

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.

The Call of the Baptized in Response to the Church in Crisis

In my first homily in the parish I talked about the strong emotional response that many of us have to the crisis of sexual abuse and leadership failure in the Church. Many have questions about what is being done. I would like to mention a few responses of Church leadership that I know of.

Cardinal DiNardo, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, along with other leaders of the USCCB went to Rome to consult Pope Francis. Among the results of this meeting with the pope the USCCB will have the response to the crisis as a major agenda item in their meeting taking place November 12-14. (You can watch their sessions on EWTN and on-line by going to usccb.org) Another response, at Pope Francis' urging all of the bishops in the US will have a week-long retreat at Mundelein Seminary near Chicago in early January 2019. The preacher to the papal household will conduct this retreat and the only subject will be the crisis facing the institutional church.

In our parish I have had several conversations about the crisis. We are all horrified by what has happened in the past. Many struggle with how to go on from here. To help with this we will have a parish meeting in Avon on Monday, November 26th and in Collegeville on Thursday, November 29th. Both will be at 6:30 p.m. I have invited Jessie Bazan to lead a discussion entitled The Call of the Baptized in Response to the Church in Crisis. Jessie is currently working at the Collegeville Institute planning programming. Prior to that she earned a Master's degree from SJU and worked in SJU Campus Ministry where she oversaw social outreach programs. As an undergraduate she worked in campus ministry at Marquette University.

The focus of this gathering will be looking forward, how do we individual Catholics continue to live out our faith in this situation.

The format of the meeting will be a presentation by Jessie followed by small group discussions. Discussion starter questions will be provided to the small groups, but groups may have other areas they wish to discuss. We will then move into a large group with small groups reporting, if they wish, some of the things they discussed. There will be time for discussion here, also. The evening will end with prayer.

I hope that you will be able to attend this meeting as we all work through the emotions triggered by the crisis in our church.

Ian Dommer, osb
Parochial Administrator



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EVENTS IN OUR AREA

November 16, Collegeville, Theology Day: The face of the church is changing rapidly. It is quickly becoming browner, poorer, and more feminine. What cultural shifts are impacting the future of Catholicism? How will faith practices be different in twenty years? Please join us to discuss how changes in our culture are influencing our practices of faith. We will explore the new evangelization of Pope Francis and his call to Missionary Discipleship and the implications of this for the future of the church. Finally we will explore the seeds of hope flowing from insights gained from our ministry with the young church. November 16th, check-in from 8:30am - 9am, presentation from 9am-12pm., Emmaus Hall, Saint John's University, Collegeville. Free event. Lunch provided following presentation. Registration is required: www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, 320-363-3560 or theologyday@csbsju.edu.

November 18, St. Anthony, Matching Grant Breakfast: Church of St. Anthony Parish Breakfast. 8:30am-12:30pm serving ham, eggs, fried potatoes, caramel rolls, cinnamon rolls. Located 6 miles north of Albany. All you can eat.

November 18, St. Cloud, St. Anthony Parish Breakfast: All you can eat. Located at 25th Ave. ad 1st Street North St. Cloud, in the Parish Center Basement. Serving 8:00AM-12:00PM.

November 21, Watkins, St. Nicholas Church Soup and Sandwich Supper: Join St. Nicholas Parish for a Soup and Sandwich supper serving from 5:30-7:15PM at 15909 County Road 21 St. Nicholas (Watkins), MN This supper will be followed by Thanksgiving Mass at 7:30PM.

November 26, Upsala, Women's Night of Worship: Please join us for a prayerful night of adoration, music and fellowship. Mass starts at 6:30pm at St. Mary's Church in Upsala, MN, Worship hour will be 7-8pm with refreshments to follow. Childcare will be available. For more information call, 320-573-2132.

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.

YOUR WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

Adult Envelope	\$1,697.00	Special Needs (Green Envelope)	\$0.00
Donations Fiscal Year To Date	\$38,395.00	Children's Envelope	\$2.00
Budgeted Donations Fiscal Year To Date	\$47,500.00	All Saints	\$50.00
Loose Plate	\$16.00	Votive Candles	\$8.50

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 NOVEMBER 17TH 5:30 PM						
GREETERS:	SERVERS:	LECTOR:	GIFT BEARERS:	EUCH. MINISTERS:	SACRISTAN:	MUSIC:
Arnie Sauerer Bob Simon	Mary Reischl	Nancy Fadel	Becky Hafner Jerry Fogarty	Nancy Fandel Joyce Abeln Jerry Rothstein	Dan Ortloff	Dianne Bechtold Jason Prigge Bob Abeln

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18TH 8:30 AM FAITH FORMATION SUNDY						
GREETERS:	SERVERS:	LECTOR:	GIFT BEARERS:	EUCH. MINISTERS:	SACRISTAN:	MUSIC:
Faith Formation Students	Faith Formation Students	Faith Formation Students	Faith Formation Students	Kari Scholz Meghan Stretar Elaine Omann	Brian Posch	Alaina Laing Jason Prigge

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

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

The annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be on Wednesday November 21st at 7:00 pm at St. Benedict's. This year our theme is: Giving Thanks for our Common Home. Please share and promote this event!

Choir members: There will be a rehearsal for this service on Sunday November 18th at 6:30 pm at St. Benedict's. Copies of this years piece (Praise Be to You - Alonso) are on the table in the hallway.

Christmas Choir Rehearsals

Please join us for rehearsal on Wednesday, November 14th after morning breakfast in the Parish Center. We will also have rehearsal on Wednesday, November 28th and December 12th both following morning mass and breakfast at the Parish Center. Please join us! If you would like to be a part of the choir, but are unable to attend rehearsals, just contact Jason and music will be sent to you!

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Turkey BINGO

Our annual Turkey Bingo Party will be held on Saturday, November 17th, starting at 6:15 pm. We are asking that students in the 9th grade and Confirmation classes volunteer to help with the event if you are able. If you have any questions, please contact Heidi at (320) 761-9469. Please plan to attend!

Ca\$h Raffle Tickets

We still have Ca\$h Raffle Tickets available! Purchase yours TODAY by contacting Julie in the Parish Office or purchasing before mass. Tickets are \$20!

Thanksgiving Mass Change: Our parish will **NOT** have mass on Thanksgiving Day; however you are encouraged to attend the following mass opportunities in our area:

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service Wednesday November 21st at 7:00 pm at St. Benedict's.
Thanksgiving Day Mass: St. Joseph Church in St. Joseph at 9:00 am Thursday, November 22nd.
Thanksgiving Day Mass: St. John's Abbey Church at 11:00 am Thursday, November 22nd.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule CHANGE:

A new Liturgical Ministry Schedule was been published, **please change** the date listed as November 22 to November 24th 5:30PM mass. Thanks you.

Christ the King Retreat Center Opportunities:

There are many upcoming retreat opportunities at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo. A variety of themes; including retreats for women, men, Advent prayer, and silent retreats are offered. For more information, please see the retreat list on the parish center bulletin board, or contact Lori at lpolman@kingshouse.com or 763-682-1394 ext. 11

The Call of the Baptized:

Our parish will be hosting a question/answer session in response to clergy abuse in the church. Jessie Bazan will be facilitating our discussion on Thursday, November 29th at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. Please consider joining us for a night of important and needed discussion.

Town Hall Meeting regarding the proposed clustering of our parish:

Please join us for a town hall meeting regarding the diocesan proposed 2019 Area Catholic Community (ACC) plan and the future of St. John the Baptist Parish on Thursday, December 6th at 6:30pm in the Parish Center.

Advent Reconciliation Service:

We will be hosting our annual Advent Reconciliation Prayer Service on Thursday, December 13th at 7:00PM. When the daily activities and life seem to overwhelm us, as they might at this time of year, it is good to pause and to reflect on the lives of Mary and Elizabeth, who were open to God's activity in their lives. We encourage you to take some time out of your busy schedule to lift up your burdens and settle your soul with Christ in the form of song, personal reflection, penance and/or communal participation. Afterwards, stay and enjoy hospitality: hot cider and holiday desserts.

Catholic Charities; Make God's Love Visible Campaign

Catholic Charities is a separate 501(c)3 and they do not receive funding from the Diocese of St. Cloud. They rely on donors like **YOU**, to help them serve those in need in Central Minnesota. They build communities, promote family life, and enhance human dignity by providing quality services to meet the physical, social, emotional and spiritual needs of individuals and families. Last year they offered a variety of assistance to more than 62,000 of our neighbors. For some, providing a place to live, for others food and clothing, for others improving or maintaining their mental health, and for many seniors they provided meals.

Please consider using the envelope enclosed in your bulletin to donate today to Catholic Charities, Make God's Love Visible campaign. 100% of all donations stay in Central Minnesota.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Veterans Day 7:00PM Social Justice Committee Meeting	7:00PM Faith Formation Committee Meeting	8:00AM MASS Breakfast 9:15AM Choir Rehearsal	6:00PM Finance Council Mtg. 7:00PM Parish Council Mtg.	8:00AM MASS Benediction	5:30 PM MASS +Olivia Eiyneck Kimlinger Speaker: Anna Kampa 6:45PM Cash Raffle & Turkey Bingo	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM Mass +Joleen Lauer-Krueger Faith Formation
Stewardship Weekend							