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**Mass Schedule**  
Mon. & Thurs. (Avon) 8:00AM  
Wed. & Fri. (Collegeville) 8:00AM  
Saturdays (Collegeville) 5:30PM  
Sundays (Avon) 8:00 & 10:30AM  
2nd Sunday of each Month (Collegeville) 8:30AM  
**Reconciliation:**  
Thurs. (Avon) 7:30AM  
Saturdays (Collegeville) 4:30PM

# Welcome

We Welcome You Wherever You Are On Your Journey

**A NOTE FROM FR. GREG MILLER, O.S.B.**

**OCTOBER: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**  
October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. In 2002, the US Bishops released When I Call for Help: A Pastoral Response to Domestic Violence Against Women. They began with an unequivocal condemnation of violence against women:

“As pastors of the Catholic Church in the United States, we state as clearly and strongly as we can that violence against women, inside or outside the home, is never justified. Violence in any form—physical, sexual, psychological, or verbal—is sinful; often, it is a crime as well. We have called for a moral revolution to replace a culture of violence. We acknowledge that violence has many forms, many causes, and many victims—men as well as women.”

Their statement, and further resources and recommendations, may be found on the USCCB website: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/marriage/domestic-violence/>.

**Local Help with Domestic Violence**  
Anna Marie’s Alliance is a private non-profit corporation dedicated to providing safe shelter, support and referral services for battered women and their children. For more information about their services, help with a situation or to make a contribution, please visit their web site: [www.annamaries.org](http://www.annamaries.org) or call (320)253-6900 or (800) 950-2203.

**Vacation**  
Friday, October 20, I will go to Tucson, AZ to visit my sister. I will return on Thursday, October 26 in the evening. There will be a priest for daily and weekend masses.

Together we go to God,  
Fr. Greg

## EVENTS IN OUR AREA:

- October 19, 20 & 21, Cold Spring, Rummage Sale:** St. Boniface Christian Women Rummage Sale and Clothing Drive. In the St. Boniface Parish Center Gym. Thurs. 2pm-7pm, Fri. 8am-7pm and Sat. 8am-10am.
- October 22, St. Cloud, Organ Benefit Concert:** All are invited to St. Mary’s Cathedral’s Organ Benefit Concert featuring Dr. Jacob Benda with Dr. Charles Echols, Andrew Floerke, and St. Mary’s Choir and Instrumentalists. 7:00 pm at St. Mary’s Cathedral, 25 8th Ave S., St. Cloud. Free will offering will be taken for recent refurbishment of the Cathedral organ.
- October 26, Eden Valley, Mass of Hope & Healing:** Assumption Catholic Church, 464 State St N, Eden Valley, MN 55329 This special Mass is for couples experiencing infertility, the loss of a child through miscarriage, abortion, SIDS, illness or accident.
- October 29, St. Cloud, Quilt Bingo:** St. Anthony Parish hosting Quilt Bingo and Raffle at 2410 1st Street North St. Cloud. 5pm: Roast Beef Sandwich plate \$7. 6PM Bingo begins. 40 Quilts as prizes. Raffle drawing to follow Bingo.
- October 29, Little Falls, Breakfast:** Our Lady of Lourdes Annual Fall Breakfast. Serving from 9am-Noon. 208 West Broadway.
- October 29, Staples, Pork Loin & Chicken Dinner:** Sacred Heart Church. 11:00AM-1:30PM in the Sacred Heart Church Basement. Tickets sold at the door (Adults \$10, Children \$5) Make it a family fun day in Staples. Bingo, Plant sale, Door Prizes, etc.
- November 2, St. Cloud, All Souls Day Requiem Mass:** 7:00PM at St. Mary’s Cathedral, Mass celebrated by Bishop Kettler.
- November 4, Collegeville, Craft and Bake Sale: The annual SJU Holiday Craft and Boys Choir Bake Sale will be held in the Great Hall on Saturday, November 4 from 9AM-3PM. All proceeds from the Bake Sale will benefit the Boys Choir.
- November 5, Little Falls, Quilt Bingo:** Our Lady of Lourdes Quilt Bingo, 1:00PM. Door Prizes, Free Lunch. 208 West Broadway.
- February 3, St. John’s University, Catholic Men’s Conference:** A Call to Responsibility. 8:00AM-5:30PM at the Humphrey Auditorium. Speaker: Damon Owens. For more information call 320-252-4721 or visit: [www.stcdio.org/mensconference](http://www.stcdio.org/mensconference).



“Tell those invited: “Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast.””  
Matthew 22:4

October

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Parish Office Closed		8:00 MASS Breakfast	6PM Finance Council Mtg. 7PM Parish Council Meeting	8:00 AM MASS Benediction 10-11AM: Fr. Greg's Office Hours	5:30 PM Mass ++ Goerge & Viola Dullinger 6:30PM Catholic United Financial Appreciation Social	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
JULIE OUT OF OFFICE						

All events take place at St. John's Church/Parish Center unless otherwise noted.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS Saturday, October 21, 2017 5:30 PM					
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Jerry Rothstein Lois Rothstein	<b>SERVERS:</b>	Spencer Scholz Logan Scholz	<b>LECTORS:</b>	Nancy Fandel Eileen Haeg
<b>GIFT BEARERS:</b>	Jim & Dorothy Eisenschenk	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</b>	Nancy Fandel Dan Ortloff Deb Symalla	<b>SACRISTAN:</b>	Dan Ortloff
<b>MUSIC:</b>	Br. David Klingeman, Mary Reischl and Karen Schellinger				

### PARISH STAFF

When you have a question or concern regarding some aspect of parish life, please contact us. We will do our best to provide an answer for you.

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Elaine Omann (2015-18)  
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Michaela Roske (2016-2019) **Chairperson**  
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### PRAYER FOR THOSE ANOINTED

*Father in heaven, through this holy anointing, grant that our brothers and sisters comfort in their sufferings. When they are afflicted, give them patience, when dejected, afford them hope, and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### PRAYER CORNER

Louise Bartlett, Julia Beckmann, Jill Brinkman, Lorraine Degiovanni, Loretta Dullinger, Gloria Ebacher, Olivia Eynck-Kimlinger, Marge Engelmeier, Richard Haeg, Leo Heck, Alvina Klocker, Susan McKeon, Clara Meyer, Military Men, Women and their families, and Mary Murphy.

*If you would like your name added to our Prayer Corner, please contact the Parish Office. After 3 months, names are removed.*

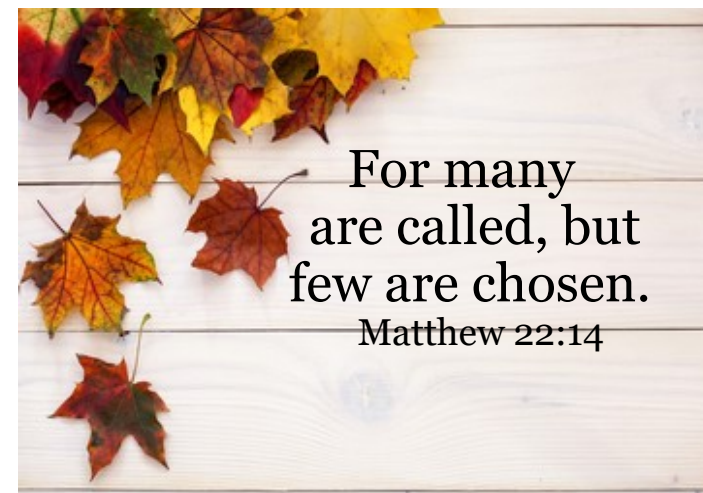
### FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Hello Faith Formation Families,  
Please pray for our students heading off to the Youth Rally at the end of the month.

For any sacramental forms needed, please consult our newly configured Sacraments page on our website. Here you will also find an electronic form available for Confirmation Service Hours sign-up.

Lastly, help us add to our Parish Life Tree, we can't fill our tree without you!

Alyssa Maty



### PARISH NEWS/EVENTS

#### CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL APPRECIATION EVENT:



Catholic United Financial members and anyone interested in becoming a Catholic United member are encouraged to attend our Appreciation Event, Saturday, October 21, following 5:30PM Mass at the Parish Center. Please join us for a social and door prize drawing (valued at \$100).

Representative Dean Demarais will be on hand to answer questions and register new members. Come join the fun!

#### 2017 MASS OF REMEMBRANCE:

At Mass on October 28th we will remember those parish members whom have passed away within the last year. Each family will receive an invitation to attend and carry a candle of honor forward.

**ALL SOULS' DAY AT ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY:** Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 11:45 a.m. prayers at the cemetery. Gather in the cemetery at the large granite cross at the west end of the poplar-lined driveway. In case of extremely poor weather – the prayer service will be held in the Abbey Church.

#### Cemetery Wreath Orders:

Wreath orders for the cemetery are now being accepted for the 2017 Christmas season, coordinated through the cemetery office. Local Boy Scout Troop #9 will provide a 25-inch fresh pine wreath and will place at each requested site at the cemetery shortly after Thanksgiving. A tag on the wreath will be added to identify the donor of the wreath(s). Order forms are available from the table in the hallway.

#### CA\$H RAFFLE:

Tickets can be purchased before parish masses, or by contacting the parish office. If you would like to help by checking out a book of tickets to sell, please contact Julie in the parish office. The Raffle will take place on November 18. Only 400 tickets will be sold!



#### QUIET OAKS DONATIONS NEEDED:

The Parish Life Committee is coordinating a donation drive for Quiet Oaks Hospice House. We are collecting cleaning supplies and baking supplies. Donation bins can be found in the hallway of the Parish Center. What should you donate? Any cleaning supplies; dish soap, HE laundry detergent, Fabric Softener sheets, paper towels, glass cleaner, furniture polish, dishwasher soap, trash bags, etc. Any Baking supplies: flour, sugar, brown sugar, vanilla, shortening, baking chips, non-stick pan spray, parchment paper, wax paper, etc.

#### A NOTE OF SYMPATHY:

Please join us in extending our sympathies to Bob & Alice Mayers on the sudden death of Bob's brother; Frank P. Mayers who passed away September 30th. Please keep the Mayers family in your prayers.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNER!

The October 7th bulletin included a contest: those who could find the sewing needle image that was hidden in the bulletin would be entered in a drawing for a coffee cake. Thanks to everyone who participated!

**And the winner is...Susan Merdan! Congratulations!**

#### "LUTHER, THE REFORMATION, AND THE QUESTION OF CHRISTIAN UNITY"

A Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary Theology Day October 31, 2017 marks the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther publishing his Ninety-Five Theses and the beginnings of the Lutheran Reformation. Please join us for an introduction to Luther, the development of the Protestant Reformation, and early Roman Catholic responses. Our session will then turn to the contemporary question of Christian unity raised by Vatican Council II and pursued in ecumenical dialogues between Lutherans and Catholics over the last 50 years. Our time will culminate in exploring what the imperative of Christian unity means 500 years after Luther's groundbreaking work. **Oct. 26th, check-in from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and presentation from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Church of Saint Mary, Alexandria, MN.** Free event. Light refreshments provided. Registration is required: [www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday](http://www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday), 320-363-3560 or [theologyday@csbsju.edu](mailto:theologyday@csbsju.edu).

Let us try asking ourselves: Am I open to the action of the Holy Spirit? Invite the Holy Spirit to reign in your heart, mind, and your life today and every day.