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Events in our Area:

Catholic Charities Foster Grandparent Program needs YOU: Adults age 55 and older can receive an hourly tax-free stipend ($2.65/hour) for volunteering 15 hours per week, or more if they wish, at local schools. Volunteers help children with activities, reinforce learning, help with art projects, and more. This is a great opportunity if you have time to spare, love to be with children, and could use some extra non-taxable income. For information, please contact Sara at 320-229-4589. Several local schools are in need of Foster Grandparents, please consider helping!

July 8, Avon, St. Benedict Parish Festival: 10:00AM Outdoor Polka Mass, Raffle, Food and Games.

August 17-19, Collegeville, Mindfulness & Yoga Retreat: This retreat will give you a chance to rest in the silence of nature and allow your mind and body to unplug from the busy-ness of everyday life. This retreat begins at 6pm on Friday and ends at 1:00pm on Sunday. Where: The House of Prayer. Cost: $210. To register contact Patsy Murphy at 320-290-2155 or patsymurphy@mac.com More information can be found on the bulletin board.

September 13, St. Cloud, Blue Mass: Join Bishop Donald Kettler for a Mass to honor police, fire and emergency medical service personnel who serve in the Diocese of Saint Cloud. Family, friends and community members are also invited to attend the Third Annual Diocesan Blue Mass at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Mary, St. Cloud.

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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,

This weekend we celebrate the parish festival of St. Benedict in Avon and at Benedictine Monasteries around the world on July 11, they celebrate the Feast of St. Benedict. Both of our parishes have been served by Benedictine monks and sisters over our history and they have left an imprint of Benedictine values on us. One of the values that is most evident is that of hospitality -- that we are to receive all guest as if they were Christ himself. Another core Benedictine value is that of peace – that we live in the peace of Christ with others. Below is a prayer for peace that I invite you to pray often.

Prayer to St Benedict for Peace

St. Benedict, you were a man of peace.
You walked the paths of peace your whole life long
and led all who come to you into the ways of peace.
Help us, St. Benedict, to achieve peace:
peace in our hearts, peace in our homes,
peace in our sorely troubled world.
Through your powerful intercession with God
help us to be peace makers.
Aid us to work for peace, to take the first steps in ending bitterness, to be the first to hold our hands in friendship and forgiveness.
Beg God to let peace permeate our lives so that we may live in God's grace and love.
And at the end of our lives obtain for us the reward of peacemakers, the eternal blessed vision of God in Heaven. Amen

Together we go to God,
Pax,
Fr. Greg Miller OSB

The Week Ahead

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Parish Office Closed		**8:00AM MASS** *+ Jeff Beach*		**8:00AM MASS**	**5:30 PM Mass** *++George & Viola Dullinger*	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekly Scripture

July 07: The 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Mark 6:1-6
Jesus is rejected in his hometown.

This passage unfolds a continuing theme of Mark's Gospel: Who is Jesus? His kinfolk in Nazareth might know the carpenter, the son of Mary, but they do not know Jesus, the Son of God. Mark is foreshadowing Jesus' rejection by his own people, the people of Israel. He is also reflecting on and trying to explain the situation of the community for which he wrote. While many of the first Christians were Jewish, Christianity took hold and flourished in the Gentile community. Mark's community was mostly a Gentile community, who may have been experiencing persecution. By showing that Jesus himself was rejected, Mark consoles and reassures his first readers. He also prepares us to accept this possible consequence of Christian discipleship.

Mass Schedules

St. John the Baptist Church

Wednesday	8:00 AM
Friday	8:00 AM
Saturday	5:30 PM

Reconciliation: Saturdays at 4:30 PM

St. Benedict's Church

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

Reconciliation: Thursdays at 7:30 AM

Mass Ministers

Saturday July 14th 5:30 PM

Greeters:	Servers:	Lector:	Gift Bearers:	Euch. Ministers:	Sacristan:	Music:
Bob Simon Chuck Lauer	Jane Simon	Eileen Haeg	Joe and Elaine Omann	Chuck Griffith Joyce Abeln Linda McNair	Mary Griffith	Michael Roske Peggy Roske

Thank you to those who volunteer for our various liturgical ministries.

Your Weekly Stewardship

Adult Envelopes	$932.00
Donations Fiscal Year To Date	$138,881.00
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Loose Plate	$87.10

Children's Envelopes	$5.00
Coborn's More Rewards	$206.57
Wednesday Coffee Cup	$14.00

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 •
• Corinne Dwyer • Gloria Ebacher • Ben Hamilton • Richard Haeg • Leo Heck •
• Mike Keable • Alvina Klocker • Kathy Lemke • Susan McKeon • Clara Meyer •
• 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

2018-19 Registration: Forms for next year's Faith Formation program can be found on the parish bulletin board or website. Registration forms due by July 1st!

In Search of Faith Formation volunteers for 2018-19: We are looking for a First Grade Teacher, a Middle School Teacher and a couple of helpers. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested!

Music Notes

Calling all choir members to sing at the annual Parishioner Appreciation Picnic Mass at 4:30 PM on Saturday, August 25th. A rehearsal time will be announced soon! Please plan to join us for this celebration!

Save the date for Music Ministry Night on Wednesday August 22nd at 6:30 pm at the Parish Center in Collegeville. This night is for those involved in the Music Ministry in any capacity and those interested in learning more about Music Ministry. Spouses and children are invited to join in the event. Contact Jason Prigge if you have questions or would like to help with the planning of the event. Stay tuned for details.

Parish Updates

Online Giving is a convenient & consistent way to help our parish grow.
Consider scheduling a recurring electronic contribution today. Even when circumstances prevent you from attending Mass, your contributions will continue to support St. John the Baptist Parish. Simply go to the Parish website www.StJohnTheBaptistParish.org and complete the ACH form on the "About Us" page or call the Parish office at 320-363-2569 to request a copy of the form.

Annual Parishioner Appreciation Picnic:

SAVE THE DATE for our annual parishioner appreciation picnic on SATURDAY, AUGUST 25th. Mass at 4:30 PM followed by dinner, social, door prizes and games for the kids. Mark your calendar and plan to join us. We will be collecting donations of tomatoes and cucumbers the week before the picnic. Each family is asked to bring cookies or bars to share at the dessert table. The Choir will be singing at the 4:30 PM Mass.

Hope For Those Who Mourn Group:

The Greif Support Group; Hope For Those Who Mourn will meet monthly on each fourth Saturday at 4:00 PM in the St. Mary Chapel at the Parish Center. Grief is hard and YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO IT ALONE! Grief takes many forms too. Sometimes it is the loss of someone we love and sometimes it is more indirect, like the loss of a friendship, a break-up, the loss of a job, or the major life changes that come with dealing with a chronic health issue. Sister Joyce Iten facilitates this grief support group.
Next meeting: July 28th!

Stewardship Day 2018
Stewardship as a Way of Life: Building Vibrant and Engaged Parishes

The keynote speaker is Eric McArdle, president and co-founder of Catholic Stewardship Consultants. For nearly 20 years, he has worked with hundreds of parishes across the country on every aspect of stewardship development. McArdle works closely with parishes and diocese to develop spiritual-based stewardship programs that focus on communication, education, and evangelization. The day will also feature a panel discussion with local parish representatives sharing their experiences with stewardship.

The event is Wednesday, August 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at St. Mary Help of Christians, St. Augusta. If you would like to attend, contact Julie in the parish office to register.