

# Welcome

We Welcome You Wherever You Are On Your Journey

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

**Wise stewards of God's gifts** – These last weeks of the Church Liturgical year we are lead to think of the end times. Putting our lives and home in order shows we are wise stewards of God's gift. Please take time to fill out the 2018 Stewardship Commitment Form and return them by Dec 15th. In addition it will be good for us all to have a will and a Health Care Directive.

### What is a Health Care Directive?

A health care directive is a written document that informs others of your wishes about your health care. It allows you to name a person ("agent") to decide for you if you are unable to decide. It also allows you to name an agent if you want someone else to decide for you. You must be at least 18 years old to make a health care directive. The following web site comes from the State of Minnesota, you can go on-line and download a copy. If you don't have access to a computer, contact the parish office and we will get you a paper copy. <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/fpc/profinfo/advdir.htm>

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Together we go to God,  
Fr. Greg



## Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus tells the parable of the talents, in which he teaches about the importance of using the gifts that God has given to us in service to the Kingdom of Heaven.

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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

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## EVENTS IN OUR AREA:

**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 10, Collegeville, How Did I Get Here:** Faith Sharing: Deacon Reginald and Alyssa Maty share their stories about *How They Got Here*. 9:30-10:45am in the Parish Center. Refreshments will be served.

**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).

# NOVEMBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10AM Bill Cofell Funeral in Abbey Church		<b>8:00 MASS</b> +Ron Hess Breakfast *Avon: 5PM Community Meal and Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service	<b>8:30AM Mass</b> +Johann Beckmann Thanksgiving Day Parish Office Closed	<b>8:00 AM MASS</b> Benediction Parish Office Closed	<b>5:30 PM Mass</b> ++George & Viola Dullinger 6:30 PM Sacristan Training	

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS Thursday, November 23, 2017 8:30 AM Thanksgiving Day					
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Clarence Simon Shirley Simon	<b>SERVER:</b>	Caroline Linz	<b>LECTORS:</b>	Mike Keable Denis Hynes
<b>GIFT BEARERS:</b>	Marita & Don Schwinghammer	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</b>	Bob Dumonceaux Evie Dumonceaux Deb Symalla	<b>SACRISTAN:</b>	Bob Simon
<b>MUSIC:</b>	Brittany & Jason Prigge				

LITURGICAL MINISTERS Saturday, November 25, 2017 5:30 PM					
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Dan Ortloff Julie Ortloff	<b>SERVER:</b>	Isaac Hansen Holly Hansen	<b>LECTORS:</b>	Rachel Driggins Eileen Haeg
<b>GIFT BEARERS:</b>	Ron & Charlotte Eisenschenk	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</b>	Dan Ortloff Linda McNair Joyce Abeln	<b>SACRISTAN:</b>	Dan Ortloff
<b>MUSIC:</b>	Alaina Laing and Br. David Klingeman, OSB				

## MUSIC NOTES

- ◆ The Thanksgiving Ecumenical service will be at St. Benedict's on Wednesday evening November 22nd. Members from SonRise Lutheran, Our Saviors Lutheran, Seven Dolours, 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.
- ◆ The new schedule has been published. Copies of the schedule were emailed but if you need another copy, check your music mailbox file on the bulletin board.
- ◆ 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 in the Church.
- ◆ Christmas is quickly approaching. We will have two rehearsals for the 8:30 am Christmas Day Mass. Practices are on Saturday December 9th and Sunday December 16th at 6:30 pm. Voices and instrumentalists are invited to join us. The more, the merrier.

## FAITH FORMATION CORNER

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **ADULT FAITH FORMATION—HOW DID I GET HERE?**  
Join us on December 10th from 9:30-10:45am for our Adult Ed. speaker series. Hear Alyssa and Deacon Reginald's stories. Refreshments will be provided.
- ◆ **RECONCILED TO CHRIST**  
Our newly refreshed Advent Reconciliation service will take place on December 12th at 7pm. All Faith Formation students and families are encouraged to attend.

## PARISH NEWS/EVENTS

### CA\$H RAFFLE & TURKEY BINGO:

Our Ca\$h Raffle drawing and Turkey BINGO will take place following mass TONIGHT (Nov. 18)!! Please join us!! Refreshments will be served.

### HURRICANE/EARTHQUAKE COLLECTION:

There will be a Special Collection next Saturday, November 25th for Hurricane Maria and the Mexico Earthquake. Place your donation in an envelope for donation recording if you wish.

### 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 and the parish website.

**VOLUNTEER BAKERS NEEDED:** Help bake on December 14th—sign-up on the bulletin board or call the parish office.

### THANKSGIVING HOURS:

All submissions for the November 25th bulletin will need to be submitted by 9:00am on November 22nd. The parish office will be closed on November 23 & 24th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Spirit of abundance, help us live in gratitude each day, for you shower us with blessings and give us everything we need.

## 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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### Parish Committee Chairpersons:

**Liturgy:** Scott Wallner  
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Adult Envelopes.....\$1,879.00  
Monthly Electronic Donations (Nov. 15).....\$3,760.00  
All Saints Envelopes.....\$10.00  
Donations fiscal year to date.....\$49,659.00  
Budgeted donations fiscal year to date.....\$48,840.00

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*Thank you to those who regularly and generously give of their treasure as well as those who give of their time and talent to support the work of our parish.*

## 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, Bob Dumonceaux, Gloria Ebacher, Ben Hamilton, Olivia Eiyneck-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.*