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J U L Y 2024

Summer is an especially wonderful time of the year as our family has many chances to visit with all the activities provided to us. Hope to see all of you at the annual Magesfest at Spring Lake Park in North Mankato, Minn.

God's Blessing to all: Linda



Coming Events

July 20, 2024 – Magesfest - Springlake Park, North Mankato,

July 27, 2024 – Mages Barn Party

August – 2024 Baby due for Michelle and Cody

August 01, 2024 – St. Mary's Sleepy Eye Mass for deceased members of the Mages Family Thursday 7:15am

August 10, 2024 – Bridal Shower for Allie Mages

August 21, 2024 – Zins Family Reunion 11am Pizza Ranch, Redwood Falls, Mn

September 10, 2024 – St. John the Baptist, Mankato Minn. Mass for the deceased members of the Mages Family Wednesday, 8:15 am.

September 21, 2024 – Kodet Sister's and Niece's Day. Morton Senior Citizens Center, Morton, Mn.

October 05 & 06, 2024 – Sister's/nieces Oktoberfest by Debbie Fischer

November 02, 2024 – Wedding for Allie Mages and Alex Weible in Moorhead, Mn.

November 05, 2024 – St. Mary's Sleepy Eye Mass for deceased members of the Mages Family Tuesday 7:15 am.

November 30, 2024 – Mages Christmas Party, St. Mary's Sleepy Eye Minnesota. Noon

December 11, 2024 – Mass St. Mary's Sleepy Eye Mass for deceased members of the Mages Family Wednesday 7:15 am. **This will be the Sibling Christmas potluck.**

Bechyn Bench

The Mages Siblings voted to use some of Mom's funeral money to have a bench installed at her home parish of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bechyn, Minnesota. Our brother Tom headed up this request and built a bench. Joselynn Andersen did the design on the seat part of the bench and brother Mike helped along with some Bechyn men to start the first step by laying the cement pad the bench will set on. Photos of this project will continue on page 3. A dedication ceremony will be held when the actual bench is placed at St. Mary's in Bechyn. Linda

July Birthdays

Brennen Rath	July 01
Darlene Mages	July 01
Gina Andersen	July 02
Dawn Plath	July 04
Carly Minnich	July 04
Brendel Arthur	July 04
Josephine Wagner	July 05
Cameron Wagner	July 06
Raymond Mages	July 10
Debra Mages	July 10
Avery Cook	July 11
Noah Olivero	July 13
Luke Mages	July 15
Charlie Dammann	July 15
Logan Miller	July 16
Vann Mages	July 17
Lisa Schmitz	July 18
Adam Butler	July 19
August Groen	July 19
Jasmine Miller	July 20
Kristen Olivero	July 22
Jane Mages	July 23
Martin Mages	July 23
Josh Vander Hook	July 26
Nolan Gall	July 29

A special Hello to our German cousins, Helmut, Birgit, Andi, Elena, Rosalie, Anton and Tobi

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News Deadline

20th of each month

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July Anniversaries

Rick and Jane Mages
July 17 51 years

Larry and Debra Fischer
July 11 43 years

Dean and Donna Nelson
July 26 40 years

Curt and Kathy Mages
July 12 38 years

Mike and Amy Mages
July 29 35 years

Shane and Becky Wilson
July 18 32 years

Jeremy and Kari Mages
July 15 24 years

Aaron and Erica Mages
July 23 19 years

Alan and Julia Strand
July 29 18 years

Rob and JoEdna Mages
July 05 16 years

David and Samantha Nelson
July 27 12 years

John and Amanda Cook
July 13 11 years

TJ and Madeline Ibberson
July 11 09 years

Billy and Mikayla Bruggeman
July 15 07 years

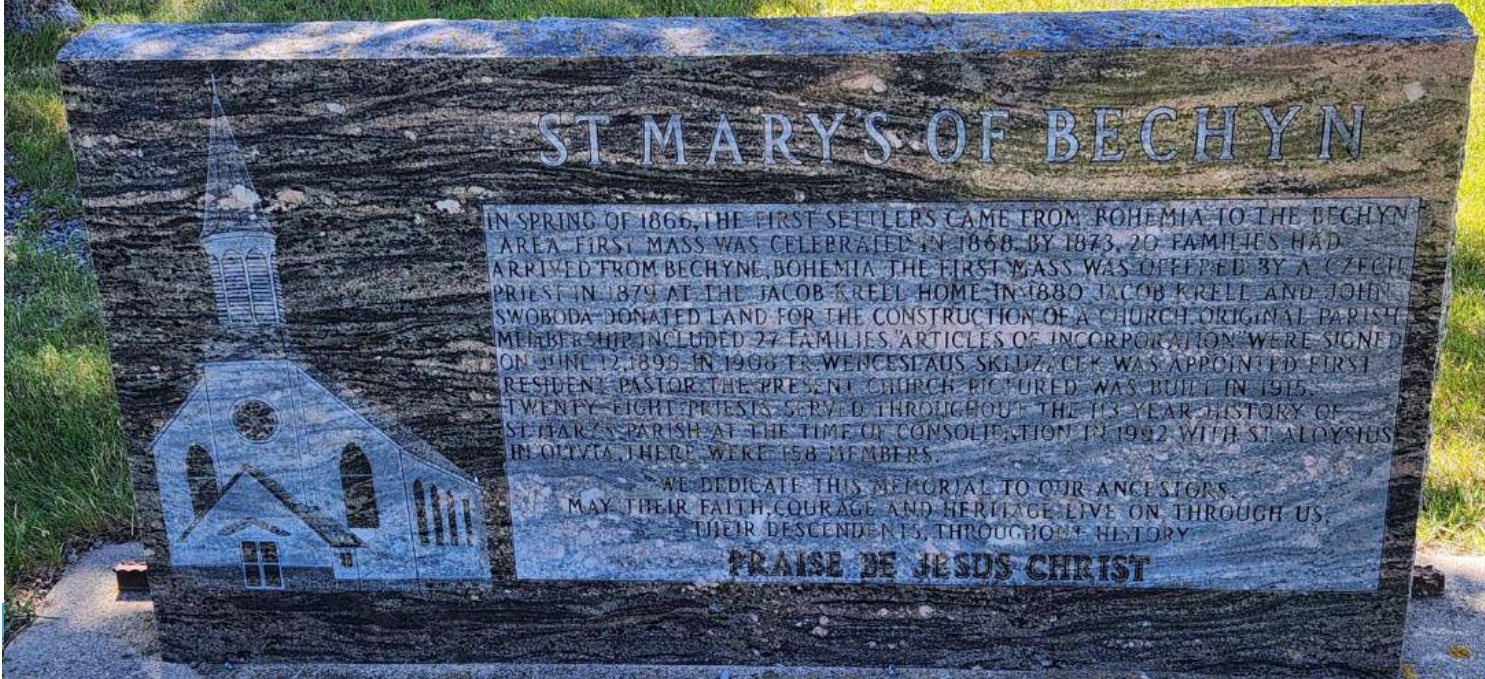
Beginning the Ground Work for Mom's Bench

Tom and Mike



To Bechyn and Back Bench

As you walk up the sidewalk to enter the church this marble stone tells the story of the Czech ancestors to settled this town and church.



The three guys that helped Dean Dworsak who lives in the priest house, and supplied the grass seed, Tom Kodet who ran the water hose, and Gene Kohout.



L – R: Gene Kohout, Tom, Tom Kodet and Mike

Bridal Shower Honoring Allie Mages

Please, join us for a bridal shower celebrating the upcoming wedding of Allie Mages and Alex Weible! Enjoy food, fun, and friends!

When: August 10, 11-1pm

Where: Redeemer Lutheran Church
700 S Broadway New Ulm

Couple is registered at Target and Amazon.

One small request that won't be too hard, please bring a recipe instead of a card. You can sign the recipe with a note from you. Our new bride will be quite the cook, with all the recipes to put in her new cookbook.

Please, RSVP to Tess: 507-276-0472 by August 1st.
Thanks!

***Bridal
Shower***

Forever Young – Alphonse and Barbara Mages Scholarship Weekend at Emerald Hideaway

On Friday, June 07, 2024 our weekend began with Mass for Dad and Mom at St. Mary's in New Ulm, Minnesota. After Mass we ventured up to Emerald Hideaway, Atwater, Minnesota for an extended weekend with the Mages Siblings and their spouses. The three days we were there was beautiful weather, beautiful water, great fishing, wonderful company, awesome food and lots of it, playing games, sitting around on the deck or by the water, pontoon rides and grilling. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

On Friday evening the members of the Forever Young, Alphonse and Barbara Mages Scholarship committee gathered for their annual meeting. President Larry Mages conducted the meeting, Secretary Kathy Mages read the minutes of our last meeting and Deb Fischer gave the financial report and based on that it was decided what the amount of each scholarship will be this year. Any one in the Mages family can become a member of this special group. Members present this year were Larry and Debra Mages, Dan Mages, Barb Plath, Betty Jass, Nancy Strate, Lisa Schmitz, Rick Mages, Curt and Kathy Mages, Donna Nelson, Debra Fischer and Linda Gall. The group also allocated money for "Food 4 Kidz" which is headed by Rick and Jane Mages and Deb Fischer in Sleepy Eye every November for the last 20 years.

After the evening meal Larry brought the game "Balderdash" out. A large group of us played, "Mages Style Balderdash" with so much laughter we could hardly talk. Later into the evening us die hards played, "snuzzle". Kathy Mages and Debra Mages played for the first time and did an awesome job.

Many large fish were caught, but being the wonderful fishermen they are it was all catch and release.

What a wonderful tribute to our Mom and Dad that they raised such a large family and all the children and their spouses get along and enjoy one another's company. We had such a wonderful time, and so so much good food, more than we could eat.

Larry and Debra we all want to thank you so much for sharing Emerald Hideaway with this whole crazy family who love each other so much. It was so good for our hearts and our souls.

Those present were Larry and Debra Mages, Joe and Linda Gall, Dan and Arlene Mages, Nancy Strate, Rick and Jane Mages, Kevin and Barb Plath, Betty Jass, John and Cindy Mages, Curt and Kathy Mages, Debbie Fischer, Dean and Donna Nelson, Tom and Sharon Mages and Lisa Schmitz.

With love,
Linda

Emerald Hideaway Weekend in Photo



Larry with just one of many fish caught



Top right photo is our host and hostess, Larry and Debra.

Dan making sure Debbie and all of us got our share of morning coffee. Kathy and Arlene in the background.

Forever Young in Photo



Curt, Linda, Lisa, Larry, Kathy, Debbie, Arlene, Dan and Debra



Larry, Curt and Dan on the deck



Debra and Arlene



Larry, Curt, Dan, Kathy, Lisa, Debra and Arlene



Larry purchased a new coffee table for the living room, Linda, Lisa, Kathy, Dan, Curt, Arlene, Nancy, Debra and Debbie



Barb, Donna hidden, Arlene, Jane, Linda, Debra, Debbie, Kathy and Nancy

Forever Young in Photo Continued

Jane, Rick, Arlene, Debra and Nancy



Playing games, Kathy, Curt, Larry, Nancy, Barb, Kevin, Rick, Jane, Debbie, Linda, Joe, Lisa, Donna, Dan and Arlene



Barb, Tom, Debra, Donna and Cindy



Curt, Linda, Arlene, Kathy, Debbie, Lisa, Barb, Nancy, Debra, Dan and Larry

Bottom left is Barb, Tom, Debra, Donna and Cindy. Bottom right is Curt, Linda, Arlene, Kathy, Debbie, Lisa, Barb, Nancy, Debra, Dan and Larry

Forever Young in Photo Continued



Kevin, Barb, Tom, John, Sharon and Cindy



Nancy, Curt, Debra, Larry, Joe, Kevin, Betty and Kathy



Curt, Debra doing something with Larry's hair and Joe



This was only one meal out of nine



Kevin and Barb



Saying the Blessing before we eat. Betty, Donna, Sharon, Cindy, Nancy and Curt.

Forever Young in Photo Continues

Sitting by the water



Donna, Arlene, Jane, Lisa, Debra, Debbie and Kathy



Nancy, Curt, Kathy, Tom, John and Debra



Larry, Linda, Joe, John, Betty, Sharon, Tom, Dean, Curt and Kathy.



Those members present for the Forever Young Meeting were, L – R: Barb Plath, Linda Gall, Kathy Mages, Curt Mages, Debra Fischer, Nancy Strate and Dan Mages. Back row Larry Mages, Rick Mages, Lisa Schmitz and Donna Nelson.



Quilts by Cindy Mages

When Mom passed away and the children were cleaning out her Sleepy Eye home John took fabric Mom had and Cindy turned them into precious works of art. Cindy told me Bonita's Calum got the John Deere quilt and loves it. Linda



The quilt to the left Cindy pieced and hand stitched with material from Mom

The John Deere quilt to the right Cindy also stitched with fabric from Mom

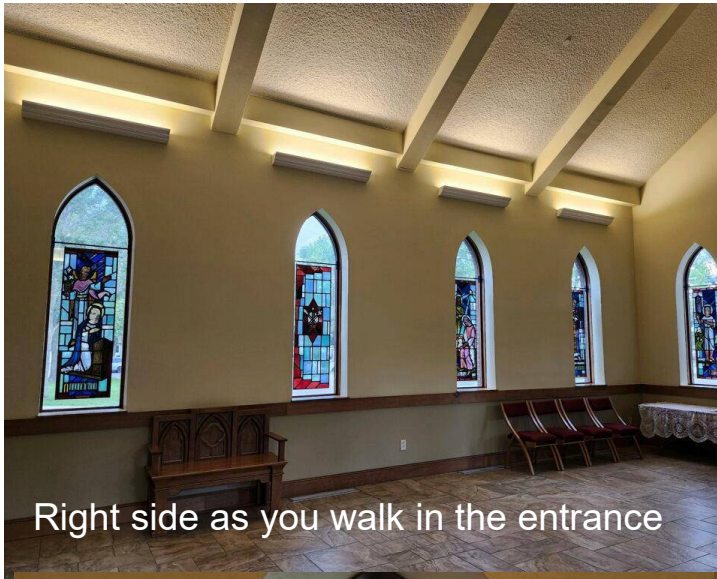


New Stained Glass Windows to Adorn the North Entrance of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota

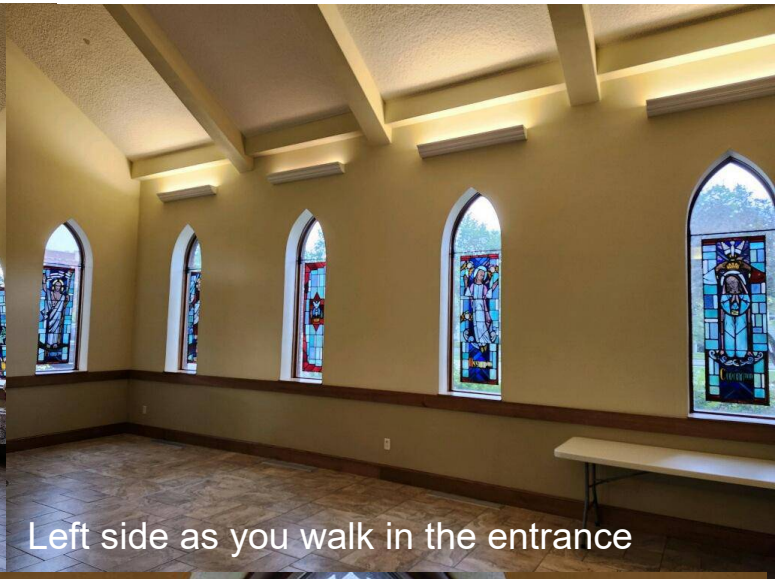
What a joyful and glorious moment it was to see the newly restored, stained glass windows on display in their new home, the North entrance area of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota. The restoration and the erection of the windows was carried out as a gift to the church in loving remembrance of Alphonse and Barbara Mages by their many children. The windows depict the Joyful and Glorious mysteries of the rosary. Our parents lived their lives in devotion to Christ and his Mother, Mary, as parishioners of St. Mary's Church from 1966 to 2023. "The windows, which were previously on display for many years in the Hector Catholic Church were recently restored and hung in conjunction with the window donation to our parish by Fr. Mark Steffl, parish priest of St. Marys from 2020 – 2024. Our parish is very grateful for this donation. Our Mother, Barbara Mages, artistically created thousands of rosaries in devotion to Mary's love for Jesus during her lifetime. The brilliant colored glass in these windows serves as a reminder of the brilliant and beautiful colored beads of her glass and crystal rosaries. Many thanks to Tony Schmitz for installing the windows and to parishioner, Mike Suess for assisting him with the installation. Also special thank go out to those who aided in the design and creation of the brackets that were used to hold the windows in place. Lisa



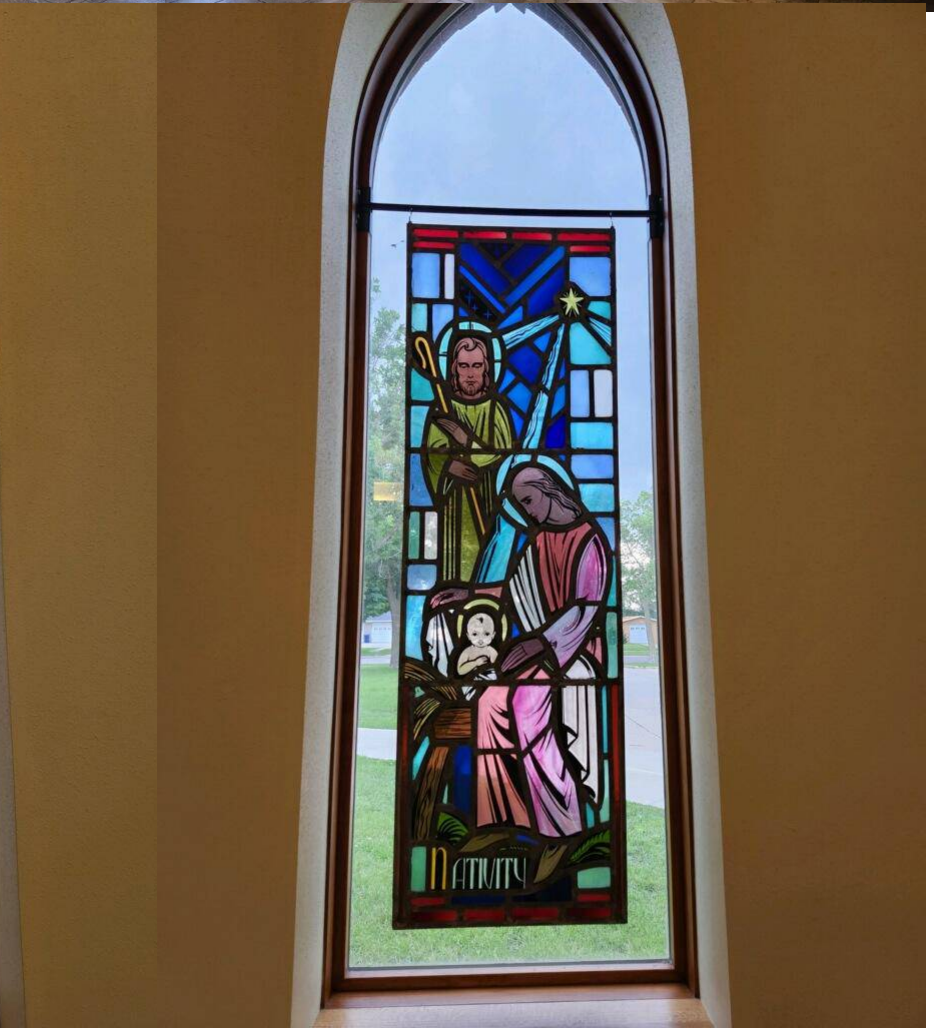
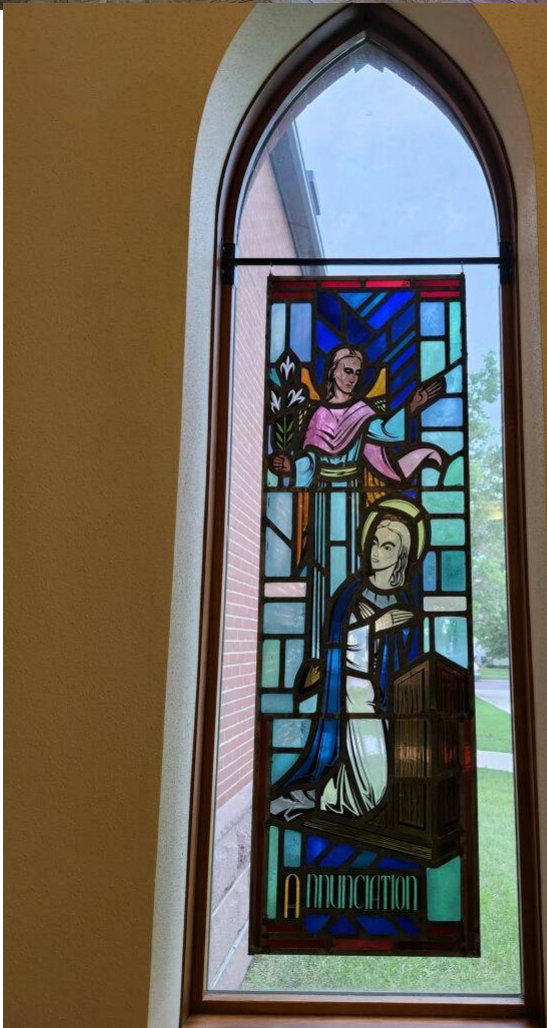
Stained Glass Windows in Photo



Right side as you walk in the entrance

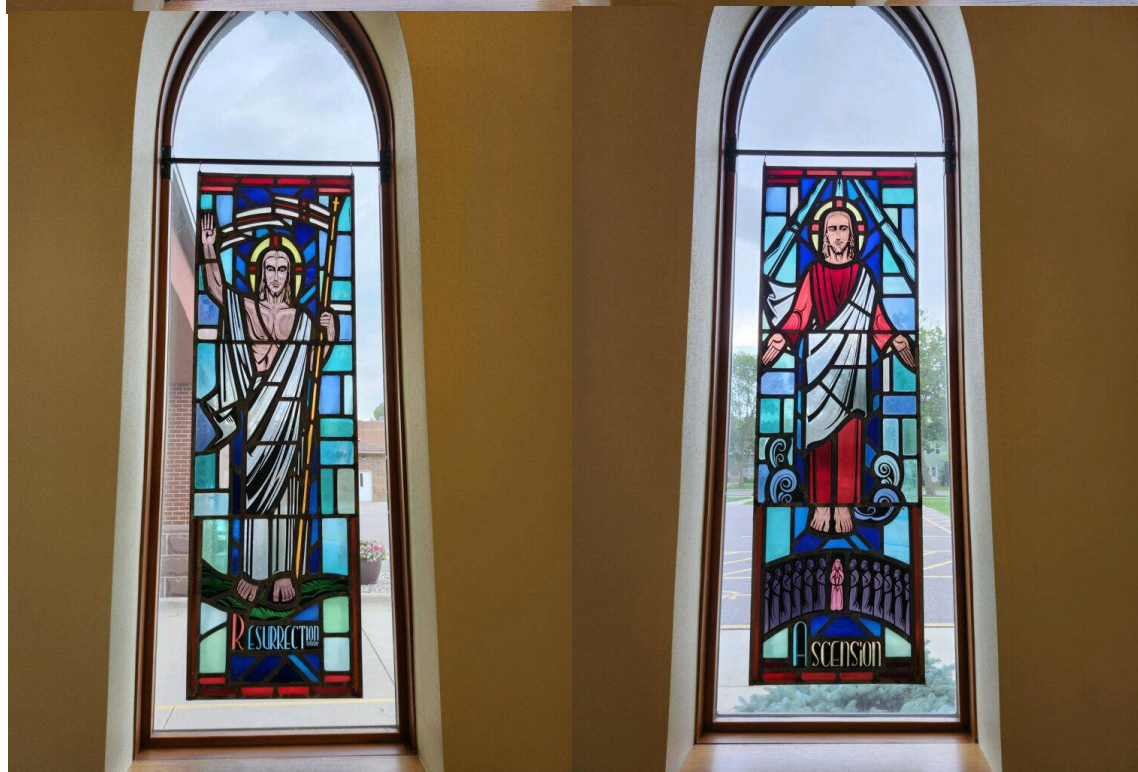
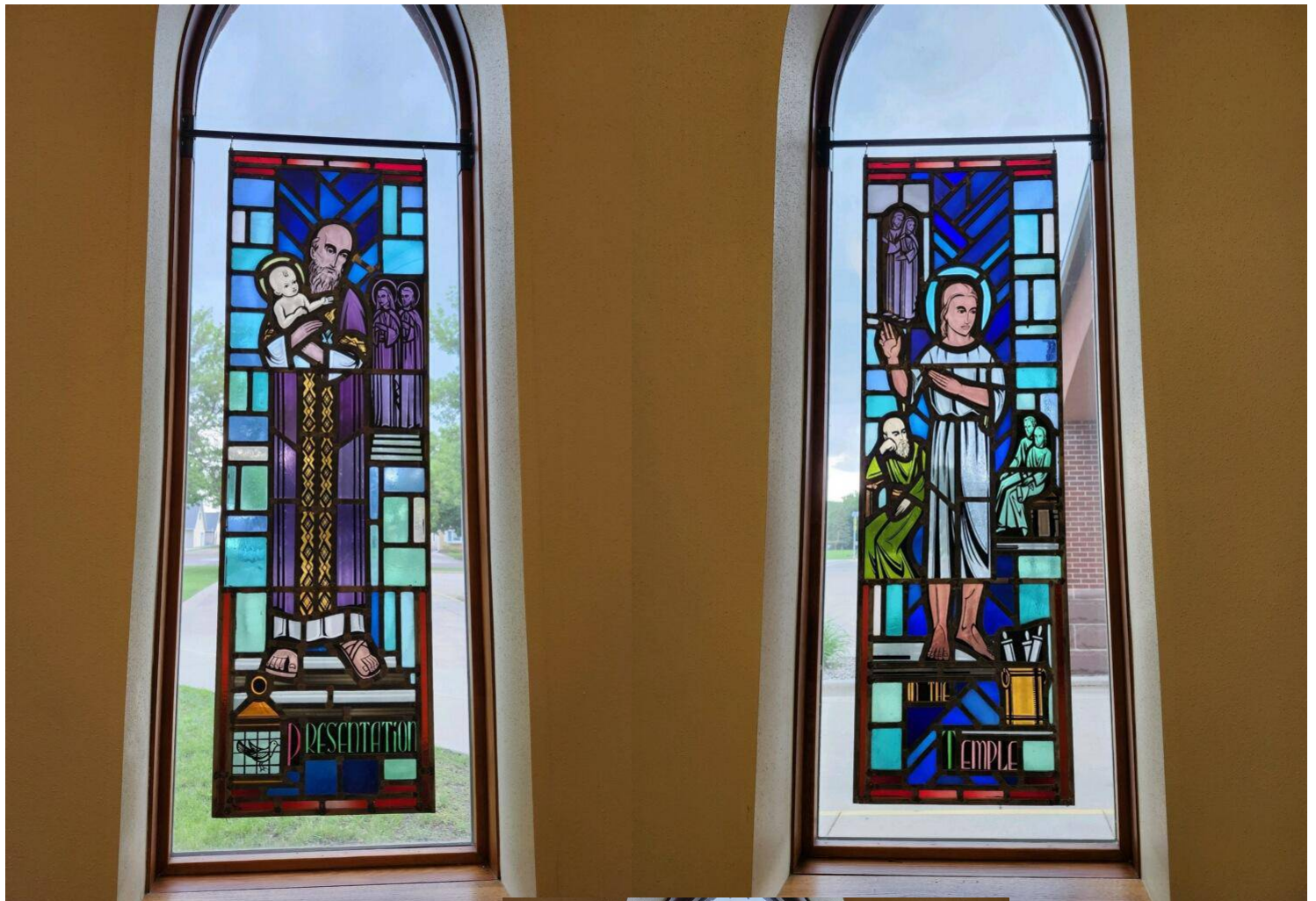


Left side as you walk in the entrance



Joyful Mysteries, The Annunciation and the Nativity

Stained Glass Windows in Photo Continued



Top two photos are still the Joyful Mysteries the Presentation and the Finding in the Temple. The two photos to the left start the Glorious Mysteries. The Resurrection and the Ascension.

Stained Glass Windows in Photo Continued



The Glorious
Mysteries the
Assumption and
the Coronation
of Mary Queen
of Heaven

