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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!

**August 5, Albany, Seven Dolores Parish Festival:** 10:30AM indoor polka mass. Food, Beverages, Games, Quilt Auction, chicken and ham dinner, Raffle, pony drop, live music and sesquicentennial memorabilia.

**August 10, St. Cloud, "Under the Stars-Free Movie Date Night.":** Please join us on August 10th, 2018 @ 7:30 pm on the lawn of Holy Spirt Church 2405 Walden Way, St. Cloud. We will be showing the movie "FIREPROOF" (never leave your partner behind). In case of inclement weather, movie will be shown in the parish center. Free popcorn & lemonade will be provided. Movie will start at 8:30 pm. Hope to see you there!!

**August 18, Cold Spring, St. Boniface Parish Picnic:** 5PM Polka Mass, 6-10PM Games, Food, Music and Fireworks.

**August 19, Cold Spring, St. Boniface Parish Picnic:** 10AM Parade, 11AM-5PM Food, Games, Quilt Auction, Music, Raffle.

**August 22, St. Augusta, 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, the parish office to register.

**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.

**October 6, Parkers Prairie, Partnership Barn Dance:** On Saturday, October 6th we will be kicking up our heels at the 5th annual Partnership Barn Dance at the Shooting Sports Center in Parkers Prairie. This fun family event begins with

JULY 15, 2018 : THE 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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,

**Sabbatical Priest Substitutes**

I leave for my sabbatical on Wednesday, August 15 and return on Wednesday, December 12. I will participate in a renewal program at the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkley, CA. I will continue to be pastor of both parishes with the intent of returning as such upon my return. In my absence there will be three priests who will provide the sacramental needs of the parishes.

**Fr. Ian Dommer OSB** will normally celebrate the 5:30 PM Saturday evening in Collegeville, the 10:30 AM mass in Avon and the second Friday 11:00 AM mass at Serenity Village in Avon. Fr. Ian has recently been the Head Master of St. John's Preparatory School and Directory of Campus Ministry at St. John's University.

**Fr. Cyril Gorman OSB** will normally celebrate the 8:00 AM daily mass in both parishes and the Sunday 8:00 AM mass in Avon. Fr. Cyril had spent many years at our monastery in Japan. He is now working at the Abbey Guesthouse and the Spiritual Life program.

**Fr. Michael Peterson OSB** will celebrate the once a month 8:30 AM Sunday Faith Formation Mass in Collegeville. Fr Michael is presently Director of the Abbey Benedictine Oblate program and Chaplin of the Campus Ministry at St. Benedictine College in St. Joseph, MN.

I am most grateful to these priests for agreeing to help in my absence. They do this while continuing the work and ministry they are already doing. As you can see these priest bring with them many and varied gifts to share with you. Please give them a warm welcome.

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

**The Week Ahead**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Parish Office Closed		8:00AM MASS		8:00AM MASS +Doreen Keable	5:30 PM Mass +Bill Cofell	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### JULY 15: THE 15TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

**MARK 6:7-13 JESUS INSTRUCTS HIS DISCIPLES AND SENDS THEM TO PREACH REPENTANCE.**

Jesus' instructions to the apostles are very specific. He repeats the mission that they are sent to preach and to share his authority to heal and to drive out demons. Jesus sends them in pairs, establishing his mission as a communal endeavor. Jesus also instructs them to travel lightly, without the customary food, money, and extra set of clothes. These instructions mean that the Twelve will be dependent on the hospitality of others, just as Jesus depended on others to provide for his needs.

Jesus continues to send us into the world as his disciples. But like the first disciples, we are not sent alone. Jesus has given us the community of the Church, which strengthens our life of discipleship. The Christian message can only authentically be proclaimed in and through the community of faith that is the Church. In our work with others, we build this community of faith and can invite others to share in it.



## 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 21TH 5:30 PM						
GREETERS:	SERVERS:	LECTOR:	GIFT BEARERS:	EUCH. MINISTERS:	SACRISTAN:	MUSIC:
Kevin Schrom Ann Schrom	Scott Wallner	Isaac Hansen	Bob & Evie Domonceaux	Nancy Fandel Bob Mayer Alice Mayers	Carol Jansky	Br. David Klingeman Karen Schellinger

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

## Your Weekly Stewardship

Adult Envelopes	\$918.00	Children's Envelopes	\$0.00
Donations Fiscal Year To Date	\$1,850.00	Green Special Needs Envelopes	\$50.00
Budgeted Donations Fiscal Year To Date	\$5,000.00	Wednesday Coffee Cup	\$0.00
Loose Plate	\$50.43		

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

### Faith Formation Registration

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

-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!

-Confirmation Students (10 & 11th graders) and Parents will meet on Wednesday, August 22nd in the Parish Center for an Orientation Meeting.

-Our First Faith Formation Class will take place on Sunday, 9th following 8:30AM Mass in the Parish Center.

## Music Notes

Calling all choir members to sing at the annual Parishioner Appreciation Picnic Mass at 4:30 PM on Saturday, August 25th. We will rehearse on Saturday August 18th following Mass and then we will briefly rehearse and warm-up on the 25th at 3:45 pm. If you have questions or are wondering how to join, contact Jason Prigge.

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

### The Golden Years:



Please join us in extending happiest birthday blessings to Gloria Ebacher who will be celebrating her 96th birthday on Monday, July 16th. Please hold Gloria in your prayers as we wish her God's best in everything. Have a wonderful and blessed birthday!

### Parish Life Committee Meeting:



It's time to plan the parish picnic and get the Parish Life events volunteer-covered for 2018 - 2019. Our meeting will be held at the Parish Center Tuesday, July 24, at 5:30 pm. If you would like to help by volunteering at various parish events, please join us or contact Heidi Peterzell 320.761.9469

### Note of Sympathy:

Please keep in your prayers the family of Carol Westgard who passed away this past week. Carol is the grandmother of Jason Prigge, our Music Coordinator. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

### 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!**