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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.**

**Diocesan Planning**  
As I shared last weekend at mass, the Diocese of St. Cloud has entered into a process of planning that involves how parishes will be ministered by priests. Bishop Kettler will retire in three years and he wants to use this time to prepare and implement a plan.

This coming Thursday, November 16 both parishes will send Parish, Finance and Liturgy leadership plus parish secretaries and myself, to a planning meeting at Sauk Center. There will be similar leadership for all the parishes in the Sauk Center Deanery. In preparation for the meeting we were given some questions to study and be ready to share. Below are the questions.

What does it mean to have "quality" parish life?  
What resource does a parish need to have for it to have a quality of parish life?  
How can we sustain 131 parishes in three years with a projected 57 priest under the age of 70 available for parish ministry?  
How can we maintain a priest presence in all 16 counties of the Diocese?  
What makes your parish unique / special?

As you can see these are no quick or simple answers to their question. I ask you share with parish leadership your thoughts. This is a time of transition for the world and the church. We as believers know the Jesus promised to be with us in good and bad times, till the end of the world. Our faith in God gives us hope and courage. Please pray for guidance and wisdom for Bishop Kettler, parish leadership, staff and myself.

Together we go to God,  
Fr. Greg

## EVENTS IN OUR AREA:

- November 4 & 11, Bluegrass, Hunting Mass:** St. Hubert, Bluegrass, MN will have Deer Hunters Mass at 8:00pm on Saturday, November 4 and Saturday, November 11. There will not be a Sunday morning Mass at St. Hubert on these two weekends.
- November 18, Silver Lake, Craft Sale:** The Church of the Holy Family CCW in Silver Lake invites everyone to their annual Craft, Bake and Gently Used Toy Sale.
- November 19, St. Cloud, St. Anthony Parish Breakfast:** St. Anthony Parish Center serving from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 2410 1st St N, St. Cloud. The menu features fresh and smoked sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, pancakes with fruit toppings, fresh fruit, rolls, hash browns, coffee, and milk or orange juice. Adults \$8, Children 6-12 years old \$3 and preschool eat for free.
- November 19, Little Falls, Turkey Bingo Party:** Holy Family Church of Belle Prairie Annual Turkey Bingo Party. 1:30PM in the Opat Hall. Fun for the whole family. Door prizes too. Holy Family Church: 18777 Riverwood Dr. Little Falls.
- December 12, Collegeville, Reconciliation Service:** St. John the Baptist Parish will host "Reconciled to Christ" a prayer and reconciliation service at 7:00PM in the Parish Center. All are welcome.
- December 23, Collegeville, Pageant Rehearsal:** St. John the Baptist Parish Christmas Pageant Rehearsal will take place in the Abbey Church at 10:00AM for children ages 4 and up.
- December 24, Collegeville, Christmas Eve Pageant and Mass:** St. John the Baptist Parish hosting Christmas Eve Mass at 5:00PM in the Abbey Church.
- December 25, Collegeville, Christmas Day Mass:** St. John the Baptist Parish will host Christmas Day Mass at 8:30AM in the Parish Center on Fruit Farm Road.
- 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).



**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Matthew 25:1-13*  
Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, teaching his disciples the importance of being prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven.



# NOVEMBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Parish office Closed 7PM Social Justice & Ministry Mtg.		8:00 MASS Breakfast	7PM Diocesan Planning meeting at St. Paul's Church	8:00 AM MASS Benediction 10-11AM: Fr. Greg's Office Hours	5:30 PM Mass +John Nentl 6:30 PM Cash Raffle 6:40PM Turkey Bingo	8:30AM MASS 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Faith Formation Movie DAY!

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS Saturday, November 18, 2017 5:30 PM					
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Bob Mayers Alice Mayers	<b>SERVER:</b>	Jared Scholz Logan Scholz	<b>LECTORS:</b>	Nancy Fandel John Melancon
<b>GIFT BEARERS:</b>	Becky Hafner Jerry Fogarty	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</b>	Nancy Fandel Bob Mayers Alice Mayers	<b>SACRISTAN:</b>	Arnie Sauerer
<b>MUSIC:</b>	Jason Priggee and Tess Koltes				

## 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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**Liturgy:** Scott Wallner  
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- Finance Council Chairperson:** Dan Backes  
**Personnel Committee:** David Lyndgaard
- Pastoral Council Representatives:**  
Elaine Omann (2015-18)  
Dan Backes (2015-18) **Past Chairperson**  
Michaela Roske (2016-2019) **Chairperson**  
Joe Warner (2016-2019)  
Jason Mohs (2017-2020b)  
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All Saints Envelopes.....	\$257.00
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<b>Other income:</b>	
Loose Plate .....	\$17.00
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Children Envelopes.....	\$2.00
Wednesday Coffee Cup.....	\$15.00

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### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are a progressive Catholic Benedictine Community  
encountering Christ  
through the celebration of Word and Sacrament, one another, nature,  
and our thirst to create a just world.

## PRAYER CORNER



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

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

## MUSIC NOTES

The new music schedule is coming soon. This is the perfect opportunity for those who would like to join our Music Ministry. For more information or to join the ministry, contact Jason Prigge.

All musicians are invited to sing in the combined choir for the Ecumenical Service on Wednesday November 22nd. There will be a rehearsal on Sunday November 19th from 7-9 pm at St. Benedict's Church.

We are looking for voices to help lead our congregation in modern liturgical music on our Faith Formation Sundays. Join us at 7:30 am on December 10th. We look forward to encouraging our congregation through song to a deeper encounter with Christ.

Christmas Choir is just around the corner. Consider joining us if you are in grade 7 to adult! We will have two rehearsals which will be on Saturday December 9th and 16th following the 5:30 pm Mass. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. Contact Jason Prigge for more information.

## FAITH FORMATION CORNER

There are many opportunities to grow in faith and community:

- CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**  
 Children (age 4 and up) are encouraged to sign-up for our annual Christmas Pageant which will take place on Christmas Eve at 5:00PM in the Abbey Church. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Rehearsal is scheduled at 10:00AM on Saturday December 23rd in the Abbey Church. Please join us!!!
- FAMILY MOVIE DAY**  
 November 19th following our Faith Formation classes, please stay and join us for a movie. A pasta bar for lunch will be available right here in the parish center.
- RECONCILIATION**  
 Join us on December 12th at 7pm for our Advent reconciliation service.



## PARISH NEWS/EVENTS

### CA\$H RAFFLE:

Tickets can be purchased before parish masses, or by contacting the parish office. The Raffle will take place on November 18. Only 400 tickets will be sold! Purchase YOUR ticket NOW, you don't want to wait!

### TURKEY BINGO:

Our Parish Life Committee asks you to save the date, and plan to join us for our annual Turkey BINGO Party on **November 18th following 5:30 PM** mass in the Parish Center. Refreshments will be served!

### COFFEE CAKE BAKERS NEEDED:

We are looking for a few more volunteers to assist with Coffee Cake Baking on Thursday December 14th from 11:30am-2PM. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Please consider helping, lunch is provided.

### SACRISTAN TRAINING

November 25th immediately following mass we will have a brief training for new and current Sacristans. We will also answer your frequently asked questions. We are in need of more sacristans—if you would like to learn more about this ministry please join us on the 25th!

### COFFEE CAKE ORDERS

If you would like to place an order for Polish Coffee Cakes, please complete and return an order form by December 4th. Order forms are on the bulletin board in the parish center.



### A NOTE OF SYMPATHY:

Please join us in extending our sympathies to Peggy & Michael Roske and family on the death of Peggy's father; Thomas Landwehr who passed away October 29th. Please keep the Landwehr and Roske families in your prayers.

### 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. (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.)

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES: MAKE GOD'S LOVE VISIBLE CAMPAIGN

Catholic Charities needs your financial help to serve people across the heart of Minnesota with services that transform immediate needs into lasting opportunities. More information and donation envelopes are inserted in this weekend's bulletin.

### MASS ON THANKSGIVING DAY, NOVEMBER 23 WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 8:30AM IN THE PARISH CENTER.

### THANKSGIVING EVE DINNER & ECUMENICAL SERVICE

The Thanksgiving Ecumenical service will be at St. Benedict's on Wednesday, November 22nd. Members from SonRise Lutheran, Our Saviors Lutheran, Seven Dolors, St. John the Baptist, and St. Benedict's will all gather to give thanks and praise at 6:30 pm. Our Community Meal will feature a ham dinner that night starting at 5:00 pm in the church basement.

Ancient Jewish sages urged people to count out and speak at least 100 blessings, or statements of gratitude, each day. What would happen if we intentionally listed 100 blessings daily? Can you imagine?!