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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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**Mystagogy – a time to reflect**

The time after celebrating the Easter sacraments with our catechumen, Greg Nelson, is called a Period of Mystagogy. Mystagogy is a Greek word that is routed in the word mystery. This type of mystery is not like solving a crime but rather a mystery that we can only partly understand. God is a great mystery, our genuine response is one of awe. For the first year after his baptism, Greg is called a neophyte. A neophyte is a beginner. These Easter days are a time for Greg and us, to reflect on the great mystery of God's love for us shown in the sacraments. For over a year Greg Nelson has been studying and praying about the Catholic faith. He knows much about the faith and yet he is a beginner, his knowledge, like ours, is incomplete. Let us join with Greg in reflecting on the great mystery that we celebrate at Easter.

**Each time, the first time.**

This weekend in Collegeville our children will celebrate their First Communion and then in two weeks our children Avon will make their First Communion. These are wonderful celebrations for families and the parish. The children's enthusiasm and excitement is an inspiration for us. Going to communion for us adults can be a challenge, It can be just another routine thing we do. No surprise, just the same old thing. Jesus teaches us that unless we become like children, we cannot enter the Kingdom of God. Let us be inspired by our children as we share communion this weekend. May each time we go to communion, be like the first time, full of anticipation and open to something new.

Together we go to God.  
-Fr. Greg

**Events in our Area:**

**April 8, St. Joseph, KC Breakfast:** The St. Joseph Knights of Columbus Council #7057 will be serving breakfast 8:30 am – 12:00 pm in Heritage Hall at the Church of Saint Joseph. \$8 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6–12, & free for preschoolers.

**April 8, St. Joseph, And Who Is My Neighbor Series:** At Resurrection Lutheran Church. 11:30-1:30 Lunch included. For more information call: 320-363-4232. **Additional dates: April 15, 22, 29, May 6 & 13.**

**April 13, Collegeville, Theology Day:** Marriage and Divorce: Insights into the Tradition. Check-in from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and presentation from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Emmaus Hall, Saint John's University, Collegeville. Free event. Lunch is provided following presentation. Registration is required: www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, 320-363-3560.

**April 15, St. Cloud, St. Anthony Parish Breakfast:** St. Anthony Parish Center at 25th Ave. North St. Cloud. Serving 8am-Noon. Sausage, ham, eggs, pancakes, fruit toppings, fruit, rolls, hash browns, coffee and milk.

**April 17, St. Joseph, Dorothy Day Speaker:** Dorothy Day's granddaughter, Kate Hennessy writes about the early years of the Catholic Worker Movement from the inside lens of a family member in Dorothy Day: The World Will Be Saved by Beauty. Tuesday, April 17, 2018, 7:30pm in Gorecki 204 AB at the College of St. Benedict.

**April 19, St. Cloud A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method:** 6:30 p.m. at the Office of Marriage & Family. For more information, or to register, contact Sheila Reineke at omf@gw.stcdio.org or 320-252-4721. The class is approximately 1½ to 2 hours long. \*Note: Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up!

**April 20, Collegeville, Health Care Summit:** 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the Founders Room, Quad 170 at St. John's University. This panel will focus on the question of whether a single-payer, Medicare-for-all health care system would be beneficial and achievable in Minnesota and the United States.

**April 21, St. Cloud, Rummage Sale:** The St. Anthony Christian Mothers/Christian Women will be holding their Annual Spring Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 21, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the St. Anthony Center Gym, 2410 1st St N, St. Cloud. Dollar bag begins at 11:00 a.m

**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.

The Coming Week						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Parish Office Closed		8:00 AM MASS Breakfast	6:30PM Liturgy Committee Meeting	8:00 AM Mass Benediction	5:30 PM Mass	Faith Formation

Today’s Scripture

April 8, 2018    Second Sunday of Easter

“The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. –Acts 4:32

In the book *The Gift*, author Lewis Hyde writes about how when the Puritans first arrived in America, they discovered that Native Americans had an odd view of possessions. They would offer someone a gift, say a pipe carved from stone. That person would take the gift home and keep it. But soon another friend would visit and expect the host to give him the pipe as a gift. The Native Americans viewed “gifts” as objects that would continually be given to others, constantly circulating throughout the tribe. Native Americans had a very generous and communal view of their possessions. What a beautiful picture of how the body of Christ should work.

-Karen Beattie© Loyola Press



Mass Schedules

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: Thursdays at 7:30 AM	
Reconciliation: Saturdays at 4:30 PM			

Mass Ministers

SATURDAY APRIL 14TH 5:30 PM THIRD WEEKEND OF EASTER						
GREETERS:	SERVERS:	LECTORS:	GIFT BEARERS:	EUCH. MINISTERS:	SACRISTAN:	MUSIC:
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Adult Envelopes	\$2,664.00	Wednesday Coffee Cup	\$15.00
Easter Envelopes	\$1,550.00	Green Envelope (Facility Fund)	\$100.00
Donations Fiscal Year To Date	\$106,665.00	Holy Thursday CRS Rice Bowl	\$221.00
Budgeted Donations Fiscal Year To Date	\$110,680.00	Easter Flowers	\$10.00
Loose Plate	\$167.00	Good Friday Holy Land	130.00

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Prayer Requests

- Louise Bartlett ● Julia Beckmann ● Lorraine Degiovanni ● Loretta Dullinger ● Bob Dumonceaux ● Gloria Ebacher ● Ben Hamilton ● Olivia Eiyndck-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

-First Communion: Sunday, April 8th at 8:30 AM Mass. Please note that there will be NO Faith Formation classes following this mass, instead they have been rescheduled to April 15th.



-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!



-Our next Faith Formation Classes will be held on April 15th!

Parish Updates

Quiet Oaks Thanks YOU

Thank you for participating so generously in our Lenten Quiet Oaks weekly collections. Each week donations were taken by volunteers to Quiet Oaks to fill their supply shelves.

April 14th: Hope For Those Who Mourn; A retreat for those grieving



Please join us for a retreat we will offer right here at the Parish Center on Saturday, April 14th from 9:00am-1:00pm. The retreat will be facilitated by Sister Joyce Iten, OSB a certified death and grief educator. The retreat will include conversation, resources and lunch is provided. To participate, simply contact the parish office to reserve a spot.

April 27th: Art As You Like It

Adults interested in joining the April 27th parish canvas painting class at Art As You Like It, Waite Park at 6:00pm should sign up on the bulletin board. Art As You Like It provides all the brushes, paint and tools needed to make your project. Your canvas creation can go home with you the same day! The cost is \$24.95/person. For more information contact Alyssa Maty or check out their website at artasyoulikeit.net

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 be 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.