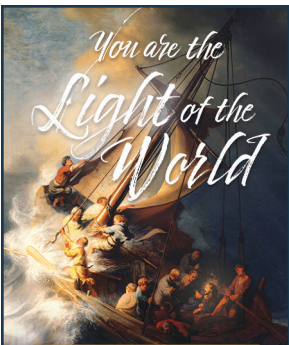


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Marriage Anniversary Mass

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Catholic Ministries Appeal

In the summer of 2023, Father Havel was asked if our parish, St. John the Baptist – Minnesota Lake, would be interested in hosting the annual Marriage Anniversary Mass, celebrating with Bishop Barron. How exciting for our small community to be hosting this Mass with our new Bishop. About 80 couples ranging from 1 year to 65 years married from all over Southern Minnesota, Iowa and even Illinois, registered to attend. There were even widowed spouses that registered; this Mass was special to them too as they were on a new journey without their spouse but still wanted to share their love stories with everyone gathered.

The Marriage Anniversary Mass is a wonderful day of strengthening a couple's love and an important event supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). Celebrating this special event at our parish and other parishes throughout the years is a testament of the strong love between Jesus and the sacrament of marriage. The CMA provides the resources to support couples in their journey together with Jesus. The Marriage Anniversary Mass reminds all couples of the commitment made to each other, giving them a sense of joy.

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