



# September 28, 2025

## Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat, Sept 27, 4:00PM (Sacred Heart) † Deacon Mark Stenger  
 Sat, Sept 27, 5:00PM (St. Henry) † Harriet Daiker  
 Sat, Sept 27, 7:00PM (Holy Cross) † Anthony Scander  
 Sun, Sept 28, 8:00AM (St. Henry) † Lawrence & Mary Ann Guck  
 Sun, Sept 28, 8:30AM (Sacred Heart) † Gracie Langlie  
 Sun, Sept 28, 10:00AM (St. Henry) † Jim Szarke  
 Sun, Sept 28, 10:30AM (St. Lawrence) † Gracie Langlie  
 Sun, Sept 28, 11:45AM (St. Henry - Spanish Mass)  
**For the People**  
 Tue, Sept 30, 8:45AM (St. Henry) † Orris & Eleanor Olson  
 Tue, Sept 30, 7:00PM (Sacred Heart) † Kelly Wagenman  
 Wed, Oct 1, 8:30AM (St. Lawrence) † Mary Perius & † Jim Vetter  
 Wed, Oct 1, 5:15PM (Holy Cross) Living & Deceased members of Catholic Daughters  
 Thu, Oct 2, 8:30AM (Sacred Heart) † Elaine Pietsch  
 Thu, Oct 2, 8:45AM (St. Henry) † Leonida Fritz  
 Fri, Oct 3, 8:30AM (St. Lawrence) † Teresa Pederson  
 Fri, Oct 3, 10:00AM (Perham Living) † Connie Foltz  
 Sat, Oct 4, 4:00PM (Sacred Heart) † Marilyn Stenger  
 Sat, Oct 4, 5:00PM (St. Henry) † Bob Strickland  
 Sat, Oct 4, 7:00PM (Holy Cross) † Lucille Schik  
 Sun, Oct 5, 8:00AM (St. Henry) † Marge Altstadt  
 Sun, Oct 5, 8:30AM (Sacred Heart) † Greg Meyer  
 Sun, Oct 5, 10:00AM (St. Henry) † Jack & Hap Schumacher  
 Sun, Oct 5, 10:30AM (St. Lawrence) † Kathy "Grandma" Sautter  
 Sun, Oct 5, 11:45AM (St. Henry - Spanish Mass)  
**For the People**

### Financial Blessing for September 20th

Adult.....	585.00	Plate.....	92.75
		Rent.....	150.00
<b>Total.....</b>		<b>827.75</b>	

*Thank you for remembering Holy Cross Church with your Stewardship throughout the year.*

### Financial Blessing for September 20th & 21st

Adult.....	1,828.00	Plate.....	1,127.00
Youth.....	32.00	CCHD.....	295.00
Cemetery Fund.....	50.00	Elec. Transfers.....	175.00
<b>Total.....</b>		<b>3,507.00</b>	

*Thank you for remembering Sacred Heart Church with your Stewardship throughout the year.*

### Financial Blessing for September 20th & 21st

Adult.....	5,914.00	Plate.....	1,140.00
Children's Basket.....	53.00	Elec. Transfers.....	3,799.00
Votives.....	37.00	Spanish Mass.....	211.25
<b>Total.....</b>		<b>11,154.25</b>	

*Thank you for remembering St. Henry Church with your Stewardship throughout the year.*

### Financial Blessing for September 21st

Adult.....	1,395.00	Plate.....	624.00
Youth.....	9.00	Elec. Transfers.....	550.00
CCHD.....	145.00	Dividend.....	88.13
<b>Total.....</b>		<b>2,811.13</b>	

*Thank you for remembering St. Lawrence Church with your Stewardship throughout the year.*

### WINTER WEATHER POLICY

When school is cancelled due to weather, there will be no Masses, no Adoration, and offices will be closed at all the NCACC parishes. If school is two hours late, Adoration will begin at noon and all morning Masses will be cancelled, but evening Masses may take place, if weather permits. For any other weather related announcements refer to My parish app or the NCACC Facebook page.

**Children's Collections:** Beginning in October the Children's Collection will be designated each month to a mission that helps children in need worldwide. The October Children's Collections will be designated to help children who are suffering from leprosy and/or the loss of a limb due to landmines in their country.



**BULLETIN DEADLINE: Tuesday Noon**



# ST. LAWRENCE UPCOMING EVENTS

ST. LAWRENCE



## St. Lawrence Breakfast

CHURCH  
BREAKFAST



Breakfast will be served by Group 3 and Parish Life Committee after the 10:30AM Mass on Priesthood Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to join us in honoring our priests and welcoming all new members to our Parish Family. See you there.

## St. Lawrence Café

Open Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

Bring a dish to share and join us for breakfast after the 8:30AM Mass



Community Outreach Ministry is in need of dressers, a smaller kitchen table and living room chairs in good condition. Please call Cindy Olson at 218-849-8658 if you have these items. Blessings to you all.



## 2025 Box of Joy Kickoff:

**Box of Joy**® gifts are Christmas gifts sent to children in developing countries. Filled with toys, clothing, school supplies, a rosary and *The Story of Jesus*, these gifts represent Christ's love. Your donation demonstrates Christ's compassion to a child who may have never received a Christmas gift. Help us bring a small bit of Christ's joy to them by participating in the Box of Joy program. It may seem early to start now, but it takes a few months to get the shopping done, boxes filled and turned in and shipped. If you have questions contact Carol Peeters, [peeterscarol19@hotmail.com](mailto:peeterscarol19@hotmail.com), 218-371-1817. Visit [boxofjoy.org](http://boxofjoy.org) for more information. Our goal for the seven ACCs in the Northwestern Deanery is 1000 boxes by the end of October! *Sponsored by the NW Deanery Council of Catholic Women.*

## Cemetery News

Rick Guck is the sexton of St Lawrence Cemetery. Please, contact Rick (218-849-5488) or the parish office (218-346-7729) with any questions regarding cemetery plots.

Wed., October 1:

All Grades; 6:30-7:30PM

Wed., October 8:

All Grades; 6:30-7:30PM

Wed., October 15:

NO CLASS-MEA

Stephanie VonRuden-Faith Formation Director  
218-298-1050 or [steph@ncacc.net](mailto:steph@ncacc.net)

*The Northern Cross ACC Parishes  
wish to extend deepest sympathy to  
family and friends of*

*Phyllis Kugler*

*(mother of Becky Westhoff)*

*who passed away recently.*

*May Phyllis know eternal peace  
and joy in heaven and may God  
grant comfort to her family and friends.*



Date: November 15, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

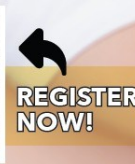
Cost: \$35.00

Location: Christ Church Newman Center, 396-1st Ave S, St Cloud

Details: Pre-registration required

Registration Deadline: Please register online by November 1, 2025. Register using the QR Code below or

at this link: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=iUAOOCrh5Ey2c10u5-KNcpDbFudknoJOK5oFu7PeZ6VUMFZ-KOE9MUzE1U1pVRU5QS0JJQ0lVTVIyWS4u>



2025 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

**Bishop's Annual Appeal:** Our diocesan Tribunal is a quiet but profound voice of hope, assisting those who seek healing, clarity, and reconciliation through the annulment process. This ministry walks compassionately with individuals as they seek to strengthen their lives with the sacraments. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports this ministry of justice and mercy. Make a gift at [www.stedio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stedio.org/annualappeal).

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# SACRED HEART UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sacred Heart Parishioners needed** to help with **Fall cleaning** of Sacred Heart Church on Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM. Bring rags and pails. Any amount of time you can give will be appreciated!



*The Parish of Sacred Heart extends a special congratulations to **Charlie & Jodi Guck** Who are celebrating their 25th Anniversary on September 30th May the Lord bless you*

**Volunteer Opportunity:** Sacred Heart is need of persons to visit and welcome new members to our parish family. Please contact the parish office (218-758-2700 or sandi@ncacc.net) if you are able to help with this ministry. Thank you.



**Sacred Heart is in need of Altar Servers and lectors to assist at the Saturday 4:00PM Masses. If you are able to help with these ministries please contact the parish office at 218-758-2700.**

**Cemetery News** Tim Stoll (218-841-4251) and John Kratzke (218-758-2275) (Sacred Heart) and Mark Riestenberg (218-731-2867) (St Joseph) are the sextons of Sacred Heart and St. Joseph Cemeteries. Please, contact them or the parish office (218-758-2700) with any questions regarding cemetery plots.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Contact the Parish Offices**

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:** Diocesan Policy requires that the Pastor be contacted at least 6 months before the anticipated date of marriage to allow time for premarital inventory, instructions and planning.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** ½ Hour before Weekend Masses at Sacred Heart, St. Lawrence and Holy Cross; Third Saturday from 6:00PM– 7:00PM at Holy Cross. Tuesday & Thursday, 8:15AM–8:45AM; Saturday, 4:00PM—4:45PM (Before 5:00PM Mass) at St. Henry

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Parish Offices**

**Trustees:** Brenda Aschnewitz & Jan Januszewski (Sacred Heart); Jack Werner & Andy Klinnert (St. Lawrence); Mark Halbakken & Lisa Hemmelgarn (St. Henry); Dawn Swanz & Jason Schik (Holy Cross)

**Northern Cross Area Catholic Community Pastoral Council Members:** Chelsey Hendrickx, Dawn Swanz, Dan Schik (Holy Cross); Brenda Aschnewitz, John Kratzke, Kenny Moenkendick (Sacred Heart) Gina Cavanagh, Ken Guck, Jason Smith (St. Henry); Sandi Carrlson, Jack Werner, Caleb Carrlson (St. Lawrence)

## Faith FORMATION

If you are interested in learning more about your faith, please consider the amazing opportunity to teach or volunteer in our Faith Formation Program. Helping youth learn about Jesus is the best gift you can give a young person that will follow them their entire life! We need a teacher and also subs that can fill in as needed. Volunteers are always welcome to join our Faith Formation Family!

Call or text Diane Sazama @ 218-849-7520 or email [woolyacres@arvig.net](mailto:woolyacres@arvig.net)

### Weekly Bulletin Email List

If you would like to have the bulletin emailed to you each week, please let us know by calling or by emailing your parish office.



### COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (CCW) SUNDAY

Bishop Patrick M Neary C.S.C. has proclaimed Sunday, October 12, 2025 as Council of Catholic Women Sunday in the Diocese of Saint Cloud. The National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) is an organization of concerned women established by the Bishops of the United States (USCCB) in 1920 to offer women the opportunity to increase their knowledge of the Church, strengthen their leadership skills, and deepen their spirituality through prayer and service. Council of Catholic Women (CCW) Sunday is the day to highlight the activities and leadership carried out by Catholic Women. All parish Christian Mothers/Women's organizations are affiliates of the NCCW.



**Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Dent**  
36963 State Highway 108

Dent, MN 56528

Phone: (218) 758-2700

Office Hours: Monday and Thursday 9:00AM-1:00PM

Email: [sandi@ncacc.net](mailto:sandi@ncacc.net)

**Parish Website:** [sacredheartstlawrencecatholicchurches.com](http://sacredheartstlawrencecatholicchurches.com)





Congratulations to our Calendar Raffles winner this week. 9-24-25-Sandi Kollar-\$50 and 9-26-25-Ron and Laurie Laughlin-\$100.



We invite you to our upcoming gala. This event provides funds for unbudgeted items for the school. This fundraiser is a fun, social evening that is designed for everyone. Tickets are available at the church office or school office for \$50. We hope to see you there on Saturday, Oct. 11.

**Jason Smith, Principal**  
218-346-6190 or [sthenryschooll@arvig.net](mailto:sthenryschooll@arvig.net)

On Saturday, November 22nd from 9:00 am—12:00 pm, there will be a Holiday Bake, Craft & Gift Sale in the St. Henry's Church basement. All parishioners are encouraged to bring items.



Requirements for having your first child baptized are: registration at a parish and attendance of a pre-baptism class. This class is normally offered on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month. The next class will be offered on **Saturday, October 11th** at 9:00AM in St. Henry's conference room. If you want your child baptized but have not yet attended the required class, please call the parish office at 218-346-4240. Pre-registration is required.

Save the Date:



**REBOOT** event with Chris Stefanik will be held at the Wadena Memorial Auditorium on Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Chris is an incredibly dynamic and energetic speaker with a beautiful message of joy! We invite you to join us for this life-changing event! Tickets are on sale now and can be found by scanning the QR code or by visiting <https://buytickets.at/reallifecatholic/1765324>.



## Cemetery News

Mike Johnson (St. Stan) (218) 849-0501 and Ron Berns (St. Henry) (218) 298-0545 are the sextons of St. Stan and St. Henry Cemeteries. Please, contact them or the parish office (218-346-4240) with any questions regarding cemetery plots.



## St. Henry



**Wed., October 1:**

**Wed., October 8:**

**Wed., October 15:**

**All Grades; 6:30-7:30PM**

**All Grades; 6:30-7:30PM**

**No Class, MEA**

**Michelle Sazama, DRE**  
218-849-9660 or [michelle@ncacc.net](mailto:michelle@ncacc.net)



### NCACC Youth Group Night

All 7-12th Grade NCACC students are welcome for a fun fall evening! Bring a snack to share if you'd like!

**When:** Sunday, September 28th from 5:30-7:30PM

**Where:** The Murdock's Home- 45651 453rd St., Perham

**56th Catholic Daughters Style Show & Brunch October 25th at 9:30AM in the St. Henry's Fellowship Hall.** Come enjoy this Hawaiian themed fundraiser! Aloha! Tickets \$20 at the door or the St. Henry's office.



The *Friends of St. Henry's Area School Gala of Giving* will be held on **Saturday, Oct. 11th at 5:30PM** at the Lakeside Event Center.

Join us for an evening of dinner, games, raffles, and both silent and live auctions-all in support of St. Henry's Area School. This year's theme is "**Unmasking Greatness.**" We warmly welcome alumni, parents, grandparents, parishioners, and friends of the school to attend. Tickets are available now at the school and parish office. We hope you'll join us for this special night of fun, fellowship, and giving! -The Gala Committee

The Knights of Columbus are collecting winter coats for kids. Bring new or clean, slightly used kids coats to the north entrance of St. Henry's Church. The coats will be collected through the month of September.



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234 2nd Ave SW  
Perham, MN 56573  
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Email: [chelsey@ncacc.net](mailto:chelsey@ncacc.net)

# HOLY CROSS NEWS

**BBQ ribs** are now being sold for \$20 a rack and for a pick up date of October 25th

Adoration is held on the third Saturday of the month at 6:00PM.

Cards will be played every Thursday at 1:00 pm. 

## Faith Formation Schedule

**Wed., Oct 1:** Afternoon Class (grades 1-6) 4:15-5:15PM; Evening Class (grades 7-11) 6:40-7:40PM-kickoff and prayer path walk

**Wed., Oct 8:** Afternoon Class 4:15-5:15PM; Evening Class 6:40-7:40PM

*Faith*  
FORMATION



The Parish of Holy Cross extends congratulations to **Violet Arlene Peeters** daughter of Ryan & Kendra Peeters who received the Sacrament of Baptism this past weekend.



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Your donation supports those who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit [www.usccb.org/national\\_collections](http://www.usccb.org/national_collections) and click "How to Give" under "Resources".

**Cemetery News** Sexton for Holy Cross cemetery is Edgar Hendrickx who can be contacted at 298-2434 or 385-3850.

**OFFICE HOURS: (HOLY CROSS):** Call Faye Hendrickx: (218) 385-3850

**(SACRED HEART):** Monday & Thursday : From 9:00 AM-1:00PM, (218) 758-2700

**(ST.LAWRENCE):** Tuesday & Wednesday: From 9:00 AM-12 Noon, (218) 346-7729

**(ST. HENRY):** Monday-Friday: From 8:30 AM—1:00PM, (218) 346-4240



**Please pray for those in need of healing in our parishes:** Ashley Duerfeldt (Wilkowski), Barry Hansen, Brandon Carmichael, Colleen Musgrave, David Hammers, Dean Salo, Jean Heston, Jen Aanenson, Jim Guck, Joe Jaroszewski, Joe Riepe, John Guest, Joyce

Bauer, Karen Omberg, Lacey Johnson, Larry Bucholz, Larry Imdieke, Linda Bellanger-Rethwisch, Mel & Jan Tadych Mike Hendrickx, Mike Ruther, Paul Juen, Richard Bergeron, Robert Daiker, Ron Bertram, Ron Pikula, Ron Wallace, Sally Cavalier, Scott Randall, Sebastian Mettler, Sue Loerzel, Tammy (Steinbach) Coryell, Tanner Wegscheid, Terry Cavalier, Tait Bormann, Vivian Honer, Keith Friedsam

**All military personnel, especially:** Derick Burr, Greg Hirschey, Sandra Silbernagel, Nicholas Melz, Miguel Martinez, Noah Zeleny, Tyler Van Watermulen, Andrew Schlosser

*Always remember in prayer our leaders in faith, especially: Pope Leo XIV, Bishop Patrick Neary, Bishop Emeritus Donald Kettler, Dcn Randy Altstadt, Dcn Richard Quistorff, Fr. Omar Guanchez, and Fr. Nathaniel Daubner.*

## New School Capital Campaign Update

<b>Complete Project</b>	\$8,100,000.00
<b>Pledged</b>	\$8,330,297.00
<b>Pledges to be Received</b>	\$424,473.00
<b>Received</b>	\$7,905,824.00
<b>Monies Received 09-21</b>	\$350.00
<b>Households Contributing</b>	350

## Holy Father's Prayer Intention for September For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, in spired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

## Readings for the Week

<b>Monday</b>	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14	Jn 1:47-51
<b>Tuesday</b>	Zec 8:20-23	Lk 9:51-56
<b>Wednesday</b>	Neh 2:1-8	Lk 9:57-62
<b>Thursday</b>	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12	Mt 18:1-5, 10
<b>Friday</b>	Bar 1:15-22	Lk 10:13-16
<b>Saturday</b>	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29	Lk 10:17-24
<b>Sunday</b>	Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4 Lk 17:5-10	2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

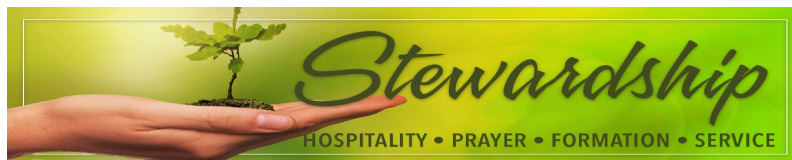
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**Parish Website:** <https://www.parishfaith.com/holy-cross---butler>



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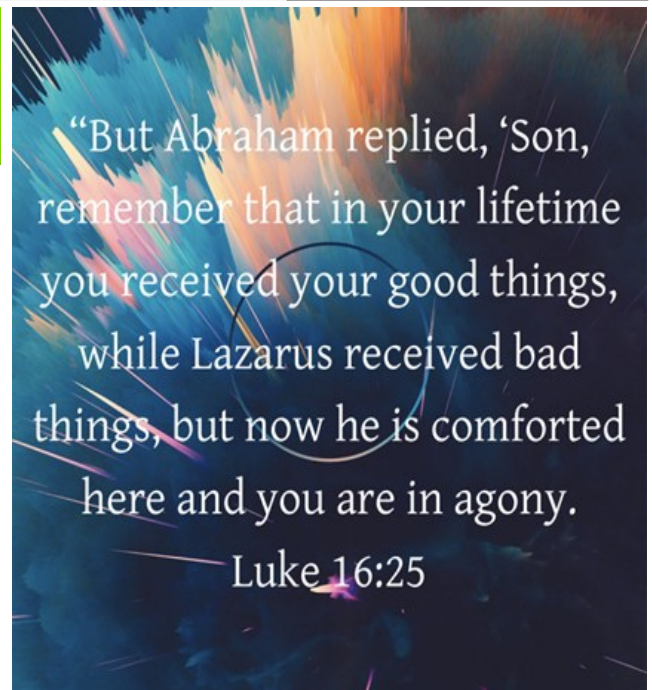
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### Stewardship as a Way of Life:

*"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established..." Luke 16:25-26*

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little, or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.



## Suicide Awareness Weekend Message from Bishop Patrick M. Neary, C.S.C.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, as we gather for the celebration of the Eucharist this weekend, our hearts turn with tenderness toward those among us who carry the pain of suicide. We hold close in prayer the families who have lost loved ones, those who struggle with mental illness and all who walk alongside them with love, courage and faith. In recent years, our understanding of mental health has grown. We now recognize that mental illness is not a moral failing, but a genuine health condition — one that calls for our compassion, our support and our pastoral care. Suicide is often the heartbreaking result of an illness that overwhelms a person's ability to cope. It is a reality that can touch any life. Throughout the month of September, we join others across the country in observing Suicide Prevention Month. I've invited all our Area Catholic Communities to mark this weekend as a time of special remembrance — for those who have died by suicide, and for the family members, friends, and neighbors who grieve their loss. We know that one in four people live with mental illness, and that approximately 1.5 million people attempt suicide each year. Many of us carry the memory of someone we've known — a loved one, a friend, a member of our parish—whose life ended too soon under the weight of mental suffering. To the families who mourn, please know that your grief is held in the heart of the Church. We see you. We stand with you. And we pray with you. We believe in the boundless mercy of God — a mercy that reaches into the deepest darkness and brings light. We trust in the loving embrace of our Lord for all His children, especially those most in need of his peace. Christ's own suffering and death opened the gates of Heaven, and we hold fast to that promise of eternal life. We also lift up those who are currently navigating the challenges of mental illness, and the families who support them. You are not alone. Seeking help is a sign of strength — a courageous step toward healing. Our diocese is committed to fostering a community where the dignity of every person impacted by mental health challenges is affirmed, and where resources for support and healing are accessible and encouraged. To those who are struggling: please reach out. Talk to someone you trust. Seek professional help. Know that your life is precious, and you are deeply loved. And to those who have survived the loss of a loved one to suicide: when you are ready, know that sharing your story can be a source of healing and hope for others. May this Suicide Healing and Remembrance Weekend be a powerful witness to the enduring love of Christ. Let us pray that His peace will fill every heart in need with courage and hope. May Our Lady of Sorrows, who stood faithfully at the foot of the Cross, intercede for us. And may Almighty God bless you all, † in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **Diocesan Resources:**

- <https://stcdio.org/mental-health-ministry>
- <https://stcdio.org/suicide-healing-and-remembrance>

### **Resources for those affected by suicide:**

- **Red Bird** was founded on helping parents address the profound healing that needs to happen while also honoring the memory of the child. ([redbird.love](http://redbird.love))
- ***When a Loved One Dies by Suicide Film Series*** This film series is a grief support resource for those experiencing suicide loss. It also explains Church teachings on suicide and offers prayers of comfort and support. ([catholicmhm.org/whenalovedonediesbysuicide](http://catholicmhm.org/whenalovedonediesbysuicide))

### **Resources for those struggling with suicidal thoughts or their mental health:**

- Call the toll-free **Suicide Prevention Lifeline** at **9-8-8**, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. **Call, Text or Chat!** This service is available to everyone, and multiple languages are available.
- For Recommendations Regarding Catholic Therapists:
  - o Catholic Therapist ([www.catholictherapists.com/home](http://www.catholictherapists.com/home))
  - o Catholic Counselors ([www.catholiccounselors.com](http://www.catholiccounselors.com))
  - o Catholic Psychotherapy Association ([cpa.ce21.com/directory](http://cpa.ce21.com/directory))
  - o Divine Mercy University, mental health professional graduates ([divinemercy.edu/alumni/directory](http://divinemercy.edu/alumni/directory))

### **Resources for those walking with those affected by suicide:**

- The Sanctuary Course for Catholics is designed to raise awareness and start conversations in local parishes regarding mental health. (<https://sanctuarymentalhealth.org/catholics>)
- Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers is an international ministry working to bring mental health ministry to every Catholic parish and community. (<https://catholicmhm.org>)

**St Dymphna, Pray for Us**