
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 ***an Independent Catholic Community***

*Wherever you are in the journey of faith
you are welcome here*

September, 2009



Mass is celebrated
Saturday evening
5:00 pm

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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Sunday, September 6 (7:45 PM Mass)

Presiding: Rev. Marty Shanahan

Lector: Megan Shanahan

Prayers of the Faithful: Ingrid Mattsson

Eucharist Ministers: Joyce Rother, Art Stoeberl

Saturday, September 12

Presiding: Rev. Marty Shanahan

Lector: Wyatt Yeater

Prayers of the Faithful: Joyce Rother

Eucharist Ministers: Betsy McDonald, Kathy Shanahan

Saturday, September 19

Presiding: Rev. Marty Shanahan

Lector: Ingrid Mattsson

Prayers of the Faithful: Megan Shanahan

Eucharist Ministers: Liz Iverson, Joyce St John

Saturday, September 26

Presiding: Rev. Marty Shanahan

Lector: Art Stoeberl

Prayers of the Faithful: Kathy Shanahan

Eucharist Ministers: Joyce Rother, Wyatt Yeater

Weekend Retreat – for Women Only

Spend time with other women designing the life of your dreams. You will leave relaxed, recharged, rejuvenated, and ready to hip-hop into your MAGNIFICENT life. Retreat is co-led by two renowned life coaches: Umo Udo and Bonnie Henrickson. For more information, call (218) 678-2325.

WHEN

November 6-8, 2009

WHERE

Presbyterian Clearwater Forest
16595 Crooked Lake Rd.
Deerwood, MN 56444

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.

Charity and Justice Outreach

Spirit of Hope supports **Joseph's Coat**, a free store providing goods and services to those in need in the St. Paul area. Last month, we donated 1,103 "back to school" items (filling 8 boxes). In addition, we donated 34 backpacks and 2 bags of seasonal clothing to Joseph's Coat. A big "Thank you!" to all who donated items and helped deliver them to Joseph's Coat.

This month we are collecting toothpaste and fall clothing for children, women and men. Collection boxes are in the gathering space.

Mark Your Calendar

Sat, Sept 12
Follows Mass

Core Team Meeting

Meeting will be held at St. Anne's. All are welcome.

Sat, Sept 19
7-10 pm

Youth Dance

Adult chaperones are needed. Please contact Marty or Kathy Shanahan if you are available to help.

Sat, Sept 26
4:30 pm

Walk the Labyrinth – informational session and walk

St Anne's Labyrinth is a prayer tool which incorporates the body and spirit in a walking meditation. By walking the labyrinth, we are participating in an ancient mystical tradition of prayer and meditation. It engages the whole self in prayer and imagery of our faith as a life's journey.

Looking Ahead

Sat, Oct 3
Follows Mass

Potluck Dinner & Informational Session

The Spirit of Hope community is hosting an informational session and potluck dinner. Whether you have questions, would like to share your thoughts, or just want to see what we're about, please join us after Mass for conversation and dinner. All are welcome.

Sat, Oct 10

Core Team Meeting

Sat, Oct 17

Youth Dance

Sat, Oct 31

All day events at St Edwards Catholic, for youth and adults. See details below.

Shine Out (9:45am – 4:00pm, Oct 31) at St Edward's Catholic in Bloomington. This workshop is for young adults (age 14+) of any faith. Designed to motivate youth to work for change in the world – to **Shine Out** their talents and skill, and have a positive impact on others. Team leaders David Weiss and Megan Kuhl-Stennes will use the movie, *Pay It Forward*, to set the pace for the program. After lunch, *Sheltered Reality* a drumming group, will ask participants to pick up the theme and join them in a performance. An Acrostics poetry writing session will end the day. Questions? Stoeberl@bitstream.net or 651-278-6630.

The Democratization of the Church – CTA MN Conference

(9:00am – 3:30pm, Oct 31) at St Edward's Catholic in Bloomington. Retired journalist, Robert McClory opens the conference with a discussion about how many assume the Catholic Church has always functioned with a top-down leadership model, but actually there have been long periods where lay people were consulted and assumed leadership roles. McClory will also illustrate how we are heading towards a decentralized Church. James O'Toole (church historian), will talk about the history of lay involvement in the church using research from his book *The Faithful* to trace the colonial priest-less church to the contemporary, nearly priest-less church. Registration fee: \$45. Questions? Stoeberl@bitstream.net or 651-278-6630.