



# JESUS IN THE CITY FELLOWSHIP

Information and News Update

## Beginning our 26th Year of Ministry in South Minneapolis

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**Isaiah 58:6-7: "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:** to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter--when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?"

Verse 12: **"You will be called Restorer of Streets with Dwellings."**

As I write this and reflect on what the Lord is doing and how He is moving the word that comes to mind is God is working behind the scenes. We may not see it or feel it but something is happening. God is moving, we read in **John 5:17 Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working."**

We also see a serious increase in crime and wickedness. Paul writes in **2nd Thessalonians 2:7** "For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way." It is my belief that the Lord is allowing the hearts of those who are not walking with Christ to be revealed. Now it is up to the church to do the work of evangelism and discipleship.

Friends, Jesus in the City is dug in and doing the work of evangelism and discipleship in Minneapolis. We are hard pressed to take on another challenge, but we need more help in some areas of our ministry. Are you interested in being a part of what the Lord is going to do in South Minneapolis?

**1st Thessalonians 2:13** "And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe."

My father Dan Pilla Sr. passed away in this past June 5th. The day before he passed my cousin Bob Morrison made sure that "Riley" was saved and had Jesus in his heart as Bob prayed with him. I know that Riley is with Jesus. Those of you who knew him, understand the kind of miracle that is. A changed heart is a miracle and only Jesus Christ can change a hardened heart.

This is why **Jesus In The City** is not leaving South Minneapolis in spite of the chaos. In fact that is the very reason we are here.

There are many ways that you can partner with us this year, including sponsoring a boat for our 11th Annual Urban and Suburban Pastors Tournament on Lake Minnetonka this coming August 10th for \$300.00. Maybe you want to help us out on the docks or fish or ask your pastor to participate with us.

We are also in desperate need of a person to run our sound system for our Sunday morning services. Please pray about these opportunities in ministry. Thank you so much for your continued financial support.

**Most sincerely yours in Christ,  
Pastor Michael Angelo Pilla, DTH**

Friends, I am going to develop a weekly podcast video series in a talk format that will be dealing with the issues of the day in relationship to building up God's kingdom.

To launch this out of the gate it is going to cost us \$500.00 a month. I am looking for a sponsor for this for a one-year commitment.

We have to get our message of the city out in this media format and we have to control our own distribution of it, i.e., the platform.

In addition, we need to upgrade the sound system in our church building, which will cost \$8,000.00.

**Can you please partner with us in this endeavor, in addition to our monthly operating budget?**

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR PARTNERING WITH US THIS YEAR !!**

Also, please pray for the peace of the city as instructed in Jeremiah chapter 29:7, ***"for if it prospers so will you."*** We are committed to ministering Gods love and salvation through Jesus Christ in the city of Minneapolis in spite of whatever opposition comes our way.

**We are being used by the Lord to change lives in the present and for eternity. One soul at a time...one family at a time. And bit by bit we get to witness many miracles in the lives that are being restored.**

All this is done through one-on-one involvement in men's and women's lives. It is a demanding ministry and it takes time, devotion and love.

Thanks for your support and prayers. May the Lord Bless you richly in 2021!

*Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Pastor Michael A. Pilla, DTh  
michaelangelo@pclink.com*

## **The Many Upcoming Ministry Events and Happenings at JICF in 2021**

- Sunday morning worship at JICF at 10:30am, the Facebook live feed starts at 11:00am.
- "Supper and Scriptures" on Wednesday evening live feed on Facebook live 6:30
- Bible studies for mentoring and discipleship.
- Tuesday, August 10, 2021 the 11th Annual Urban and Suburban Pastor's Fishing Tournament on beautiful Lake Minnetonka
- Men's Fall Retreat; Sept. 16-19 with Fishing For Life
- Christmas In The City 2021

We rely on your prayers and support to continue this mission of bringing God's love through Jesus Christ to the city. Thank you in advance for your continued support, and pray that you have a blessed and safe summer!





**Dan Pilla Sr., pictured here with sons Michael and Daniel. Dan Sr. aka Riley passed away June 5th at age 93.**



**Minister Nathaniel Harris playing worship music at Dan Pilla Seniors' memorial service.**



**Pastor Michael Pilla preaching on Father's Day.**



**Our 11th Annual Urban and Suburban Pastor's Fishing Tournament is coming up Tuesday, August 10th on Lake Minnetonka, (Wayzata Bay). See the back of the newsletter for more information.**



**This is our Sunday School kids led by Desiree Buol. Desiree has been part of our team for 3 years and is doing an excellent job of teaching the Bible to the JICF children.**



***You're invited to the Jesus In The City 2021 Fishing For Life***  
**11TH ANNUAL - URBAN AND SUBURBAN**  
**PASTOR'S FISHING TOURNAMENT**

***on Wayzata Bay, Lake Minnetonka***

***Tuesday, August 10th 7:30am – 2pm***

***Come and make new friends! • Fishing is Free!***

***Sponsor a boat for \$300. • Each boat will have a fishing guide.***

***Walleye shore lunch included with great fellowship.***

***Jesus In The City*** ministers to hundreds of people every month.

We rely on your financial partnership to fulfill our mission to the city. ***Thank you so much!***

**DONATE ONLINE**

You can donate online at the Jesus In The City website.

**<http://www.jesusinthecityfellowship.org>**

We are streaming our Sunday message live on Facebook at 11:00 a.m. and special classes and Bible studies on Wednesday, and Friday at 7:00 p.m.

Click on the Facebook icon at the bottom of our website home page to join our live streams or to see videos of past services and presentations.

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