

MARCH 16-17, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Church of St. Pius X

1315 12th Ave NW • Rochester, MN 55901
Phone: (507) 288-8238 • Website: www.piusx.org
Email: church@piusx.org



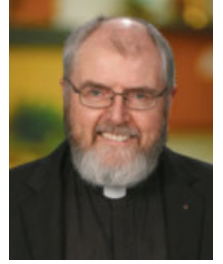
5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24

Father Jim

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Covenant is a word we hear often in Scripture. The Catechism of the Catholic Church gives this definition of covenant: "A solemn agreement between human beings or between God and a human being involving mutual commitments or guarantees. The Bible refers to God's covenants with Noah, Abraham, and Moses as leader of the chosen people, Israel. In the Old Testament or Covenant, God revealed his law through Moses and prepared his people for salvation through the prophets. In the New Testament or Covenant, Christ established a new and eternal covenant through his own sacrificial death and Resurrection. The Christian economy is the new and definitive Covenant which will never pass away, and no new public revelation is to be expected before the glorious manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ."



Jeremiah prophesied about the coming of a new covenant, as we hear in today's first reading. He goes on to say about the Israelites: "for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

Today Jesus says: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." The gospel concludes today with Jesus' words: "Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." John then states: "He said this indicating the kind of death he would die."

The glory of the Cross, the lifting up of the Son of Man for the salvation of everyone! It was not just for the Israelites, the Hebrews, the Jewish people but for everyone, as the Greeks came to Jesus, and they represent the gentiles and the rest of the world! The "ruler", the "prince" as another translation puts it, "will be driven out." It will be the end of Satan's dominance in the world! Jesus Christ will reign from the cross and salvation is offered to everyone. This love will draw everyone to Jesus, who will then bring us to the Father. St. Paul says today in the second reading, "he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him." How do we obey Jesus? Very simple. Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Now that is not a difficult command to obey. Let us all go to Jesus and accept his offer of salvation, eternal rest in the God who loves us!

God Love You!!!

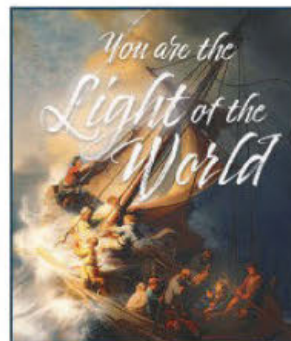
Fr. Jim Starasinich

Newly Baptized

May the waters of baptism call to mind our baptism into Christ who has redeemed us by his death and resurrection. We welcome in baptism:

Philip Joseph Myers

Son of: Mark and Jennifer Myers
Our Congratulations!



Nathan Wooden

St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center

Nursing degree
graduate at
Winona State
University



2024
Catholic Ministries Appeal

The St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center at Winona State University offered me people to grow in my faith with. My freshmen year of college, I went to Mass on Sundays and that was about it, and then I ended up in a bible study just because someone asked; it opened so many avenues for me: different friendships and the chance to surround myself with like-minded people.

The St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center provides a sense of community and fellowship along with other people that want to walk this path with me, who want to pursue the Lord in the way that I do. I wouldn't have found my faith as deep as I have without the St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center. My family grew up Catholic, but I never took it seriously. Now, in college, I'm very thankful for it. Supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal will continue the mission of the St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center in providing students a sense of community and a place to join others who want to follow their faith.

Church of St. Pius X

2024 Goal \$70,899

Pledged & Received \$9,428.48

13% of goal

AS OF 3/11/24

Parish Life

"He Makes All Things New"

Saturday, March 23rd — St. Pius X Catholic Church

Join us for speaker Steve Karlen, 40 Days for Life Campaign Manager, as he shares the importance of the prolife movement and how to make a positive impact. We hope you will join us!

8:00 AM Mass

8:30 AM Coffee & Donuts — Kennedy Hall

9:00 AM Presentation

10:30 AM Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood

For more information, contact Margaret at 40daysforliferoch@gmail.com.

Jesus and the Eucharist Morning Session

A Tuesday morning session option for Jesus and the Eucharist meets from 8:45 am to 9:45 am in Founders Hall. Our next morning session will be Tuesday, March 19th in Founders Hall. Please feel free to join us. All are welcome!



Jesus and the Eucharist Evening Session

Correction from last week's note: Our final evening session will be Sunday, March 24th at 6:00 pm in Founder's Hall. If you are interested in joining us we would love to have you!

Easter Flowers

We invite you to remember or honor a loved one by making an offering for the flowers that will beautify our parish during the Easter season. Easter flower memorial offerings will be collected through

Wednesday, March 27th. Donations may be placed in the offering collection boxes in either entrance of the church, dropped off at the parish office or can be made online through a link on the parish website homepage.



Community

Mental Health and Families

As part of our ongoing outreach for our Lenten project, **Holy Spirit Catholic Church** welcomes parishioner Sara Auringer, a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor from the Department of Psychiatry and Psychology Child and Adolescent Division at Mayo Clinic, on March 19th at 6:30 PM. Some of the topics discussed include facts about mental health challenges, how to support those struggling with mental health difficulties, and promoting overall well-being. The presentation will take place in the Holy Spirit School gym. Please enter through the main church doors. This presentation is open to all, so bring your friends, family and neighbors. We hope to see you there.

Catholic Charities Mental Health Services

Catholic Charities of Southern MN offers respectful, compassionate, and professional Mental Health Clinical Counseling services to help individuals, couples, and families deal with a variety of concerns. We have immediate openings. We accept most insurances or offer a sliding fee. For more information call 507-287-2047.

Special Screening of No Greater Love

The Rochester Area Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a movie night at St. James Coffee. Mother Teresa: No Greater Love will be shown on Friday,



March 22 at 7:00 PM. They will be taking donations of diapers, wipes, and other baby supplies for New Life Family Services. All are welcome! Popcorn provided, drinks available for purchase.

International Pianist Horacio Lavandera

Argentinean Pianist Horacio Lavandera is coming back to the US and will offer a concert right here, at the *Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist* on **Friday, May 3, 2024 at 7:30 pm**. Tickets are \$25 (students: \$10). Remember the church was full when he came in 2018, so hurry up to get yours! You may order tickets online at www.sj.org/concert or purchase them directly at the Co-Cathedral's Parish Office.



Mass Intentions

Monday, March 18, 2024

8:00 am Julius Feind Sr†

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

8:00 am Edward Warrent†

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

8:45 am Cecilia† and Sanford† Kelly

Thursday, March 21, 2024

8:00 am Michael Reed†

Friday, March 22, 2024

8:00 am Irene Krolak†

Saturday, March 23, 2024

8:00 am Sandi Schommert†

4:00 pm Emily Daly†

Sunday, March 24, 2024

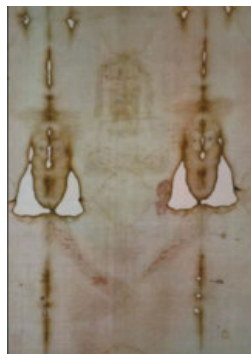
8:00 am Micae Truoc Trant / Marian C. Schneidert

10:00 am Georget and Gladyst Scepianiak

Special note: By the decree of Bishop Robert Barron, effective July 1, 2024, Mass stipends will increase to \$10 per Mass. All previously scheduled Masses and Masses scheduled before July 1, 2024 will be honored at the rate of \$5 per Mass.

Shroud of Turin

The Church of St. Pius X will be hosting a Shroud of Turin display beginning April 5th – April 14th in Founders Hall. This free exhibit will be open with public viewing times. The centerpiece of the exhibit is a full length canvas replica of the Shroud and includes display banners detailing the history and science of the Shroud. A viewing schedule and other details can be accessed at www.piusx.org. If you have questions please contact the parish office at 507-288-8238 or email church@piusx.org



Volunteers Opportunities

The Shroud of Turin display will be in great need of volunteers to host the display. St Pius would like to have a welcoming presence at the exhibit during the viewing schedule. A digital sign up can be accessed at www.signupgenius.com/go/9040548ACA82FAAF94-48394536-shroud.

If you have any questions regarding this opportunity, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office at 507-288-8238.

Parish Staff

Clergy

Pastor



Rev. Jim
Starasinich

jstarasinich@piusx.org

Deacon



Deacon
Pat Fagan

dcnpat69@gmail.com

In Residence at the Rectory



Fr. Linus
Nwartarali

Fr. Benjamin
Uzuegbunam



Office Staff

Office Coordinators



Julie
Taddy

jtaddy@piusx.org

Doug
Crowley

dcrowley@piusx.org



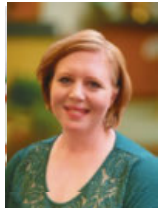
Director of Music and Liturgy



Matt
Maus

mmaus@piusx.org

Director of Faith Formation



Jennifer
Carlin

jcarlin@piusx.org

Finance Officer



Charlie
Haugh

chaugh@piusx.org

Pastoral Care



Arla
Klimesh

aklimesh@piusx.org

Maintenance Supervisor



Dave
Butlin

dbutlin@piusx.org

Maintenance Custodial



Joe
Trusty

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

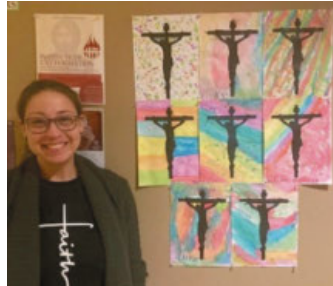
Monday - Thursday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Friday 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Youth and Family Ministry

1st Sacrament Artwork

On your way to Pancake Breakfast – stop by and check out the amazing artwork our 1st Sacrament kiddos completed in class with Melissa Tang. The artwork is located on the bulletin board in the south entrance.



Moving from preparing for their 1st Reconciliation to their 1st Eucharist, they learned about the Mass and how it is a sacrifice. Reflecting on Jesus's sacrifice they made these beautiful watercolor pieces of art. Please pray for our 20 students who will be making their 1st Eucharist on May 5th at the 10:00 am Mass.



Steubenville, Rochester — July 12-14



Steubenville, Rochester is a weekend conference that evangelizes, equips and empowers 9th-12th grade youth to become radical, joyful











disciples. Enjoy keynote speakers, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, and much



more. If you would like more information, please contact Jennifer Carlin at jcarlin@piusx.org.



Youth and Family Ministry Events Calendar

 = Classes meet	Sunday School	1st Sacraments	Y Disciple	Well Read	Martha and	Jesus and the Eucharist	
	K-6th grade	2nd Grade	7th - 12th Grade	Moms	Mary		
	9:05 - 9:55 AM	6:30 - 7:30 PM	7:00 - 8:30 PM	7:00 - 8:30 PM	7:00 - 8:30 PM	8:45 - 9:45 AM	6:00 - 8:00 PM
Sunday , March 17							
Tuesday, March 19							
Wednesday, March 20							
Friday, March 22	STATIONS OF THE CROSS 8:45 AM and 6:00 PM						
Sunday , March 24							
Tuesday, March 26							
Wednesday, March 27							
Thursday , March 28	Holy Thursday Mass 7:00 PM Altar of Repose - Adoration and Prayer Thursday 8:00 PM - Friday 10:00 AM						
Friday, March 29	Good Friday Service 12:15 PM						
Saturday, March 30	Easter Vigil 8:00 PM						
Sunday , March 31	Easter Sunday Mass 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM						

The **Well Read Mom** and **Martha and Mary** groups meet off-site. Please contact Jennifer Carlin for more information -- jcarlin@piusx.org

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of March 17, 2024

Sunday:

Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/
Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 *Scrutiny:* Ez
37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/
Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27,
33b-45

Monday:

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday:

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27
and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21,
24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday:

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,
56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday:

Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday:

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/
Jn 10:31-42

Saturday:

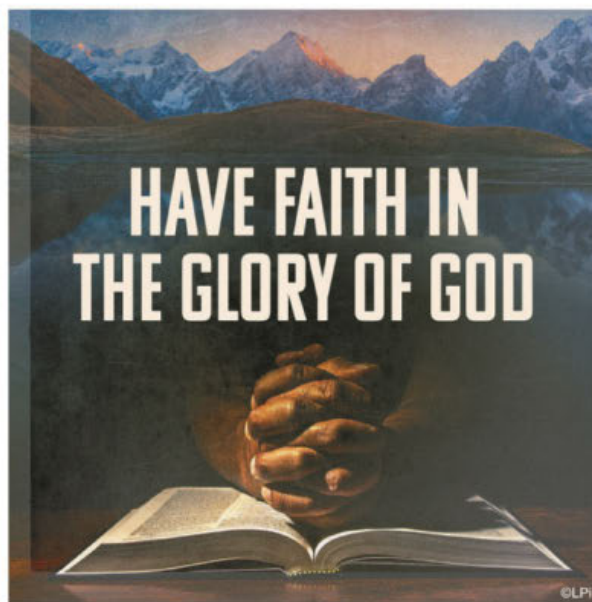
Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/
Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday:

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps
22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/
Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39



Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.
The English translation of Psalm Responses from Lectionary for
Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in
the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A middle-aged woman sat on the couch in my parish office and recounted to me a shocking list of terrible calamities in her life: addictions, terminal illnesses, financial loss, broken relationships, and so on. She smiled as she did so. "Please forgive me," I asked, "but you seem to be smiling as you share this." She said, "Father John, I am totally overwhelmed. But I'm smiling because I just can't wait to see what good things God does with this mess." She expected God would manifest His glory when she most needed it.

This week in the Gospel, God speaks from heaven for the third and final time in Jesus' earthly ministry. It's at a tough moment. Gentiles seek Jesus, who announces his terrible suffering, and then boldly prays, "**Father, glorify your name!**" John then writes: **Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again."** Was the task of drawing the whole non-Jewish world to himself overwhelming? Or was it the terrible specter of crucifixion? Whatever it was, the crushing weight triggers his turning to the Father with an unshakeable expectation of divine glory to burst through. And indeed, it did on Easter Sunday. In our burdens, our greatest strength is to turn to God and boldly ask Him for His glory.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to list out everything which is a burden to you. Write it down. Then add these words: "Father, glorify Your name in all these things!" Put that paper in your pocket or purse when you come to Holy Week liturgies next week. You might smile at the most unlikely times.

— Father John Muir

Lent 2024

Lenten Almsgiving

The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means **donating money or goods** to the poor **and** performing other **acts of charity**. In place of the Lenten Ditty Bag Project, this year St. Pius X is choosing to highlight the following local charities in the spirit of almsgiving.



- Dorthy Day House
- The Landing
- St. Vincent De Paul
- Family Promise
- Birthright
- Catholic Charities
- Channel One
- Women's Shelter
- Salvation Army
- St. Pius Food Pantry
- MN Adult Teen Challenge
- Sunday Lunch
- Elder Network

For a list of links to these organizations and opportunities go to the parish website. If you have a cause that you would like added to this list - please call the parish office at 288-8238.

Procession for Palm Sunday at 10:00am Mass

St. Pius X will have a procession with palms on Sunday, March 24th starting at 9:45 am. The procession route will go around the sidewalk of our campus.



2024 Way of the Cross

Please join in the Way of the Cross procession through the streets of Downtown Rochester, with scripture, poetry, song, and silence. The procession will stop at four stations throughout the city on Good Friday, March 29, at 4:00pm (gather at 3:45pm). The procession will start at the main entrance to the Government Center and will proceed to the Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, where a Good Friday Service will follow at 5:30pm. All are welcome!

Tenebrae Service: The Last Living Words


Pax Christi Church will present a Tenebrae service, "The Last Living Words" featuring music by Rut Schram and Philip Stopford on Wednesday, March 26th at 7:00 pm. This service includes powerful music by choir, orchestra and speakers with dramatic readings which present a great opportunity to prepare for the Sacred Triduum.

Holy Week 2024


HOLY THURSDAY
March 28
7:00 PM


GOOD FRIDAY
March 29
12:15 PM


EASTER VIGIL
March 30
8:00 PM


EASTER SUNDAY
March 31
8:00 AM
10:00 AM

Church of St. Pius X

Altar of Repose: Adoration and Prayer

Following the Last Supper, our Lord retired to pray during his "darkest hour" with his disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus appealed to his disciples "Could you not watch one hour with Me?"

Consider making a Holy Week commitment as an individual or as a family. Join your fellow parishioners for adoration and quiet prayer sometime following Holy Thursday Mass through 10 AM Good Friday morning. The Altar of Repose will be located in the school gym (Roncalli Hall). The St. Pius X Knights will be covering every hour of that time so continuous parish coverage is assured. Pick a time that is convenient for you and join them. Let's have a strong St. Pius X showing as we anticipate in quiet prayer and reflection with our Lord His Crucifixion, Death and Resurrection. For those parking in the south parking lot please use the very southeast most door of the church for entry into Roncalli. For those needing handicap access or using the north parking lot, please use the alley door into Kennedy Hall to gain access.

CHURCH OF ST. PIUS X
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Lenten Fridays
6:00 PM

St. Pius X School will offer Stations
Lenten Fridays 8:45 AM

LEN+ FRIDAY
FISH FRYs

ST MICHAEL, PINE ISLAND
FRIDAYS THROUGH MARCH 22
4:30 - 7:00 PM

CHRIST THE KING, BYRON
FRIDAYS THROUGH MARCH 22
5:00 - 7:00 PM

Support your Catholic community.

MACKEN
FUNERAL HOME
& CREMATION SERVICES

*Serving Rochester
& the surrounding
communities with
compassion*

(507) 282-1075 www.mackenfuneralhome.com

ELLINGSON
Insurance Group, LLC

LIFE | HEALTH | DISABILITY | RETIREMENT

John G. Ellingson, Parishioner • john@ellingsongrp.com
David J. Ellingson, Parishioner • dave@ellingsongrp.com
Mark D. Ellingson • mark@ellingsongrp.com
www.ellingsongrp.com (507) 258-4640

SENIOR LIVING

MADONNA LIVING COMMUNITY
OF ROCHESTER
Benedictine Health System

507-288-3911
madonnalivingcommunity.org

Lucy M. Meyer, D.D.S.
Margaret S. Scott D.D.S.
Aimee C. Sims, D.M.D.

New Patients Always Welcome
24 West Silver Lake Dr.

282-8222

catholicmatch®
Minnesota

CatholicMatch.com/MN

Prime Time Health Advisors
YOUR MEDICARE PLAN EXPERTS

Your Prime Source for Plans
That Work with Medicare

Mike Salscheider, RHU, CLU
(507) 280-8232 • Rochester, MN
msalt@pthealth.com

R&V
RANFRANZ & VINE
ROCHESTER, MINN.

Corner of 18th Avenue
& 55th Street N.W.
5421 Royal Place N.W.
289-3600

Simplify your
financial life.
(507) 289-3601

Life Changing Travel Experiences
www.ed-ventures.com

Ed-Ventures, Inc.

507-289-3332

Plan your group's next journey or pilgrimage
with the experts at Ed-Ventures.

GARY KLINE ROOFING

507-289-6686
Service After The Sale

Visit our showroom at
3021 43rd St. NW, Rochester, MN 55901

- Free Estimates • New Roofs
- Flat Roofs • Repairs • Tear Offs

Ask About Our Written Workmanship Warranty

PARISH GRANTS
AVAILABLE.

**ROCHESTER
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

EARLY PRESCHOOL-GRADE 12
Join the
EAGLE FAMILY!
Now Hiring and Enrolling!

LEARN MORE RCSMN.ORG

G. Mark Williamson
Senior Vice President, Financial Advisor

Wealth Enhancement Group®

Securities offered through LPL Financial, member FINRA/SIPC.

**PB Premier Bank
Minnesota**

A bank that shares your values.

(507) 285-3700
www.premierbanks.com

Winkels Electric
Electrical Contracting & Repair
Sign Installation & Repair

Ph 288-4515
www.winkelselectric.com

THRONDSO OIL & LP GAS
"The Quality People of Rochester"

Professional Certified Technicians for
Safety • Service • Savings • Honesty

Commercial • Residential • Industrial • Recreational • Agricultural
LP Gas for Grills, Heaters, Campers, Motor Homes, LP Gas Fire Pits

Rochester 289-2519 Byron 775-2248

**kw KELLER WILLIAMS
PREMIER REALTY**

Kristina Biondic Veldic
Realtor® • Parishioner

507.210.8322
kbveldic@kw.com
kbveldic.kw.com

Each office is independently owned and operated

Susan Stenzel ChFC, LUTC, FIC, Sr. Member Advisor
(507) 282-1793
sstenzel@catholicunited.org

INSURANCE • CREDIT UNION • CHARITABLE GIVING • RETIREMENT • PLANNING

Catholic United
Financial

**Great Harvest
Bakery**

Your Neighborhood
Bakery

706 Broadway Ave N
507-286-1101

2483 Commerce Dr NW
507-258-5300

- The Hedstrom Family
www.greatharvestrochester.com

H HARRIS

Commercial Service • HVAC, Plumbing
Piping & Controls. Our Preventative
Maintenance Programs can reduce your costs.

(507) 288-7713 service.rochester@harriscompany.com

**Place Your Ad Here and
Support our Parish!**

Instantly create and
purchase an ad with

**AD
CREATOR
STUDIO**

4lpi.com/adcreator

**SUPPORT OUR
ADVERTISERS!**

WAGNER OEHLER, LTD.
JASON WAGNER
ATTORNEY AT LAW | PARISHIONER

Estate Planning • Probate
Farm & Business Law • Real Estate

www.wagnerlegalmn.com 507-288-5567

**Compliments of
Tri-State Cold Storage**
Rochester
(507) 286-1317

Lic. #BC008077

Renewal by Andersen
windows help keep your
home warmer in the winter,
cooler in the summer, and
quieter all year round!

**MADE IN
MINNESOTA**

RYAN
Windows & Siding

507-281-6363 | Ryan-WS.com

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Place Your Ad Here
and Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME Kristee Flynn

kflynn@4LPi.com • (800) 950-9952 x2251

Lic. #BC008077

Renewal by Andersen
windows help keep your
home warmer in the winter,
cooler in the summer, and
quieter all year round!

**MADE IN
MINNESOTA**

RYAN
Windows & Siding

507-281-6363 | Ryan-WS.com

PRASKA ORTHODONTICS

Charles E. Praska D.D.S., M.S., P.A.
Orthodontics TMJ Orthopedics

15 7th Ave NW • 288-8844
www.praskaorthodontics.com

**RESTOVICH BRAUN
& ASSOCIATES**
Attorneys At Law

117 E. Center St., Rochester 288-4840
George F. Restovich - 1946-2008
Anna Restovich Braun • Thomas R. Braun

Dr. Keith Casella

**Spring Valley
DENTAL**

823 N Broadway | Spring Valley, MN
507-346-7281 | springvalleydental.net