

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 Meghan Stretar

This past weekend we all stood witness to the canonization of two amazing men: new Saints Pope Paul VI and Oscar Romero. While sitting and listening to Fr. Michael Peterson's homily at the Faith Formation Mass at St. John the Baptist, he posed a remarkable question: 'have any of you met a saint?' Reflecting quickly, I tentatively raised my hand. I was the only one in a room full of 100 people. This leads me into the question: what is a saint? Why was I the only one who raised my hand in response to this question?

I want to share the reason why I raised my hand. As some of you know, I have had the opportunity to travel to San Lucas Tolimán, Guatemala on four separate occasions. One of the main aspects of my trips is to learn of the country's violent history and civil war that raged from 1960-1996. Hundreds, if not thousands, of Guatemalan people were kidnapped and/or killed. Fr. Stanley Rother was an American priest from Oklahoma who served in the neighboring community of Santiago Atitlán. With the increase in violence and political pressures that were going on at the time, he was put on government hit lists. He returned to the United States for a short amount of time, but is known to have said, "the shepherd must return to his flock" – fully knowing the danger this put him in. He was killed shortly after returning, dying a martyr. The room in which he was killed is a now a chapel. Each time I am there, standing in that sacred space, I am filled with an overwhelming sense of peace and awe at the reality of what happened there.

I did not physically meet this man, yet I have stood in his presence and marveled at the stories of his gentleness and kindness. The images of "open heart, open hands, open mind" fill my mind. My challenge for this community this week is to reflect on what those three things mean. What are you doing in your daily life, actions, and interactions that embodies the actions of this modern Saint? What are you doing to be a saint to others?

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EVENTS IN OUR AREA

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 1-4, St. Joseph, Joetown Christmas Treasures Sale: The annual Joetown Christmas Treasures Sale will be held November 1-4 in Heritage Hall, St. Joseph Church in St. Joseph. A wide variety of Christmas items, including decorations, trees, table linens, ornaments, dishware, cards, etc. that have been donated by parishioners and community members will be available for purchase. Poster with details on the bulletin board.

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 November 9-11, 2018. The weekend starts at 5:30 pm Friday and ends Sunday afternoon. Applications can be completed online on our website: centralmnkoinonia.org. To get a paper application call Dorie Reiter at 320-217-2476 or contact us by email at cmkoinonia@gmail.com to get an application.

November 30, St. Joseph, Arts and Crafts Sale: 4-8:00pm at the Church of St. Joseph Heritage Hall. Free admission. Arts, Crafts, Food, Refreshments, Santa Visits, Tree Lighting.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Parish Office Closed		8:00AM MASS Breakfast		8:00AM MASS Benediction	4:00PM Hope For Those Who Mourn Meeting 5:30 PM MASS +Johann Beckmann Mass of Remembrance Hospitality	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Faith Formation

YOUR WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

Adult Envelope	\$871.00	Loose Plate	\$56.00
October Electronic Donations	\$3,430.00	Special Needs (Green Envelope)	\$70.00
Donations Fiscal Year To Date	\$34,821.00	Children's Envelope	\$6.00
Budgeted Donations Fiscal Year To Date	\$40,000.00	Mission Offering	\$20.00
		Hurricane Florence Collection	\$333.65

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, Judy Ruprecht, Bob Simon, Charlie & Nancy Wenner, Military Men, Women and their families.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY OCTOBER 27 5:30 PM						
GREETERS:	SERVERS:	LECTOR:	GIFT BEARERS:	EUCH. MINISTERS:	SACRISTAN:	MUSIC:
Chuck Lauer Arnie Sauerer	Holly Hansen Nick Hansen	Denis Hynes	Joe & Elaine Omman	Elaine Omann Dan Ortloff Alice Mayers	Dan Ortloff	Michael & Peggy Roske

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 → 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

Second Collection for Hurricane Florence Victims

Thank you for your generous donations last 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.

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!**

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

Thanks For Your Mission Voice! Thank you for being a voice for mission on World Mission Sunday! This collection is a real blessing for the Missions! Please continue to pray for missionaries, and for the people to whom they bring the "Good News" of Jesus. May God bless you for your generous missionary spirit!

Mass of Remembrance 2018

Next Saturday, October 27th at 5:30pm we will remember all the deceased members of our parish and especially those whom have died within the last year. Hospitality will be provided after mass.

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.



"The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared."
- Mk 10:39b-40

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