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Events in our Area:

April 28, Cold Spring, Let The Sun Shine Run/Walk: 9:00AM at St. Boniface Church. Also Penguin Trot for kids at 10:05AM. Silent Auction. All proceeds will be donated to the Brain & Behavior Research Foundation - the world's leading donor-supported organization dedicated to finding the causes, improved treatments and cures for psychiatric illness.
April 29, St. Anthony, Swanycake and Sausage Supper: Sponsored by the Holy Name Society and St. Anthony Parish. Serving 3:00-8:30 PM—All you can eat Supper. State Hwy. 238
April 29, St. Cloud, Spring Fling Fundraiser: The St. Anthony Spring Fling Fundraiser will be Sunday evening, April 29, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in the St. Anthony Parish Center , 2410 1st St N, St. Cloud. A pulled pork plate and Schwann's ice cream will be served, and entertainment will also be provided. Raffle tickets are $5 each. Prizes include a Grandfather clock made by Fr. Tom, $1,000 cash, two $500 cash prizes, a handmade quilt donated by St. Anthony quilters, $300 cash, $250 gift card pack and $100 cash.

April 21, 2018
Fourth Weekend of Easter

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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.

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Greetings friends,

Nominating new members for our Parish Councils

Both parishes are now looking for new representatives for their councils. The role of the Parish Council is to set the goals and priorities for the parish. Part of their work is to evaluate the life of the parish, what are we doing well and what needs improving. The parish council works to establish and maintain the individual parish mission and vision.

What type of people are we looking for to serve on the council? People who like to pray, ready to share their dreams of the parish and have a great love for the people of the parish. So, I ask you to look around the parish and nominate someone to serve on the council. If you are nominated to be a representative, please prayerfully consider sharing your time and talent. You can also nominate yourself. If you are interested in learning more, let us know, we would love to invite you to our discernment meeting.

Gluten Free Hosts

In both parishes we have gluten free hosts available. In Collegeville as you pick up your hymnal, let the greeters or sacristan know you want a gluten free host. In Avon in front the Reconciliation room, there will be a bowl with gluten free hosts, take one from the bowl and place it on the large dish. In both parishes, the gluten free hosts will be distributed from the presider's plate.

Together, we go to God,
Fr. Greg

The Coming Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Parish Office Closed Rummage Sale Donation Drop-Off 1-7PM		**8:00 AM MASS** *+Clem Hess*	7AM-7PM Rummage SALE	7-11AM Rummage SALE **8:00AM Mass Benediction**	9AM Hope For Those Who Mourn Retreat **5:30 PM Mass** *+Mary Woodbury*	6:30PM Choir Rehearsal in Avon

"Praise to you, Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth, who helps and leads us, and who produces various fruit with colored flowers…"
—St. Francis of Assisi, Canticle of the Sun

Sunday, April 22, is Earth Day, so let's celebrate! We welcome you to acknowledge the earth's wonders and encourage you to conserve her resources.

Here are some ideas you can embrace to preserve the planet we share with all of God's creations:

-Plant a tree
-Reduce plastic consumption
-Eat more locally-sourced food
-Use recyclable materials (and recycle them!)
-Walk, ride a bike, or take public transportation
-Share a prayer of blessing for the earth with friends and family

However you acknowledge the day, take a moment to step outside and enjoy all the earth has to offer.

Mass Schedules

St. John the Baptist Church

Wednesday	8:00 AM
Friday	8:00 AM
Saturday	5:30 PM
2nd Sunday/month	8:30 AM

Reconciliation: Saturdays at 4:30 PM

St. Benedict's Church

Monday	8:00 AM
Thursday	8:00 AM
Sunday	8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Reconciliation: Thursdays at 7:30 AM

Mass Ministers

Saturday April 28 th 5:30 PM Fifth Weekend of Easter

Greeters:	Servers:	Lectors:	Gift Bearers:	Euch. Ministers:	Sacristan:	Music:
Arnie Sauerer Dan Ortloff	Nick Merdan Elizabeth Merdan	Scott Wallner Sharon Beach	Dean & Susan Merdan	Sharon Beach Dan Ortloff Elaine Omann	Arnie Sauerer	Dianne Bechtold Jason Prigge

Your Weekly Stewardship

Adult Envelopes	$519.00
April 15 Electronic Contributions	$3,750.00
Donations Fiscal Year To Date	$112,352.00
Budgeted Donations Fiscal Year To Date	$115,564.00

Loose Plate	$35.00
Wednesday Coffee Cup	$17.00
Green Envelope (Facility Fund)	$0.00
Catholic Relief Services	$20.00

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 Eiynck-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.

Faith Formation News

-April 22 Ice Cream Social: Bring your favorite treat to help make Alyssa Maty into an ice cream sundae on our last Faith Formation classes! Join us for fun and games too!
All Faith Formation families are invited!

2018-19 Registration: Registration forms for next year's Faith Formation program can be found on the parish bulletin board or website.

Music Notes

❶Current Accompanists & Cantors, should send their dates of unavailability to Jason Prigge by Monday April 23rd. This schedule runs from Sunday May 6 - Sunday August 26. If you have been waiting for an opportunity to join our music ministry. Consider joining the choir to start, see what it's all about. Our choir will be getting together on Sunday April 29th at 6:30 pm in Avon to start rehearsal for Pentecost. If you are unable to join us then, contact Jason Prigge to share the gifts and talents we know you have!
❷We will be celebrating Pentecost with combined choirs from Avon and Collegeville for all three liturgies. We encourage all to join us for this special event. Pentecost is the weekend of May 19 and 20th. Our first rehearsal will be on Sunday April 29th at 6:30 pm in Avon. We hope to see you there!
❸Fr. Greg's 45th Ordination Anniversary Celebration will be May 26th and 27th. To celebrate this special occasion, our Choir will sing at the 5:30 pm Mass on May 26th. Rehearsal will be at 4 pm that Saturday.
❹If you have any questions regarding Music Ministry at St. John the Baptist, please contact our Music Coordinator, Jason Prigge. He looks forward to hearing from you.

Parish Updates

April 28th: Hope For Those Who Mourn Retreat RESCHEDULED
Due to weather predictions we rescheduled our "Hope For Those Who Mourn" Retreat and it will now take place on Saturday, April 28th. You can still register to attend, our meeting will take place from 9:00AM to 1:00PM and will include lunch. To register please call or email either parish office.

Parish Spring RUMMAGE SALE April 26-27
It's time to clean out your closets and check your calendar! Donations of clothing, household items, books, tools, and other re-usable goods can be donated for the spring parish rummage sale beginning April 22. Donations of time are also welcome, to help set up for the sale, unpack donations, and monitor the hall during the sale days; the sign-up sheet is on the Parish Center bulletin board, or email Peggy Roske(proske@csbsju.edu).

Times:
Sunday, April 22, 1-7 pm: donations accepted
Monday, April 23, 1-7 pm: donations accepted
Tuesday, April 24, 1-7 pm: donations accepted
Thursday, April 26: 7 am – 7 pm SALE
Friday, April 27: 7-11 am SALE

Polish Coffee Cake Sale:
Our Spring Coffee Cake Sale is coming up! All orders must by placed by April 28th. Order forms can be found on the parish website or the bulletin board inside the Parish Center. Cake orders will be ready or pick up on Friday May 4th and Saturday, May 5th. Thank you for supporting this parish fundraising effort!

If you would like to help bake coffee cakes on May 3rd—please sign-up on the bulletin board in the hall.

Our Parish Council Needs YOU!

Our Parish Council is in need of new Representatives. Each year, two Parish Council Representatives complete their 3-year term and need to be replaced. Representatives come from the Parish, any member who is confirmed can be a representative, no one is too old or too busy. The parish council meets on the third Thursday of the month (Eight times). Meetings last one hour. The council does not meet during the summer. If you think you might be willing to serve on our Council, please contact a current council member, Fr. Greg or the parish office to learn more about this opportunity.