

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST of Collegetown CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Welcome

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.



Celebrating the Election of Greg Nelson

Last Sunday afternoon at St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud we celebrate the Election of our catechumen, Greg Nelson, who is now a member of those Elected- Chosen by God. Greg Nelson has been attending our Becoming Catholic session for this past year. He is now ready to celebrate his full initiation into the Catholic Church by being baptized, confirmed and share in the Communion for the first time at the Easter Vigil on March 31. This time of final preparation is called a time of Purification and Enlightenment, where he will pray that he be freed from anything that would keep him away from God and be enlighten by faith to see the path God has laid out from him. It is also a good time for us, the baptized, to pray also that God will free us from sin and renew the light of faith in our lives.



Jim Mergen/sponsor & Greg Nelson/member of the Elect

The Transfiguring Power of God

This weekend mass we celebrate how Jesus, on his way to Jerusalem, goes to the mountain top and prays. He had been telling his disciples that in Jerusalem he would be reject by the religious leaders, suffer and die. On the mountain top he prayed to understand and accept this mission. As he prayed, he was able to see beyond his fears and doubts to a future filled with new life and glory. As we pray today, may the power that transfigured Jesus also change our fears and doubts into courage and faith.

Together we go to God,
Fr. Greg

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Events in our Area:

- March 2, St. Cloud, Fish Fry:** St. Anthony Parish Fish Fry. Serving 4-7PM at the St. Anthony Parish Center: 2410 first street North St. Cloud, Menu: fish, beans, coleslaw, rolls and coffee.
- March 2-4, Belle Prairie, "Paschal Mystery" Koinonia Retreat:** Join us in this Christian living experience designed for adults ages 20 and older. Belle Prairie TEC Center, just 3 miles north of Little Falls. Fr. Ernie Martello will be the Spiritual Director. The weekend starts at 5:30pm on Friday and ends Sunday afternoon. Applications at centralmnkoinonia.org or by calling Dorie Reiter at 320-217-2476 or email: cmkoinonia@gmail.com. \$70/weekend. Scholarships available.
- March 2-4, Buffalo, Married Couples Retreat:** Christ the King Retreat Center hosting Retreat. \$320. per person which includes \$60/couple to reserve a room. Contact Lori for info. Or to register: 763.682.1394 or lpolman@kingshouse.com
- March 4, St. Joseph, Breakfast:** Knights of Columbus sponsored Parish Breakfast. Serving 8:30am-Noon. At the Church of St. Joseph, Heritage Hall.
- March 6-8, Buffalo, Women's Silent Midweek Retreat:** Christ the King Retreat Center hosting Retreat. \$160/person, includes \$30 deposit to reserve a room. Contact Lori for info. Or to register: 763.682.1394 or lpolman@kingshouse.com
- March 9, St. Cloud, Fish Fry:** St. Anthony Parish Fish Fry. Serving 4-7PM at the St. Anthony Parish Center: 2410 first street North St. Cloud, Menu: fish, beans, coleslaw, rolls and coffee.
- March 9, Sartell, Fish Fry:** St. Francis Xavier Cafeteria. Serving 4-7 pm. Matching Grant fundraiser. 308 2nd Street North.
- March 9-11, Buffalo, Men's Silent Weekend Retreat:** Christ the King Retreat Center hosting Retreat. \$160/person, includes \$30 deposit to reserve a room. Contact Lori for info. Or to register: 763.682.1394 or lpolman@kingshouse.com
- March 10, St. Cloud, Catholic Women's Conference:** Why the Pope was Right: A Day of Reflection. Speaker: Janet Smith (consultor to the Pontifical Council on the Family. Conference will be held at The Church of St. Anthony in St. Cloud. 9:30am-3:00pm. For nformation or to register visit: www.stcdio.org/womensconference18 or call 320-252-4721.
- March 16, St. Cloud, Fish Fry:** St. Anthony Parish Fish Fry. Serving 4-7PM at the St. Anthony Parish Center: 2410 first street North St. Cloud, Menu: fish, beans, coleslaw, rolls and coffee.
- March 16-18, Buffalo, Lenten Silent Retreat for Men & Women:** Christ the King Retreat Center hosting Retreat. \$175/ person, includes \$30 deposit to reserve a room. Contact Lori for info. Or to register: 763.682.1394 or lpolman@kinashouse.com Presented by: Fr. Larry Gillick, S.J. Theme: "Enoughness, the Cancer of the Spiritual Life.

| The Coming Week | | | | | | |
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| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 |
| Parish Office Closed | | 8:00 AM MASS Soup 5:30PM & Speaker 6:15PM Cultural Bridges Panel discussion | | 9AM Engelmeier Visitaiton @ Abbey 10AM Marge Engelmeier Funeral @ Abbey Church | 5:30 PM Mass 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal | 3rd Sunday of Lent |



"But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you." -Matthew 5:44

I once had a boss who seemed to have a vendetta against me for some unknown reason. I had recently gotten a promotion, but when the department reorganized, he became my new boss and started nitpicking everything I did. I had to decide—what kind of person did I want to be? I made an effort to be kind, to reach out to him, to try to have compassion. We eventually became civil to each other, and now, miraculously, we are friends. Most people don't really understand why they do what they do. Christ said on the cross, "Forgive them, for they know not what they do." Do you have an enemy you need to forgive?

-Karen Beattie© Loyola Press

Mass Schedule

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| St. John the Baptist Church | | St. Benedict's Church | |
| Wednesday | 8:00 AM | Monday | 8:00 AM |
| Friday | 8:00 AM | Thursday | 8:00 AM |
| Saturday | 5:30 PM | Sunday | 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM |
| 2nd Sunday/month | 8:30 AM | | |

Reconciliation: Saturdays at 4:30 PM

Lenten Reconciliation Service: Tuesday, March 20th at 7:00 PM

Mass Ministers

| SATURDAY MARCH 3TH 5:30 PM | | | | | | |
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| GREETERS: | SERVERS: | LECTORS: | GIFT BEARERS: | EUCH. MINISTERS: | SACRISTAN: | MUSIC: |
| Kevin Schrom Ann Schrom | Nick Hansen Holly Hansen | Denis Hynes Eileen Haeg | Bob & Evie Dumonceaux | Bob & Alice Mayers Mike Keable | John Brinkman | Jason Prigge Dianne Bechtold |

Your Weekly Stewardship

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| Adult Envelopes | \$1,025.00 | Wednesday Coffee Cup | \$18.00 |
| Donations Fiscal Year To Date | \$92,869.00 | Green Envelope (Facility Fund) | \$0.00 |
| Budgeted Donations Fiscal Year To Date | \$90,028.00 | St. Cloud Visitor | \$40.00 |
| Loose Plate | \$62.00 | Rice Bowl | \$50.00 |
| Children's Envelope | \$2.00 | | |

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.

Prayer Requests

- Louise Bartlett ● Julia Beckmann ● Lorraine Degiovanni ● Loretta Dullinger ● Bob Dumonceaux ● Gloria Ebacher ● Ben Hamilton ● Olivia Eynck-Kimlinger ● Richard Haeg ● Leo Heck ● Alvina Klocker ● Susan McKeon ● Clara Meyer ● MaryAnn Sauerer ● 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



Bishop Kettler will be in Avon on Sunday March 11th for a 2 pm liturgy to administer the sacrament of Confirmation to our candidates. We are seeking voices to form a choir to honor and celebrate the sacrament. If you are interested, please RSVP to Jason Prigge by Sunday March 4th so that binders can be made. This is a great way to show our support to our young people as they begin their faith journey.

I also strongly encourage you to join the choir for Holy Week and Easter. Any skill level or passion for prayer, we want you in our music family. Contact Jason to engage in conversation of how you can get involved.

We are thrilled to welcome Bob Abeln back to our Music Ministry family. Bob played many years in our parish, retired and decided to share his talents with us again. Thank you Bob, we're glad you're back.

If you are in 'retirement' or wanting to join our music ministry, contact Jason. We would love to make music with you and hear your story.

Faith Formation News

Faith Formation Schedule: Feb. 25th, Mar. 11th with 8:30am Mass, Mar. 25th, Apr. 15 & 22nd.

Family Fun Days: Feb. 25th at Skatin' Place and Mar. 13th Movie Day.

April 22nd will be our final class and Ice Cream Social.

Parish Updates

Lenten Fish Fry Dinners

We want to thank all of the volunteers who helped at our Fish Fry Dinners! To those who helped set-up, worked in the kitchen, clean-up crews and to everyone who came and ate we appreciate your contribution to our parish!

The Golden Years:

Happy Birthday to Genevieve Ludowese, who will be celebrating her 95th Birthday on Tuesday, February 27th. Join us in wishing Gen God's best in everything! Have a wonderful and blessed birthday.

Lenten Soup & Speaker Series Soup 5:30PM & Speaker 6:15PM

Wednesday, Feb. 21: Come for the Soup, stay for the Speaker!

The Social Justice & Ministry Committee thanks all who came to the first "soup & Speaker" event last Wednesday, to build community and to learn about refugee resettlement in Stearns County. For the second event, a panel will tell us about a group in St. Joseph, Cultural Bridges, which formed to be more intentional in welcoming new people to the area. As St. Benedict, patron of our parish(es) said, Let all be received as Christ. Take time to visit, enjoy some great soup (and bread and desserts!), and learn something new. Please come!

Lector Training

Immediately following mass TONIGHT we will have a brief training for new and current Lectors. We will also answer your frequently asked questions. We are in need of more Lectors—if you would like to learn more about this ministry please join us after mass on the 24th or contact Denis Hynes.

BINGO Party March 16th

Catholic United Financial will be sponsoring the final BINGO Party of winter...you won't want to miss it BINGO begins at 6:00 p.m., cash prizes, refreshments and a whole lot of family FUN!!

Mark your calendar: **Friday, March 16th.**

Stay Informed

Each week the bulletin is available in a group email; if you would like to join the email list simply send Julie a request at jortloff@csbsju.edu to be added to the list.

Weekly bulletins are also available on the parish website: www.StJohnTheBaptistParish.org

Funeral information/obituaries for parish members are also emailed to the bulletin mailing list, again let Julie know if you would like to be added to the group e-mailing list.

Quiet Oaks Lenten Donations

This Lent we will be collecting different supplies for Quiet Oaks Hospice House each week. The Third Saturday of Lent: March 3 we will be collecting **Flour**

