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**EVENTS IN OUR AREA**

**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.  
**August 26, Sauk Rapids, Sacred Heart Parish Festival:** 10AM indoor polka mass. Festivities: homemade donuts, Bingo, Grand Raffle, Country Store, Bidding Baskets, Games, Quilt Raffle, Paddle Cake, Beer Garden and Garage Sale.  
**September 3, St. Stephen, Parish Festival:** 11AM-7PM chicken and ham dinner, games, quilt raffle, live music, silent auction, food stands, beer garden and grand raffle.  
**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.  
**September 14, Collegeville, Abbey Day of Prayer:** Conversatio morum and the Exaltation of the Cross. Presenter: Br. Aelred Senna, O.S.B. The day begins with Morning Prayer at 7:00 a.m. and concludes at 3:00 p.m. Cost: \$55 includes programming, breakfast, lunch, refreshments, and materials. To learn more or to register for a retreat go to: www.abbeyguesthouse.org or call the Spiritual Life Office at 320-363-3929.  
**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 Mass with Bishop Kettler at 4pm followed by a meal, live music, dancing, live auction, fun for the kids and more! You will definitely want to be part of this fun event! Bring your family and friends!!

AUGUST 19, 2018 : THE 20TH 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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**Welcome Fr. Ian Dommer, OSB**

I have been appointed to be your parish administrator for the fall semester while Fr. Greg is on sabbatical. Let me tell you a little about myself. I'm from Colby, Wisconsin where the cheese was invented. I went to school there and then went on to the University of Wisconsin at Superior. After finishing college I came to Saint John's Abbey and was professed in 1974. In 1979 I was ordained. I served at Saint Bernard's Parish and High School for one year and then was transferred to Benilde-Saint Margaret's High School in St. Louis Park, MN. There I taught theology for eight years and for the last year also served as an assistant principal for curriculum. During my last year at BSM there was an administrative change at Saint John's Prep and the new headmaster invited me to join him as Academic Dean. I remained at the prep school in various administrative and teaching capacities until seven years ago. At that time I was invited to join the Campus Ministry office at SJU and also to serve as a faculty resident in the university. A year after joining Campus Ministry I was made director, a position I held until a couple of months ago. Although I left SJU Campus Ministry I have kept my night job as a faculty resident. I live on a floor with 64 sophomores, if all the rooms are full. Because this job involves late nights, Fr. Cyril will take most early morning services. I look forward to getting to know you in the coming months.

**Welcome Fr. Cyril Gorman, OSB**

I am from Currie, Minnesota. I graduated from Saint John's University in 1982. I first professed my monastic vows at Saint John's Abbey in 1984 and was ordained a priest in 1990. Over the course of my monastic life I have done graduate study in library science and theology. I worked on the Saint John's campus at Alcuin Library and for Liturgical Press. I have worked off campus as a parish priest and as a member of Trinity Benedictine Monastery in Japan. I was chaplain to the Trappist Sisters of Nasu, Japan, most of the time between 2011 and 2017. Presently I work at the Abbey Guesthouse. I look forward to joining you for weekday masses.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
2:00PM Richard Haeg Funeral @ Abbey Church  7PM Faith Formation Mtg. @ Local Blend		<b>8:00AM MASS</b>  6:30PM Music Ministry Night  7PM Confirmation Parent & Student Mtg.		<b>8:00AM MASS</b> ++Mary & Jack Murphy  Benediction	<b>Parish Picnic 4:30 PM Mass</b> ++George & Viola Dullinger Dinner, Games, Door Prizes, etc.	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - August 19, 2018 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In this Sunday's Gospel, the conflict escalates in the Bread of Life Discourse. Confusion is mounting in the crowd. "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Their minds were thinking literally, not mystically. Jesus doesn't seem to help, however, and only drives his point home with more emphasis. "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." Jesus would later institute the Eucharist at the Last Supper. There he would definitively establish the sacramental reality in which bread and wine become substantially his own Body and Blood. We celebrate this sacrament in the Mass.



Perhaps we do not always understand what we receive. "My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink." What is the essence of food and drink? Food nourishes our bodies, providing essential calories for our survival. Water is used throughout the body to cushion joints, regulate body temperature, and protect sensitive tissues like the brain. When we receive the Eucharist, we receive the spiritual equivalent of these essential elements. Like water, the Eucharist strengthens the sanctifying grace moving through us. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." As we receive the Bread of Life, grace strengthens our love and together we are nourished for our mission in the world!

**MASS SCHEDULES**

**St. John the Baptist Church**  
 Wednesday 8:00 AM  
 Friday 8:00 AM  
 Saturday 5:30 PM

**St. Benedict's Church**  
 Tuesday 8:00 AM  
 Thursday 8:00 AM  
 Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Reconciliation: Saturdays at 4:30 PM

Reconciliation: Thursdays at 7:30 AM

**St. John the Baptist Parish Faith Formation Sunday Mass Schedule:**

Mark your calendars to join us for monthly Faith Formation Sunday Masses which have been scheduled for 8:30AM on:

<b>SUNDAYS</b> →	September 9	October 14	November 18	December 9
	January 13	February 10	March 10	April 7

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**YOUR WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**

Adult Envelopes	\$1,861.00	Loose Plate	\$36.00
Electronic Contributions Aug. 15	\$3,485.00	Children's Envelopes	\$3.00
Donations Fiscal Year To Date	\$15,868.00	Green Special Needs Envelopes	\$50.00
Budgeted Donations Fiscal Year To Date	\$17,500.00	Wednesday Coffee Cup	\$16.76

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**PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Louise Bartlett • Julia Beckmann • Lorraine Degiovanni • Loretta Dullinger • Bob Dumonceaux • Corinne Dwyer • Gloria Ebacher • Ben Hamilton • Leo Heck • Dcn. Mike Keable • Alvina Klocker • Susan McKeon • Clara Meyer • Charlie & Nancy Wenner • Military Men, Women and their families. •

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

- Faith Formation Committee Meeting: Monday, August 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the Local Blend.
- Confirmation Students (10 & 11th graders) and Parents will meet on Wednesday, August 22nd at 7:00PM in the Parish Center for an Orientation Meeting.
- Our First Faith Formation Class will take place on Sunday, Sept. 9th following 8:30AM Mass in the Parish Center.

**MUSIC NOTES**

 Music Ministry Night is Wednesday August 22nd at 6:30 pm in Collegeville. This night is for those involved in the Music Ministry in any capacity and those interested in learning more about Music Ministry. There will be food, prayer, song and education. Spouses and children are invited to join in the event. Contact Jason Prigge to RSVP or if you have questions.

Just a reminder that the Parish Picnic is next week and we need many singers present to kick-off Choir season. We will rehearse THIS Saturday following 5:30 pm Mass.

**PARISH HAPPENINGS**

**Annual Parishioner Appreciation Picnic**



Our annual parishioner appreciation picnic is on SATURDAY, AUGUST 25th. **Mass at 4:30 PM** followed by dinner, social, door prizes and games for the kids. **This week we will be collecting donations of tomatoes and cucumbers and door prizes. 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. Ca\$h Raffle Tickets will be sold! Volunteers are needed at the Picnic, a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board, and we would love your help!!! Please JOIN us!

**Richard Haeg Funeral Arrangements**

Visitation: Sunday, August 19th from 4-8:00 p.m. at the Parish Center. Funeral: Monday, August 20th at 2:00 p.m. in the Abbey Church with visitation one-hour prior. Luncheon will be served at the Parish Center following interment in the St. John's Cemetery. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**I Have Called You By Name**

Born into new life in Christ and joined to our Faith Community through the water of Baptism, we welcome Blakely Lynn, daughter of Branden and Tracy (Klein) O'Leary. Congratulations.

**Thank You**

Thank you to all who donated to my Habitat 500 bike ride and/or prayed for us bikers as we biked 500 miles from Becker to Alexandria and back. With your help I was able to raise over \$6,000 for our Central MN Habitat for Humanity affiliate. All that money goes directly towards building a safe, affordable house for a family in St. Cloud. If you haven't gotten a chance to donate but would like to, please go to 2018habitat500.greatfeats.com and search for me (Michaela Roske). You can donate online on my page, or leave a check in the collection or with Julie. If you write a check, please make it out to "Habitat 500" and "Rider 14" in the memo line. I greatly appreciate your donations and prayers. Thank you, thank you, and thank you again!! --Michaela Roske

**Piano for Sale:**

Old upright Piano for sale, proceeds to be donated to the parish. If interested, contact Evie at 320.266.8869.

**Thank You**

Please join us in extending a hearty thanks to Arnie and John Sauerer for trimming all of the trees at the Parish Center.

**Hope For Those Who Mourn Group**

The Greif Support Group; Hope For Those Who Mourn will meet monthly in the St. Mary Chapel at the Parish Center. Sister Joyce Iten facilitates this grief support group. Next meeting: Saturday, September 22th at 4:00 PM!