

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

CATHOLIC CHURCH of Collegeville

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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.

A Note from Staff Member Julie Orloff

“Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” is the question of today’s Gospel. Jesus answers the man, predictably, with follow the commandments. The man responds by saying that he has, and seemingly, that he is a good person. Has he really followed the commandments he professes to follow? It is possible. We don’t know if the man is being honest or maybe exaggerating the truth, Jesus accepts his answer at face value with compassion. “Jesus, looking at him, loved him.” The attitude the man possessed of thinking he was a good person, really wasn’t enough for Jesus. He told the man after all to “Go, sell what you have...then come, follow me.” Imagine if, today, a wandering preacher gave you advice to give up everything you have for an unknown future. I am sure we would think this was radical advice to say the least. It is easy to fall into the trap of thinking happiness and fulfillment lie in doing what I want to do and following my own wants and desires. However, for many, this road can lead to a place of emptiness and regret. Therefore, I remind myself all the time that God created me on purpose and for a purpose. That exact purpose is truly the key to satisfaction in this world.

If we give our gifts and talents in only ways we want, we can become deaf to the multiple times that Jesus Christ calls us to give. It is easy for us to avoid any real form of sacrifice, and only give from our excess. I often pray to try to hear where I am being called to give. Our trust is no longer in the gift given but instead in the One who is calling us to give. When we order our lives in generosity and compassion, it is hard for anything to steal our joy away. It is in being generous with the things we don’t have surplus of that we can find our true purpose.

What is God calling you to give to follow him? Can you give from what you have a limited supply? Can you trust that what you gain by following Christ will be much greater?

***Please note 8:00AM Mass on Wednesday, October 17th and Friday, October 19th have been moved to St. Benedict’s Church in Avon, due to Parish Center parking lot construction.**

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EVENTS IN OUR AREA

October 14, Collegeville, Collegeville Colors: 1-4PM in the Saint John's Abbey Arboretum. Free and open to the public. Trail activities begin near the Abbey Guesthouse and Saint John's Preparatory School. Spend the afternoon hiking in the woods of Saint John's Abbey Arboretum as you enjoy the fall colors, artwork, live music, nature activities, and more along the Chapel Trail - rain or shine! NO PETS AND NO BIKES

October 14, Freeport, ACT-OBERFEST: A variety show, including musical and comedy acts at the Freeport Community Center. There will also be bands, dancing, a silent auction, food available for purchase, and free refreshments. Fun for the whole family. All proceeds benefit Diocesan youth retreats and programs.

October 19-21, St. Joseph, The Wonderful Forgiveness Weekend: A workshop that will free you for a new beginning. Shed stress, renew love for others, improve your health and connect with your soul. At St. Benedict's Monastery, overnight, \$350. More information on the bulletin board, or at www.forgivenesstraining.com or 612.874.6622

October 26, Collegeville, Theology Day: Fifty Years on the Family: A Look Back to the Present: A Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary Theology Day. Over the past fifty years, familial life has evolved in response to the "signs of the time". Changes within marriage and gender roles, as well as expectations regarding men and women's relationship to work have moved the family unit into uncharted territory. This session aims to explore some of those changes by looking back on key statements made by the Church regarding family life in hopes of celebrating progress made and identifying areas in which certain challenges still remain. Oct. 26th, check-in from 8:30am - 9am, presentation from 9am-12pm., Emmaus Hall, St. John's University. Free event. Lunch provided following presentation. Registration is required: www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, 320-363-3560 or theologyday@csbsju.edu.

October 28, St. Cloud, St. Anthony Quilt Bingo: St. Anthony parish will host Quilt Bingo and Raffle. 5:00pm Shredded roast beef sandwich plate will be served. Bingo will begin at 6:00pm. 2410 1st street North St. Cloud.

November 9-11, Belle Prairie, Koinonia retreat: Koinonia is people joining together to get to know Jesus, God, each other, and ourselves as we experience Christian Community. We take central teachings of our faith and show how it applies to our daily lives. Join us in this Christian Living experience designed for adults age 20 and older. Retreats are held in Belle Prairie at the TEC center 3 miles north of Little Falls. The next retreat will be held on

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		8:00AM MASS at AVON!!!!	6PM Finance Mtg. 7PM Parish council Mtg.	8:00AM MASS ++Mary & Jack Murphy ATAVON!!!	5:30 PM MASS Anointing +Olivia Eiyneck-Kimlinger	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time World Mission Sunday (envelope in your packet)
Parish Office Closed: Julie Out						

YOUR WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

Adult Envelope	\$2,058.00	Loose Plate	\$32.00
Donations Fiscal Year To Date	\$30,520.00	Special Needs (Green Envelope)	\$10.00
Budgeted Donations Fiscal Year To Date	\$37,500.00	Wednesday Coffee Cup	\$20.00
Children's Envelope	\$0.00	Catholic Campaign For Human Dev.	\$50.00

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 • Leo Heck •
- Dcn. Mike Keable • Alvina Klocker • Susan McKeon • Clara Meyer • Bob Simon •
- Charlie & Nancy Wenner • Military Men, Women and their families. •

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY OCTOBER 20 5:30 PM						
GREETERS:	SERVERS:	LECTOR:	GIFT BEARERS:	EUCH. MINISTERS:	SACRISTAN:	MUSIC:
Gene Eisenschenk Brian Eisenschenk	Scott Wallner	Nancy Fandel	Ann & Kevin Schrom	Nancy Fandel Linda McNair Kelly Haeg	Arnie Sauerer	Twinned Choir Jason Prigge

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

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 Church

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

Reconciliation: Thursdays at 7:30 AM

St. John the Baptist Parish Sunday Mass Schedule:

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

SUNDAYS → October 14 November 18 December 9 January 13 February 10 March 10 April 7

MUSIC NOTES

Twinned Choir

Choir season is upon us! As we found out last year, we enjoyed singing with members from both parishes and are excited to be doing more of that this year. The twinned choir is formed of members from St. John the Baptist and St. Benedict's who are teens to adults who sing in parts. The choir will sing Saturday (5:30 pm) and Sunday (8:00 am) the weekend of October 20th and 21st. Choir members from St. John's will rehearse on Sunday October 14th at 9:30 am in the Parish Center. Anyone is welcome to join us! If you have any questions or need more details, contact Jason.

Choir members should be at the Parish Center on Saturday October 20th at 4:15PM and/or Sunday, Oct. 21st at 7:30AM in Avon to rehearse before masses.



PARISH HAPPENINGS

Blessing of Animals

Please join us on Sunday, October 14th at 10:45 AM for our 9th annual Blessing of Pets, a celebration of the holiness of all creation and to ask God's blessing on our animals. All pets and humans are welcome! Please join Father Cyril Gorman, OSB and our Faith Formation students on the patio for the blessing.

Second Collection for Hurricane Florence Victims

To show our solidarity with our brothers and sisters who are suffering, Bishop Kettler is asking that every parish of the Diocese of Saint Cloud take up a special collection this weekend for the victims of Hurricane Florence in the Carolinas. This emergency collection will be used to support the humanitarian efforts of Catholic Charities, USA and Catholic Relief Services to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses. Checks can be made payable to our parish, which will be forwarded to the Diocese.

40 Days for Life

Join us for prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigils from Sept. 26– Nov. 4 at Planned Parenthood: 451 East St. Germain St. in St. Cloud Monday-Fridays 7am-7pm.

Hope For Those Who Mourn Group

The Greif Support Group; Hope For Those Who Mourn will meet monthly in the Saint Mary Chapel at the Parish Center. Sister Joyce Iten facilitates this grief support group. Next meeting: **Saturday, Oct. 27th at 4:00 PM!**

Healing Mass October 20th 5:30PM

Who should be anointed? Those who are suffering a serious illness, those who live with a chronic illness or addiction and those who are weakened by age. If you know someone who would like to be anointed but are not able to come to mass, please let the parish office know. Please remember the sick of our parish in your prayers.

All Saints Vigil

Abbot John Klassen, OSB, and the monks of St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, invite you to attend the All Saints Vigil Liturgy and reception at the Abbey Church on Wednesday, October 31. Tours of the rarely seen Saints Chapels in the crypt of the church will begin at 6:00PM, followed by the special Vigil of All Saints liturgy at 7:00PM. A reception will follow the liturgy. All are invited. We hope you will join us.

All Souls' Day Prayer Service

The annual All Souls' Day Prayer Service will be held at the Saint John's Cemetery, Friday, November 2nd. Prayer begins promptly at 11:45 a.m. in the monastery section of the cemetery near the large wooden cross. Abbot John Klassen will preside and will read the names of all those who have had interment services at Saint John's since last year's All Souls' Day; and there will be a general blessing and intentions for all the deceased. All are welcome to attend.

Cemetery Decorations

For fall clean-up at the cemetery, families are asked to please have all summer/fall decorations removed by October 15th. Christmas wreaths and greens are welcome from Thanksgiving thru mid-January. If you have questions, contact the Cemetery Office at 320-363-3434.

World Mission Offering October 20

Next weekend, we will celebrate World Mission Weekend. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support the mission dioceses where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers, and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. The World Mission envelope can be found in your packet.

I Have Called You By Name

Born into a new life in Christ and joined to our Faith Community through the water of Baptism, we welcome Sawyer Klein, daughter of Jason and Meggin Klein, baptized on October 6th.

Wreath Orders for our Cemetery

As a service project for our cemetery, Saint John's Cemetery staff are working with Boy Scout Troop 9 to again offer Christmas wreaths to be placed at the location of your family members' or friends' burial site. Orders need to be in by November 1st to meet the Boy Scouts order timeline. Order forms are available on the bulletin board in the Parish Center or on the parish website and may be turned in via the parish collection basket or to Julie in the office.