

# **Church of Saint Dominic**

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2021-2022 Guide Book & Directory

### St. Dominic Parish Guide Book & Directory

COVER: Photo of the stained glass window in the Church of St. Dominic Chapel depicting Saint Dominic reportedly receiving the prayer of the Rosary from the Blessed Mother.

(Photo credit: Grace Acheson)

### Let us ask Mary to pray for St. Dominic Parish

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

### General Parish Information



### **Church Address (not mailing address)**

104 Linden Street North, Northfield, MN 55057

### **Parish and School Mailing Address**

216 Spring Street North, Northfield, MN 55057-1431

### Website

www.churchofstdominic.org

#### Facebook

www.facebook.com/churchofstdominicnfld

#### Parish Flocknote

https://stdominicnfld.flocknote.com/

### Parish Office Telephone Number

(507) 645-8816 Fax: (507) 645-8818

#### **Parish Office E-Mail Address**

secretary@churchofstdominic.org or parishcenter@churchofstdominic.org

### **School Office Telephone Number**

(507) 645-8136 Fax: (507) 650-0680

#### **School Website**

www.schoolofstdominic.org

#### School Facebook

www.facebook.com/schoolofstdominic/

### **School Office E-Mail Address**

office@schoolofstdominic.org

### Church Kitchen Telephone Number

(507) 645-6392

#### **Parish Office Hours**

8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Closed noon to 1:00 p.m. for lunch. Summer Hours: During the summer, the office will close at noon on Friday.

### Mass Times

Monday 5:30 p.m

**Tuesday** 5:30 p.m. Misa (Spanish Mass)

 Wednesday
 8:20 a.m.

 Friday
 7:00 a.m.

 Saturday
 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday** 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.; 12:00 p.m. Misa

(Spanish Mass)

10:00 a.m. at Annunciation in Hazelwood See the bulletin each week for the schedule. During this time of pastoral transition and COVID-19 Preparedness, schedules

are subject to change.

Care Center Masses: Please check with the Care Center as COVID regulations are subject to change. Due to the pandemic, Care Center Masses are open to the public as allowed by the individual Care Center. Care Center Masses are on Tuesdays of each month at 10:30 a.m. as indicated: Benedictine Living Community (1st Tues.), Northfield Hospital Long Term Care (2nd Tues), Three Links (3rd Tues) and Northfield Retirement Community (4th Tues).

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday	5:00 to 5:25 p.m.
Saturday	
Sunday	
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### Chapel

St. Dominic Church Chapel is open for individuals wanting a quiet place to pray. The hours are as follows:

Monday - Friday	7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	
Sunday	

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the monstrance on:

Mondays from 5:00-5:30p.m. (before the 5:30 Mass) in the Church Sanctuary

Tuesdays from 5:00-5:30p.m. (before the 5:30 Misa) in the Church Sanctuary

Fridays from 3:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.in the Chapel

### Parish Staff

Pastor	
Sacramental Minister	Father Tom Margevicius
Deacon	Ramon Garcia
Deacon	Steve Moses
Parish Secretary	Tricia Anderson
Bookkeeper	Shari Erickson
Director of Faith Formation	Mara Mangan
Parish Outreach Minister	Rick Nelson
Parish Nurse	Nancy Ludescher, RN
Coordinator of Music	•

### School Staff

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Principal	Dawn Biren	
Administrative Assistant	Claudia Bauer	
Advancement Director		
Athletic Director		
Preschool Teacher		
Prekindergarten Teacher		
Prekindergarten Aide		
Kindergarten		
Kindergarten Aide		
First Grade		
Second Grade		
Third Grade		
Fourth Grade		
Fifth Grade		
Sixth Grade		
Seventh and Eighth Grade	Dusty Budd	
Art Mary Quick		
Music		
Spanish		
Physical Education	Nick Bornhauser	
Enrichment Teacher		
School Nurse		
Kitchen Food Service		
Kitchen Assistant		
School Custodian	Jen Saffle	



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# Parish Trustees and Corporate Structure

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#### Contact:

Christopher Barth 612-867-2549 or christopherbarth1@gmail.com Mary McGovern 612-205-9938 or momcookies@yahoo.com

# **Calvary Cemetery**

The parish cemetery is registered with the State of Minnesota as a legal non-profit corporation separate from the corporation of the parish. The board consists of the Pastor, Dale Fredrickson and Mark Zwolenski as Cemetery Co-Directors, and Sue Hollinger as Secretary-Treasurer.

### Parish Committees

### **Parish Pastoral Council**

The PPC is the primary coordinating committee of the parish. It is advisory to the pastor in discerning God's guidance for our parish and coordinating parish programs and committees.

The Council is comprised of three members of the leadership team (chair, vice-chair, and secretary, selected through a discernment process and assigned for three-year terms) and representatives from each standing committee designated by their respective committees. The leadership team is responsible for providing a vision for the parish and working with the pastor to set the schedule and agenda for the PPC. Current leadership team members are Matt Stenzel and John Ernste. The PPC, which did not meet during COVID, is reconvening this summer/fall. They are all voting members.

### Contact:

Matt Stenzel 952-652-2019 John Ernste 507-421-8539 or jaernste@gmail.com

### **Standing Committees**

The standing committees of St. Dominic Parish are as follows: Faith Formation, Finance, Health Ministry, Hispanic, Liturgy, Maintenance, St. Dominic School Board, and Social Justice. *Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in volunteering*. New ideas are always welcome!

### **Parish Committees Meeting Night**

Members of parish committees meet at church one Tuesday evening each month. We begin at 6:30 p.m., with prayer and a brief review of issues and topics under discussion by the various committees. At 6:45 p.m., the standing committees begin their meetings. Interaction between committees is encouraged during this time on any issues requiring the attention of more than one committee. The meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council begins at 7:45 p.m.

#### **Faith Formation Committee**

This committee assists and advises Faith Formation staff members. It also provides direction for planning, developing, approving, and improving policies and programs for faith instruction and activities in the parish. Adult and youth parishioners, please join us and share your ideas.

#### **Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee advises the pastor on the financial matters of the parish, reviews the annual parish budget, and monitors the financial health of the parish. Members: Doug Lyons, Marcia Simon, Steve Drew, Paul Hager, Lisa Theus, Peter Schmelzer

#### Contact:

Doug Lyons 507-649-1021 dlyons802@gmail.com Marcia Simon 507-649-1051 or 925-652-2998 masimon@nuveramail.net

#### **Health Ministries Committee**

- The Health Ministries Committee was established in 1999 on the principle that a life of faith involves body, mind, and spirit. Under the direction of the parish nurse, the committee provides the following services:
- · Vacation Bible Camp health education component
- Adult education on health issues
- Training and coordinating BeFrienders
- "A Celebration of the Hands that Give Care" event for caregivers
- Mass of Remembrance on All Souls Day
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Grief Support
- Emergency Preparedness

### **Hispanic Committee**

- The Hispanic Committee is committed to serve our parish and fellow Hispanic members, so all community members are invited to a full participation in parish life. Among their activities are:
- Working with the Pastor and parish community to assure the wellbeing of each family
- Ministering at a Sunday weekly and Tuesday weekly misa
- Demonstrating their proud heritage to the parish community by celebrating important feast days
- Supporting bilingual services.

### **Liturgy Committee**

The committee aspires to motivate and facilitate full, conscious, and active participation in the parish's liturgical celebrations.

The role of the Liturgy Committee is defined by the following tasks:

- planning for liturgical seasons and special celebrations
- review of overall music program and presentation
- support and ongoing formation of liturgical ministries
- involvement, recognition, and sense of belonging for those attending Mass
- · consideration of related elements of spirituality
- church environment
- equipment
- liturgy budget

All members of the choirs, EMHC, lectors, ushers, greeters, altar servers, and interior decorations team participate in the committee's work.

#### **Maintenance Committee**

The Maintenance Committee oversees proper care and repair of parish buildings, equipment, and grounds. With approval of the Parish Pastoral Council and the Finance Committee, it plans and coordinates improvements, often with labor and materials donated by parishioners.

#### **School Board**

Maintain ongoing communications with the Parish Council regarding enrollment, the status of Sacramental preparation, parish-related school programs, and fundraising activities.



### Parish Benefactors

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### **Social Justice/Environment Committee**

Social Justice is an umbrella for a variety of action groups, people united by interest in the following areas or projects:

- Thanksgiving food baskets: in conjunction with the Northfield Community Action Center, provides the making of Thanksgiving dinner for low-income families in our area.
- Christmas Sharing: provides gifts for those in need in conjunction with the Northfield Community Action Center and through Indian Ministries in Minneapolis.
- Respect Life: plans events to raise awareness of pro-life such as Spiritual Adoption, Walk for Life, Pro-Life newspaper ad, Celebration of Life, Collection and fundraiser for the Northfield Women Center.
- The Environmental Care group

### **Technology Committee**

The mission of this Committee is to deploy available communication tools and resources to enhance parish community life. Some Committee members must possess IT and software skills that include knowledge of leading edge audio/visual trends. Their objectives are: Install electronic audio and video that is appropriate for the church and rectory, and is compatible with St. Dominic School equipment, maintain all Audio/Visual equipment in the parish, recommend new technology that offers advantages over current installations, and create a 'roadmap' for future technology that includes eventual streaming to Northfield Retirement facilities and to Annunciation Parish in Hazelwood.

# Welcoming

Our parish is divided into geographic neighborhoods. We contact new residents and do our best to reach out to new Catholics in Northfield: our church is their church.

People attending weekend Masses are welcomed by representatives of the ushers and greeters, and our hospitality committee offers treats after Masses every few weeks. We are always in need of more greeters. At the Welcome Center in the narthex near the main entry, those who attend Mass can avail themselves of a variety of services to enhance the sense of welcome to our parish. Devices for hearing assistance are available at the sacristy.

### St. Dominic Catholic School

### **Mission Statement**

St. Dominic School inspires children to excel as confident leaders, critical thinkers, and responsible citizens in a Catholic, values-based community.

### **School Philosophy**

We believe education fosters growth in all dimensions: spiritual, intellectual, social, physical, and emotional. We believe in the importance of:

- Learning the values of the Gospel and encouraging students to use their gifts in service to the Church, community, and the world
- Respecting the dignity and differences of each person
- · Lifelong spiritual development and learning

### **School Program**

St. Dominic School opened as Rosary School in September of 1927. The school has put an emphasis on all-around academic instruction with a particular focus on the development of Christian values in a Catholic setting. St. Dominic School is accredited through the Minnesota Nonpublic School Accreditation Association. Notable aspects of the program are:

- Preschool program for 3 to 5-year-olds, multiple schedules available
- Prekindergarten program for 4 5 year olds (1 year before kindergarten), full-time only
- Full-day kindergarten
- Full-time Middle School Program for sixth, seventh, and eighth grade
- Saintly Emotional Learning Program
- Believe & Read Program
- · Classes in Art, STEM, Music, Physical Education, and Spanish
- Weekly Children's Mass and daily religious education
- Sports: Volleyball and Basketball for grades 5-8 with limited opportunities for 4th grade
- After School STEAM Clubs
- · Before and after school programming

#### St. Dominic School Board

The purpose of this board of specified jurisdiction is to promote and advance the mission of St. Dominic School for the education and instruction of students in assisting them to "reach the fullness of the Christian life" (See canon 794.1).

Contact: Jennifer Fischer jenniferfischermd@gmail.com

### **Board Members**

Board Chair: Jennifer Fischer
Vice-Chair: Chris Thurin
Secretary: Jessica Raines
Fr. Gregory Abbott
Angela Fink
Dale Fredrickson
Dawn Biren (Ex-Officio)
Jane Bartho
Kati Reak Sletten (Ex-Officio)
Mark Labenski
Steve Koziolek
Ben Morisette

The following committees serve as subcommittees and report to the School Board:

Enrollment Committee

The Enrollment committee assists in developing and implementing strategies for retention of current students and recruitment of students currently in other educational settings.

• Development Committee

The Development committee assists in developing and implementing strategies to meet and exceed the budgeted fundraising dollars for various school fundraisers/events and the Annual Fund.

- Finance Committee
  - The Finance committee oversees the school's fiscal budget, assists the board in establishing tuition and the school's budgeted goals.
- Facilities Committee

The Facilities committee works with the Parish Pastoral Council and prioritizes maintenance projects and updates throughout the school grounds.

- Athletic Committee
  - The Athletic Committee promotes sports and raises funds to support the school's sports programs.
- Saints' Night Out Auction Committee
   Volunteer parents and community members organize and host
   the Saints' Night Out Silent/Live Auction. This event is the
   school's largest annual fundraiser and takes place in early spring.
- Parent/School Association Committee
   All parents are welcome to be active members of this association.
   They are responsible for organizing fundraisers, annual functions, and other events. The association promotes parental involvement for the betterment of the school.

### Faith Formation

Faith Formation provides religious instruction and faith activities to public school children and youth; offers parish-wide family faith gatherings; conducts mission trips and youth activities.

Catholic Faith instruction and activities are offered in a friendly and safe environment. The goal of our program is to support and encourage participants to live their Catholic Christian faith, so as to know, love and serve our loving, gentle, kind, merciful and mighty God. The Faith Formation team accomplishes this mission through the work of parish staff members, the service of many dedicated volunteers, and the commitment of faithful parents and students.

Our program promotes a close relationship with God through the gifts of His presence in scripture, sacraments, and people; and offers a Catholic information blueprint to build the faith through adulthood. Instruction and events are based on Holy Scripture and Catholic Doctrine handed down by the Holy See and the Catholic Magisterium.

### Faith Instruction

### Preschool-Fifth Grade

Preschool, Kindergarten and First Grade: OSV Catholic Prayer Book for Children, ZonderKids Beginner's Bible, and WhipperSnapper Books: A Peak Into My Church.

 Students participate in a 3 year learning cycle of Scripture and prayer accompanied with activities in art, movement, and song.

# Sacramental Preparation: Second Grade Students and older: Dynamic Catholic *Blessed!*

 Students participate in active learning to prepare for Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist

### Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grade: St. Mary's Press Discovery!

- Third Grade: Students participate in active learning of Scripture on the theme of The Church.
- Fourth Grade: Students participate in active learning of Scripture on the theme of Salvation History.
- Fifth Grade: Students participate in active learning of Scripture on the theme of the Mass and the Sacraments.

# Middle School (Grades 6-7-8): 2021-22 Learning theme: Catholic Beliefs

 Interactive instruction and discussion with inspirational faith based activities.

# Confirmation (Grade 9 and Older): Dynamic Catholic Decision Point!

Two year program based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church to prepare for Confirmation. Students participate in small group activities for study, service activities, and chapel time. Students participate in large group gatherings for the yearly mandatory retreat, praise & worship events and seminars with inspirational speakers.

# Sacramental Preparation

### First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

St. Dominic Faith Formation Program and St. Dominic School children in Grade 2 (and/or older) prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist. Students must present their newly issued Baptismal certificate at registration. Classes begin in September; the last day to enroll for 2021-22 school year is September 10, 2021.

### **Confirmation Preparation**

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation is a two-year spiritual formation and study of the Catechism of the Catholic Church using the Dynamic Catholic (Matthew Kelly) Confirmation program called Decision Point. Confirmation preparation is open to students entering Grade 9 and older. The two year process begins in the Fall of Year I and is completed in the Spring of Year II. Students entering 2021-23 Confirmation preparation must present a newly issued Baptismal certificate at registration and be enrolled by September 10, 2021.

# Faith Formation - Youth Events **Annual and Year-round Events**

### **Mission Trip**

In June, for 10+ days, students who have completed 8th through 12th grade sign up to serve the mission field through St. Dominic Church and Youth Works International. It is a wonderful combination of service, prayer, and camaraderie. Preparation and fundraising begins in the fall prior to the summer mission trip.

### **VBC - Vacation Bible Camp**

In the summer for 3 -5 days, from 8:30am-11:15am, parish grounds are transformed into a themed faith camp for children ages 4 through 11. Older children and adults from the parish attend as "camp helpers." Children sing interactive praise and worship songs, receive solid Christian faith instruction, make fun crafts, enjoy outdoor games, are entertained by lively theatrical presentations, delight in snacks, and make life-long friends.

### Faith Formation Calendar 2021-22

The Church of St Dominic Faith Formation 2021-22 calendar is available online.

There are many opportunities to celebrate faith, serve in the community and worship at St Dominic Church. If you are interested in serving in Faith Formation and would like to know more about our program, please contact Mara Mangan, St. Dominic Director of Faith Formation at our parish office 507-645-8816.

### College Campus Ministry

Catholic students on the campuses of St. Olaf and Carleton are represented both on campus and with the parish through their respective Catholic Student Associations (CSA). Although independent of the parish, the CSA leadership on each campus works in conjunction with the pastor to coordinate activities on each campus to which students from the other college are invited. The CSA groups help arrange transportation to St. Dominic for weekend Masses, help connect students with parish families for a home away from campus through an "adopt-a-student" program, and encourage college students to be active in parish life in capacities such as teaching children in the faith formation program and helping with music at parish Masses.

St. Olaf Catholic Student Association: Nate at trasow1@stolaf.edu Carleton Catholic Student Association: Jacob Smith at smithj6@carleton.edu or Aya Klos at klosa@carleton.edu

# Liturgical Ministries

#### **Music Ministers**

St. Dominic is blessed with many talented singers and instrumentalists who serve our parish community as cantors, choir members, and accompanists at weekend liturgies. Scheduling of groups and cantors is coordinated by the Coordinator of Music and choir leaders. Information on rehearsals is printed in the bulletin and available by calling the parish office or the person indicated with each group.

**Adult Choir:** this four-voice choir is open to all parishioners Contact: Caroline Priore, Coordinator of Music, 507-645-8816 **Joyful Noise:** contemporary praise choir and instrumentalists

Contact: John Langan, 507-581-0757

**Handbell Choir:** high school, college, and adult

Contact: Deb Kopas, 645-2779

**Resurrection Choir:** funeral liturgies

Contact: Caroline Priore, Coordinator of Music, 507-645-8816

Cantors: lead music at weekend Masses when choirs are not assigned

Contact: Parish Office

**Instrumentalists:** accompany cantors

Contact: Caroline Priore, Coordinator of Music, 507-645-8816

#### **Mass Servers**

Young people in grades 4th-12th are eligible to assist at the altar as weekend Mass Servers. Servers are assigned to a specific Mass time as members of teams are generally scheduled on a rotation of every four weeks. All young people interested in becoming weekend Mass servers are welcome. Training is required.

Contact: George Budd at budd980@gmail.com

Students from St. Dominic School in grades 4th - 8th may serve at school Masses. Although encouraged, it is not required that they also be weekend Mass servers. Students from St. Dominic School are generally called upon to serve for funerals on days when school is in session.

### Liturgical Environment

The decorating team is responsible for the seasonal environment in our church. Times are flexible and are busiest around Christmas and Easter.

Contact: Carol Fraher 507-645-0115

#### **Ushers**

Ushers take up the collection, guide the Communion procession, and assist in other ways at Mass. Men and women, adults and youth, are invited to serve. Parents are encouraged to serve as a team with their children. Some training is required.

Contact: Rick Nelson 507-645-8816

#### Greeters

Greeters—Ministers of Hospitality—welcome and provide assistance for people as they come into church. Individuals and families are invited and encouraged to participate. New greeters are always welcome.

Contact: Rick Nelson, 507- 645-8816

### **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) assist the "ordinary ministers" of Communion (ordained bishops, priests, and deacons) in distributing Holy Communion. The EMHC should be at least 16 years-old, have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, regularly attend Sunday Mass, and if married be in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church. They would have a belief that the Eucharist is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ.

Extraordinary ministers at St. Dominic are appointed for renewable one-year terms. Since their appointment is given by the parish, they are not to exercise this ministry elsewhere without the permission of the appropriate pastor. You must renew your commission each year.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion distribute the Body and Blood of Jesus at Masses and Communion services. They may also bring Communion to people in their homes, hospitals, and care centers. Other certification is required for work outside of church services.

Contact: Tricia Anderson, 507-645-8816

#### Lectors

The ministry of the lector is to proclaim, not merely read, the Word of God at Mass with the goal of communicating the scripture as a living word. The lector, therefore, must have a love for the Word of God, be Confirmed (if an adult), regularly attend Sunday Mass, and if married be in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church.

Contact: Mary McGovern, 612-205-9938

#### **Mass Coordinators**

Mass Coordinators prepare the worship space for Mass. They also check to see that people for the other ministries are present. Mass Coordinator, therefore, must be at least 18 years-old, Confirmed, regularly attending Sunday Mass, and if married be in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church. They are also trained as an EMHC as they fill-in when serving as a Mass Coordinator and additional EMHC are needed.

Contact: Dave Antonneau, 952-270-2746

# Parish Nurse Program

Since early times the Catholic Church has had a role in healing and health care for the whole person—body, mind, and spirit. Parish Nursing blends nursing and ministry with health education and personal health counseling.

#### **Health Ministries Committee:** see Parish Committees

**Grief Ministry:** This ministry provides contact to those grieving the death of a family member through sympathy and support cards, phone calls, or visits, as well as grief support group resources in our community and parish. Additional training may be required.

**Card Ministry:** Letting the sick and grieving know that we care and are praying for them makes a huge difference. This ministry needs card makers or donations of cards.

**BeFrienders:** Composed of volunteers who complete training and then accept commitment to be visitors, BeFriending is an extension of pastoral ministry—although it can be informal and simply a way of life that involves listening to others we encounter.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Knit or crochet prayer shawls for people in our parish family who are undergoing times of anxiety or suffering.

Contact: Nancy Ludescher, Parish Nurse, at the Parish Office.

### Adult Faith Education and RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a program of formation for people not yet baptized or baptized in other Christian denominations who wish to become members of the Catholic Church. The RCIA also serves as Confirmation preparation for Catholic adults not yet confirmed in the faith.

Participants in the RCIA will take part in a series of presentations open to all parishioners on a variety of themes pertinent to developing a broad understanding of our Catholic faith. In addition, there will be some sessions specifically designated for those participating in the RCIA.

Contact: Parish Office (645-8816)

# Other Parish Groups and Programs

### **Intercessory Prayer Chain**

Members of the prayer team pray for the general welfare of the parish and special intentions as they receive them. Names of people received by the prayer team remain confidential.

Contacts: Ruth Huber, 507-581-6096 or Mara Mangan, 507-649-2353

### **Knights of Columbus**

The Knights of Columbus is a charitable fraternal organization of Catholic men dedicated to the Church, family, and community. The local Council has been active since 1910, raising funds for parish, school, and community needs and donating countless hours of volunteer time. The Knights work hard to defend the unborn and handicapped. K of C Life Insurance is an important means of protecting Knights and their families, but insurance is not required in order to be a Knight.

Meetings are the first Thursday of every month in the lower level of the church at 7:00 p.m.

Contact: George Budd, 507-261-5881

## Community Outreach

St. Dominic joins with other groups and organizations in our area to serve the broader community. The following are some of our cooperative ventures:

#### HealthFinders

In 2002 representatives of the Hispanic community at St. Dominic identified access to healthcare and lack of insurance as urgent problems for families. In May 2003 parish nurses, church leaders, and medical providers from Northfield and Faribault met at St. Dominic to address this community-wide problem. HealthFinders initiated services at Little Prairie United Methodist Church in June of 2005. The clinic-now with two locations in Faribault and Northfield--provides free medical care for the under or uninsured who live in Rice and Dakota Counties. Dental care is also offered at the Faribault site.

Contact them at www.healthfindersmn.org or call 507-646-8964.

#### Fare For All

Fare For All buys fresh produce and frozen meat in bulk from wholesalers and manufacturers to find the best deals available. Volunteers at their warehouse pre-pack the produce and meat into food packages that range in price from \$10 - \$25. These packages are for sale at all Fare For All locations. Fare For All is open to everyone - because food is purchased in bulk, the more people who participate the better. Fare For All is typically at St. Dominic Church the second Thursday of each month from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., check the church bulletin or Facebook page for specific dates. Fare For All accepts cash, credit, debit, and EBT cards.

Contact: Margaret Huber, 952-652-2195

#### Meals on Wheels

St. Dominic volunteers take their turn delivering noon meals to homebound in Northfield two weeks in November and two weeks in March. The meals are prepared at Northfield Hospital where volunteers pick them up for distribution (food coolers must be returned to the hospital). Time commitment is approximately 1 hour. New volunteers are always welcome and an experienced driver would be happy to accompany new drivers and answer their questions.

Contact: Mary Douglass 507-301-8807 or Sue Middleton, 645-5743

### **Ministry to Care Centers and Homebound**

We are beginning the return of Mass at several care centers in Northfield: Northfield Retirement Community, Northfield Hospital Long Term Care Center, Three Links Care Center and Benedictine Living Community. Please check with the Care Center as COVID regulations are subject to change. Due to the pandemic, Care Center Masses are open to the public as allowed by the individual Care Center.

We are very hopeful that Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion from St. Dominic will be back to leading Communion/Word Services at care centers each Sunday following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Along with Word Services during the week, also led by our Partners in Ministry (volunteers).

Please feel free to contact Nancy Ludescher at the Parish Office, if you are interested.

#### **NAPS**

NAPS is the acronym for Nutritional Assistance Program for Seniors. Through this Community Action Center sponsored program, St. Dominic parishioners deliver boxes of food to senior citizens in the Northfield area on the first Wednesday of the month. Time commitment is about 1 hour. Volunteers pick up the food boxes at St. Dominic Church and deliver a set of boxes (usually about 9-12 boxes) to 9-12 senior residents living at one of the following locations: Three Links, Wellstone Commons, or Northfield Retirement Center. Volunteers, come join us in the fun!

Contact Mara Mangan, 507-645-8816

## **Hispanic Community**

St. Dominic is the spiritual home for the majority of approximately 2,000 people of Hispanic descent living in Northfield. The Hispanic community has its own programs of preparation for Baptism and Marriage. Ministries include several choirs, hospitality, prayer groups, and prison ministry at the state prison in Faribault in conjunction with Divine Mercy.

Celebrations and activities of note are:

- Mass in Spanish each Sunday at 12:00 p.m.
- Tuesdays:
- Sacrament of Reconciliation from 5:00 5:25 p.m.
- Adoration from 5:00 5:30 p.m.
- Misa at 5:3 0p.m.
- Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12)
- Bilingual Masses or services on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and All Souls
- Sister Parish relationship with San Pedro Apóstol of Maltrata, Mexico, and the Diocese of Orizaba

# St. Dominic Mission • Commitments • Goals

### **Mission Statement**

"Going forth, therefore, make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to carry out everything I have commanded you, and know, I am with you always until the end of the world." Matthew 28:19-20

We exercise the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ by actively proclaiming the Gospel in word and deed, faithfully participating in the sacramental life of the Church, and intentionally committing ourselves to lifelong education and faith formation. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we strive to advance the Kingdom of God on earth through lives of service to members of our parish, our community, and our world.

### **Commitment to Worship and Sacrament**

"Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes. Do this in memory of me." 1 Corinthians 11:25-26



Through the liturgy, the Church proclaims and celebrates the Paschal Mystery of Christ, that is, God's love and salvation revealed to us through the life, passion, death, resurrection and glorification of Jesus Christ. This mystery, expressed most perfectly in the Eucharist in the celebration of the Mass, is central to our common experience at St. Dominic. The Paschal Mystery draws our community together and calls each one of us to bear witness to the Gospel.

The celebration of the other sacraments and our participation in non-sacramental forms of prayer and worship likewise orient us to the unity and love of God expressed in the Eucharist. As members of the living body of Christ, God's love transforms and unites us, and is the focal point for deepening our faith, building community and serving humanity.

We commit ourselves to the following:

- To develop and expand worship settings, which join us as one community, one body of Christ.
- To encourage various forms of music, which complement our diversity and enhance the worship experience.
- To explore and participate in diverse forms of prayer, which will nourish our relationship with God.
- To increase our awareness of the divine presence in the sacraments, in our lives, and in our community.
- To ensure that people feel part of the body of Christ through welcoming and hospitality present before, during, and after Mass.

#### **Commitment to Education & Faith Formation**

"If you put these instructions before the brothers and sisters, you will be a good servant of Jesus Christ, reared in the words of faith and the sound doctrine you have faithfully followed." 1 Timothy 4:6

Catechesis is built on certain elements of the Church's pastoral mission including the initial proclamation of the Gospel, missionary preaching to arouse the faith, examination of the reasons for belief, experience of Christian living, celebration of the sacraments, integration into the ecclesial community, and apostolic and missionary witness.

As disciples we hunger for both the information and the formation needed to follow Jesus Christ. We are entrusted with the call to catechize or, literally, "echo down" the teachings of our faith in a manner that motivates the next generation to become disciples of Jesus Christ as well.

We know that we need to continually nurture and develop our faith. At St. Dominic, we value a complete and unified approach to faith formation and education. Adult lifelong learning strengthens our faith, nurtures our community and encourages us toward evangelization.

Through our parish school, faith formation, and youth ministry programs, youth are prepared to live their faith and participate in our parish community.

We commit ourselves to the following:

- To develop and deepen our understanding of Scripture, the teachings of the Catholic Church, and the meaning of being disciples of Christ.
- To celebrate and financially support education, youth, and religious formation as fundamental components of our mission.
- To respond to the various needs and diversity of our faith community in our education and faith formation programs.
- To recognize that education and spiritual development start with adults, first and foremost teachers in the faith formation of our children, and to develop educational and spiritual opportunities for adult members.
- To educate members and the Northfield community on Catholic teaching, particularly in areas of justice, sacramental and moral life.
- To encourage family participation and inter-generational faith sharing.

### **Commitment to Community**

"You are the body of Christ. Every one of you is a member of it. If one member suffers, all the members suffer with it. If one member is honored, all the members share its joy." 1 Corinthians 12:26-27

As a community of faith we strive toward the ideal of recognizing the divine presence in each member and the giftedness that each brings to our community. A "faith-full" community exists where members show mutual respect and a willingness to walk faith journeys with one another. Individual and communal wholeness depend on our alertness and desire to help every member, particularly those who are suffering or feel alienated from the body.

We commit ourselves to the following:

To invite all Northfield Catholics to active participation and communion, recognizing that St. Dominic is incomplete if members of the Body are absent.

- To move beyond obligation and habit, and participate fully and intentionally in our community through active participation in worship, ministry, stewardship and faith development.
- To intend and express a welcoming and hospitable atmosphere at all parish functions and in our daily contacts.
- To link all parish organizations and groups as together we strive to fulfill the mission of our community.
- To promote mutual acceptance, appreciation and avenues of integration between our English-speaking and Spanish-speaking communities.
- To invite input and feedback from the community members on the parish, its activities and programs.
- · To recruit and nurture volunteers.

### Commitment to Ministry

"Come, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me to eat, thirsty and you gave me to drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you comforted me, in prison and you came to visit me." Matthew 25:34-36

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. Our celebration of this sacrament of charity brings with it both the grace and the responsibility to transform our interactions with others. In particular it impels us toward works of mercy and justice. Whereas mercy calls us to assist those in need, justice challenges us to alter the underlying causes of those needs. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that justice consists in the constant and firm will to give God and neighbor their due. Justice disposes one to respect the rights of each person and to establish in human relationships the harmony that promotes equity with regard to persons and to the common good.

Ministry, then, puts mercy and justice into action. It is our outward response to God's presence in our lives. It is what binds us together as a community and gives us integrity in the social arena beyond our parish community. God, source of all good, has blessed us with many gifts. As true stewards of our blessings, we must share, nurture, and expend our ministerial gifts in service to others.

We commit ourselves to the following:

- To develop an integrated approach to stewardship. In gratitude, our community accepts the call of the Gospel, as we commit our time, talent, and treasure to the work of the Church and to our community.
- To prioritize and participate in projects that promote justice and human equity and programs that address areas of chronic or acute human need. Stewardship contributions to these ministry projects reflect our commitment to address short-term needs and long term solutions.
- To improve the sense of hospitality that our buildings project to members, visitors, volunteers, and staff.
- To integrate our physical structures to reflect the unifying themes in our vision and mission statements.
- To communicate clearly with those within and outside of our parish.