
Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Independent/Old Catholic Church?

The Independent/Old Catholic Church has its roots in the Catholic Church of the Netherlands where in 1145, Pope Eugene III granted the diocese of Utrecht the right to elect and consecrate its own Bishops and clergy. That right was reconfirmed by the Fourth Lateran Council in 1215 and again by Pope Leo X in 1520. The Old Catholic Church reiterated its right at the First Vatican Council in 1870, because a good number of the Bishops did not agree with the Roman dogmatic declaration of Papal infallibility. It was at this time that the Roman Catholic Church invoked obedience to Papal Authority and officially replaced all those Bishops who would not agree to the Dogmatic Declaration of Papal Infallibility.

What is the Apostolic Catholic Orthodox Church and how is it connected with the Old Catholic Church?

The Apostolic Catholic Orthodox Church (ACOC) is a communion of persons and communities throughout the United States who gather for worship and public ministry outreach within the Old Catholic Christian apostolic tradition. The ACOC is renewal-oriented, in the spirit of the Second Vatican Council.

Does the Roman Catholic Church consider the sacraments of Old Catholics as valid?

When members of the Roman Catholic Church encounter Old Catholic Churches for the first time, they are often surprised to learn that Catholic denominations exist apart from Rome. Understandably, questions are raised about the validity of Orders and Sacraments administered by Old Catholics.

At the Vatican on 16 June 2000, Pope John Paul II ratified and ordered the publication of *Dominus Iesus*. This Declaration of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith was signed and published by Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger (now Pope Benedict XVI) in August of the same year. In this Declaration, the Roman Catholic Church recognizes the validity of Orders and Sacraments of Old Catholic denominations.

Please visit our website for more information about our community, our services, and for links to recommended reading:

www.spiritofhopecatholiccommunity.org

Spirit of Hope Independent Catholic Community

To our Eucharistic table – All are invited

February, 2010



**Mass is celebrated
Saturday evening
5:00 p.m.**

at

**St. Anne's Episcopal Church
2035 Charlton Road
Sunfish Lake, MN 55118**

**To schedule a
baptism, wedding, anointing, or funeral
contact Pastor Marty Shanahan
at 651-328-7723**

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Saturday, February 6

Presiding: Rev. Marty Shanahan

Lector: Bob Pirro

Prayers of the Faithful: Art Stoeberl

Eucharist Ministers:, Sharon Masloski, Colleen Woodley

Saturday, February 13

Presiding: Rev. Marty Shanahan

Lector: Ingrid Mattsson

Prayers of the Faithful: Tom King

Eucharist Ministers:, Kathy Shanahan, Joyce St John

Saturday, February 20

Presiding: Rev. Marty Shanahan

Lector: Joyce Rother

Prayers of the Faithful: Kathy Shanahan

Eucharist Ministers:, Joyce St John, Lesley Vucicevic

Saturday, February 27

Presiding: Rev. Marty Shanahan

Lector: Bob Schuneman

Prayers of the Faithful: Ingrid Mattsson

Eucharist Ministers:, Colleen Woodley, Wyatt Yeater

Joseph's Coat

Spirit of Hope supports Joseph's Coat, a free store providing goods and services to those who are in need in the St. Paul area. In addition to seasonal clothing in all sizes, in February, we will be collecting men's gloves, toddler's winter clothing and bar soap. There is a great need for these items. If you are going to donate men's gloves please have them here by Feb.13th if possible. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this cause.

Neighbors Food Shelf

Spirit of Hope supports Neighbors, a non-profit, social-service agency serving Northern Dakota County communities in need. Please bring non perishable food items to the narthex (just to the left of the entry doors).

New to Spirit of Hope?

Help us get to know you and be included in our special mailings. Please complete a guest card located in the gathering space.

Prefer to Contribute Electronically?

Forms are available, on our website and at church. Please complete the form and place it in the collection basket.

"Tuesday's With Scripture" – Weekly Scripture Reflections

Receive scripture reflections (via email) from Rev. Marty Shanahan. To subscribe, email mkshanahan@comcast.net and write "Subscribe to Tuesday's with Scripture" in the subject line, or visit our website.

Mark Your Calendar

Sat., Feb. 6
Follows Mass

Community Dinner

All are invited to an informal dinner, hosted by Spirit of Hope's Core Team, following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. If you have questions about our community, would like meet new friends, or just want to see what we're about, please join us after Mass for conversation and dinner. All are welcome.

Sat., Feb 13

Palm-burning prior to Ash Wednesday

Immediately following Mass, we will have a sacred burning of our palms from last year's Palm Sunday. The ashes from these palms are then used at our Ash Wednesday service. All are encouraged to stay for this special ceremony and if you saved last year's palms, please bring them.

Sat., Feb. 13

Core Team Meeting

The Core Team meets monthly to discuss community business. Everyone is welcome to attend. The meeting will begin following the palm-burning.

Wed, Feb. 17
7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Service

Spirit of Hope and St. Anne's community will co-celebrate our Ash Wednesday services. The shared liturgy will begin at 7:00 p.m.

A note for families with young children: St. Anne's will have an interactive children's service beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 20

Teen Dance – Calling all teens!

Grab your friends or meet them here for a fun-filled evening of dance and music. Adults feeling left out? Chaperones are always needed. Contact Marty or Kathy if you can help.

Looking Ahead

Sat., Mar. 13

Core Team Meeting

Sat., Mar. 20

Lenten Communal Penance Service

Communal penance will follow the 5:00 p.m. Mass

All of the places of our lives are sanctuaries; some of them just happen to have steeples. And all of the people in our lives are saints; it is just that some of them have day jobs and most will never have feast days named for them.

Robert Benson

Saint Blaise, pray for us that we may not suffer from illnesses of the throat and pray that all who are suffering be healed by God's love. (Feb. 3, Feast of St. Blaise)