4362 or jen@northernlakescatholics.org to register your family for these masses. Or click **HERE** for the Signup Genius.

All are welcome, regardless of home parish, but please register so that the proper plans could be made for training and scheduling.

Keep an eye out for future dates:

Youth can sign up for the Liturgical ministries for these and upcoming youth Masses **HERE**

Cluster Bookkeeper (Full Time)

The Northern Lakes Catholic Communities is looking for a detail oriented, numbers-minded person to take care of the bookkeeping for our cluster parishes. Ideal candidate must be a self-starter, able to undertake a variety of office support tasks and work diligently with great attention to detail and discretion. Strong public relation skills are also essential. Proficiency in



QuickBooks, Microsoft Office and Google Drive are preferred. This is a 32 hour full time position with benefits.

Assistant Director of Faith Formation (Part Time)

With the help of a generous grant we are able to add a part time Assistant Director of Faith Formation to our team.

Under the direction of the Pastor, the Assistant Director of Faith Formation will work with the Director of Faith Formation in all aspects of formation, including youth ministry.

The ideal candidate will have or be willing to work toward advanced level religious certification from the Diocese of Superior, as well as complete Diocese required Safe Environment Training. Computer proficiency in Microsoft Office 365, and a variety of social media platforms is preferred. A love of Jesus and working with young people is essential.

Building and Grounds/Maintenance St. Peter (Part Time) St. Peter is looking to hire a part time maintenance/building and grounds person, as their current maintenance person is retiring. If you love the church, are a bit handy and like to work behind the scenes, this may be for you! Contact the office or Fr. Ron for a job description or with any questions.

<u>Click HERE for a fillable application</u> or stop at the cluster office for either position.

Young Souls

Is a group for families with children to come together for fellowship and spiritual growth. Our next meeting will be Sunday, March 18 and continuing every third Sunday of the month.



Each month, we will gather for food and fellowship at St. Peter the Fisherman following Mass, having lunch and spending time together. All families are welcome to join us. Please bring a dish to pass if you are able. Contact Beatta at 715.891.9570 with questions or just to let her know you are able to come! Also, if you are able to spend some time in activity with the littles please let Beatta know that too!

Please join us!

NLCC LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023



St. Peter the Fisherman 12:45 pm

THERE WILL BE A SOUP LUNCH IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 11 AM MASS

ALL ARE WELCOME



High School Discipleship weekend is designed to immerse young disciples in the three pillars of the life of discipleship: Frequent encounters with the Lord in the Sacraments, Authentic Christian community and friendship and Intimacy with Jesus in a rich life of prayer.

Please consider sending your high school student for this great weekend experience. It will be held at Crescent Lake Bible Camp in Rhinelander. The cost is \$120, but as always scholarship is available if needed. Contact Jen to register asap (we will register TUESDAY as a cluster).

Click to Check out our web page for more info:

https://www.northernlakescatholics.org/



EXTREME FAITH CAMP

Extreme Faith Camp is a week-long Catholic Summer Camp for Middle School Students! June 18-23, 2023. It is open to students who have completed 6th—8th grade by the summer of 2023. The week will be filled with a ton of activities, including swimming, canoeing, crafts, rock climbing, high ropes course, mountain biking, games, speakers, and music.



Add in small group sessions, service opportunities, daily Mass, participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and you'll find an EXTREME weeklong camp.

Pre-Registration is due **MARCH 13**. Contact Jen to commit your student to attend Extreme Faith Camp! Or click <u>HERE</u> As soon as our team is developed we will be fundraising, keep your eye out for ways you can help our kids get to camp.

What we need most is **YOUR PRAYERS**! Please pray for our team as we raise our funds and prepare our hearts for a Christ Centered Week of Camp!

NLCC TOTUS TUUS

June 11-15, 2023 7:30-9:40 pm Grades 7-12 June 12-16, 2023 9am-2:30 pm Grades 1-6

Registration to open NOW! Click HERE for more info and to register!



WISCONSIN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

ACTION ALERT

March 2, 2023

USCCB Encourages HHS to Strengthen Conscience Rule

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) has proposed new changes to regulations meant to protect conscience rights in health care. Let HHS know that conscience matters to you!

Numerous federal laws protect the right of organizations and people working in health care to object, as a matter of conscience, to abortion, sterilization, assisted suicide, gender transition surgery, and other procedures. The enforcement of these conscience objection laws are governed by HHS regulations.

HHS has proposed revisions to these regulations, known as the "Conscience Rule," which implements over a dozen conscience statutes. Under the Trump administration, HHS issued a strong version of the Conscience Rule, but courts struck it down, leaving in place the previous, extremely weak version from the Obama administration. On January 5, 2023, HHS proposed a new version.

The USCCB and the WCC support this new proposed rule as an improvement over the 2019 Rule which is currently in place, but also urges HHS to strengthen the proposed rule. Individuals are encouraged to contact HHS in support of strengthening the Conscience Rule using the button below.

To learn more, read the USCCB's published comments on the rule, Cardinal Dolan's December 30 statement, and visit the USCCB's "Do No Harm" webpage on these regulations at the links below.

USCCB Comments on HHS Conscience Rule

Religious Liberty Chairman Cardinal Dolan Statement

USCCB Do No Harm Website

Totus Tuus

"Totally Yours..."

July 11-15 ~ 7:30 pm-9:45 pm ~ Jr/Sr High

July 12-16 ~ 9 am- 2:30 pm ~ Grades 1-6

Location: St. Peter the Fisherman

Cost is \$20 per participant (capped at \$60 per family)

Scholarship ALWAYS available ~ Please write checks to St. Peter

Registration OPEN NOW!

For more information about
Totus Tuus and to register,
go to our website:
Northernlakescatholics.org
(scan the QR code
with your smartphone camera)
or stop by the Cluster office.



This awesome week is sponsored by the Northern Lakes Catholic Communities: St. Albert, St. Kunegunda, St. Mary, St. Peter, St. Theresa















Host: Kris Frank

SONAR Worship

Katie Prejean McGrady







Brian Greenfield

Katie Hartfiel

Fr. Jonathan McElhone, TOR

SSP ST. PAUL

Date:

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AWAKEN

FEATURING INT'L CATHOLIC SPEAKER, COMEDIAN, & MUSICIAN

PAUL J. KIM

contact Jen, scan the gr code, or click on the picture to purchase your ticket TODAY!

COME FOR THE ENTERTAINMENT STAY FOR THE INSPIRATION AWAKEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

MARCH 26,2023 7-8:30 PM FAMILY EVENT ALL AGES TICKETS \$20



NATIVITY OF OUR LORD 125 E. KING STREET RHINELANDER, WI 54501

INFO: KYPARISH@NATIVITY.ME

https://AWAKENRHINELANDER.EVENTBRITE.COM



WAY OF THE CROSS

April 2, 2023 ~ 4 pm
Northland Pines High School Auditorium

April 5, 2023 ~ 7 pm

Three Lakes High School Auditorium

Presented by:

Northern Lakes Catholic Communities Youth

St. Albert, St. Kunegunda, St. Mary, St. Peter, St. Theresa

HOLY WEEK









WORSHIP SCHEDULE

The NLCC Cluster will be coming together again this year as one faith community to celebrate the Triduum together, with all services at St. Peter the Fisherman.

HOLY THURSDAY~ 6 pm GOOD FRIDAY ~ 3 pm HOLY SATURDAY ~ 8 pm

EASTER SUNDAY: Regular Mass times at all parishes.

7:30 am ~ St. Mary

8:30 am \sim St. Theresa

9:15 am ~ St. Albert

10:30 am ~ St. Kunegunda

11 am ~ St. Peter