

Your Weekly Stewardship

Adult Envelope	\$2,547.00
April Electronic Contributions	\$3,650.00
Donations Fiscal Year To Date	\$105,436.00
Budgeted Donations Fiscal Year To Date	\$111,000.00

Loose Plate	\$45.00
Children's Envelopes	\$4.00
Wednesday Coffee Cup	\$30.00
Baptism Stipend	\$10.00

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. Consider Electronic Giving; forms are on the parish website or paper enrollment forms are hanging on the bulletin board in the parish center. If you have questions about Electronic Giving, contact Julie in the parish office.

Prayer Corner

Louise Bartlett, Julia Beckmann, Lorraine Degiovanni, Gloria Ebacher, Ron Eisenschenk, Alvina Klocker, Gen Ludowese, Rosie Moran, Mildred Notsch, Charlie & Nancy Wenner, Military Men, Women and their families, and all ill or suffering.

After 90 days names are removed from the prayer list, if your name needs to be re-added, please update the parish office.



Liturgical Ministers

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH 5:30 PM

USHERS:	DOOR GREETERS	SERVERS:	LECTOR:	GIFT BEARERS:	EUCH. MINISTERS:	SACRISTAN:	MUSIC:
Kevin & Ann Schrom	Volunteers needed	Scott Wallner	Mary Reischl	Becky Hafner & Jerry Fogarty	Bob Dumonceaux Joyce Abeln Chuck Griffith	Mary Griffith	Michael & Peggy Roske

Thank you to those who volunteer for our various liturgical ministries. If you would like to volunteer for any of our Liturgical Ministry roles, please contact the parish office.

Area Catholic Community (ACC) Updates

The 2019 pastoral plan for the Diocese of Saint Cloud introduces the concept of Area Catholic Communities (ACC). Every parish in the Diocese will be part of an ACC comprised of two or more parishes in a region.

As of July 1, 2019 our parish of St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph Parish of St. Joseph will form an ACC.

An initial meeting of our ACC Planning Council took place on April 2. Another meeting is scheduled before the month of April ends. At our next meeting additional information will be gathered and discussed. The council will focus on the challenges and opportunities each parish faces. If you have any input, please feel free to contact our Planning council members: Bob Simon, Brian Posch, Julie Ortloff or Father Greg.

Music Notes

- ◆ The new schedule for May - Aug. is in process. If you are not currently involved in our music ministry and would like to share your gift of voice or instrumentation contact Jason. Thank you to everybody who is currently involved.
- ◆ Due to the amount of music in a short amount of time we are adding two Wednesday rehearsals for the Confirmation liturgy (Apr. 30 @ 7 pm in Avon) and First Communion weekend (May 4 @ 5:30 pm). Below you will find the times for these additional choir rehearsals:

Wednesday, April 24th @ 9:45 am in the Parish Center
Wednesday, May 1st @ 9:45 am in the Parish Center

Parish Happenings

Rummage Sale



Save the date for our Spring Rummage Sale! Sale dates & Times: Thursday, April 25th 7:00am-7:00pm Friday, April 26th 7:00-11:00am. **Donations for the Rummage Sale will be collected on Monday & Tuesday, April 22 & 23rd from 1-7PM.**

Rummage Sale Volunteers needed:

To prepare for the rummage sale, it would be appreciated if some people would help put the chairs away after Easter Sunday morning mass. Workers are also needed to sort donations on Monday and Tuesday, a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Workers are also needed during sale hours, again the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board, or contact the parish office.

Creation Care Champion Ideas



Adults: Start a garden – from some herbs in a large pot in a sunny corner, inside or out, to a raised garden in your yard. Do some research about what vegetables are easiest to grow, how to protect them from critters and start growing. This also becomes the place to put your food composting!

Kids: Toddler – 3rd grade: collect boxes, milk jugs, egg cartons, paper towel holders for 2-3 weeks. Build a city with all of them.

Fun Fact: We generate 21.5 million tons of food waste each year. If we composted that food, it would reduce the same amount of greenhouse gas as taking 2 million cars off the road

Hope For Those Who Mourn



If you or a friend has experienced the recent loss of a loved one, you know how empty and sad life can seem at this time.

This is to let you know there is a grief support group which meets once a month at St. John the Baptist Parish Center for

people like yourself who are experiencing grief because of a loss.

Our next meeting is **Saturday, April 27, 4:00 – 5:00 pm** in Mary Chapel at St. John the Baptist Church. All are welcome. You do not have to register. Simply come. You can bring someone with you if you wish to do so. God bless you. -Sister Joyce Iten, OSB, group facilitator. Next meeting: **Saturday, April 27th at 4:00 PM.**

Lenten Gifts for the St. Joseph Food Shelf

Thank you for the generous outpouring of support for our weekly Lenten Food Shelf donations.

Buen Camino (Good Journey)!



Kids Corner



We have designated a table in the hallway just for kids! Children attending mass can find gospel puzzle sheets, children's envelopes, and colors or pencils for their use. Each week at mass a new passport destination sticker will be issued.

Some wonderful examples of good deeds submitted in last week's children's collection include:

"Helping my Grandma."

"I held the door open for someone."

"I shoveled snow :("

"I shared my candy with my little sister."

Your Invited to Lunch

Joe Town Table, a free community meal, welcomes one and all to enjoy a delicious home-cooked meal on Sunday, **April 28, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm** at the St. Joe Legion. Remember, kids are welcome too! Spread the word and invite others to attend. For more information, email centralmncw@gmail.com.

Rice Bowls



We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us to as we encounter our Risen Lord to bring the hope of Resurrection to a world in need. Don't forget to turn in your

Rice Bowl at the Kids Table in the hallway of the Parish Center. Thank you.

Faces of Easter Book Club

Join us Wednesday mornings following Mass/Breakfast at the Parish Center for Easter Book Club beginning April 25th until June 5. The book, Faces of Easter can be viewed or picked up from the parish office or at Book Club. Weekly attendance is not necessary, come as you are able.

Becoming Catholic – Spreading Easter Joy

Do you know of someone who might be interested in becoming Catholic? If you do, pray for them. If you are comfortable you could invite them to come to mass with you. Or you could invite Father Greg to meet with them.

Faith Formation News

- ◆ Confirmation Rehearsal will take place on Wednesday, April 24th at 6:45 pm in Avon. Students & Parents are required to attend. Sponsors are encouraged to attend if possible.
- ◆ Our final Faith Formation Class of the year will take place on Sunday, April 28th. Following classes we will celebrate with a Pizza and Ice Cream social for all Faith Formation Families!
- ◆ First Communion Rehearsal will take place on Friday, May 3rd at 6:00pm.

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The Great 90 Days

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.

Twinned Parish: Church of Saint Benedict of Avon
PO Box 98 | Avon, MN 56310 | 320.250.5618
Mass Times: Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 AM, Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

A Note from Fr. Greg Miller OSB

Alleluia! – Celebrating the Great Ninety Days
During these Fifty Days of Easter the Paschal (Christ) Candle is placed next to the pulpit. The Paschal Candle is the largest candle in our parish. Why so large of a candle? It is large to symbolize that the light of Christ ought to be for us, and is, the true light that cast out all darkness. In Christ there is no darkness at all. We may at times be distracted by other lights that promise us happiness but in the end they are an illusion. The light of our Paschal Candle will guide us through the year and is marked with the year 2019. As we would cast the light of Christ on our lives, Christ will cast out all darkness, bring us healing and strengthen us in love. During the celebration of baptism, the presider instructs the parents/godparents to take a candle and light it from the Paschal Candles and says to them: Receive the Light Christ. For me the candle is a symbol of faith and the light a symbol of our faith in Christ. Without faith we are in the darkness, with the Light of Christ, we know the way to go in our pilgrimage to God in heaven. During the Easter Season the Church invites us anew to receive the Light of Christ into our lives. May we keep the flame of faith alive in our hearts and when the Lord call us, may we go to meet him with all our heavenly friends in heaven.



Mass Times
Wed. & Fri. 8:00 a.m.
Saturdays 5:30 p.m.
Monthly Sunday Masses:
March 10 & April 7 at 8:30 a.m.

Reconciliation
Saturdays at 4:30 p.m.

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Events in our Area

April 22 & 23, Collegeville, Donation Drop-Off for Rummage Sale: St. John's Parish will be collecting donations on Monday and Tuesday from 1-7PM for our Rummage Sale. NO appliances, electrical items, baby cribs, high chairs or strollers will be accepted.

April 25 & 26, Collegeville, St. John's Parish Rummage Sale: April 25th from 7AM-7PM. And Friday, April 26th from 7-11AM.

April 27, Cold Spring, Let the Sun Shine Run/Walk for Mental Health: 2.2 mile run/walk, kids fun run, silent auction, bake sale and door prizes. At St. Boniface Catholic Church. 9am Walk/Run, 10am Silent Auction closes, 10:05am Kids run. All proceeds donated to Brain & Behavior Research Foundation. To Register visit: www.letthesunshinerun.com or call Kathy 320-250-8892.

April 27, St. Cloud, St. Anthony Parish Rummage Sale: 8am-1pm in the St. Anthony Gym: 2410 1st Street North St. Cloud. \$1/bag begins at 11:00am.

April 28, St. Cloud, St. Anthony Parish Breakfast: 8am-Noon. All you care to eat! Adults:\$8, 6-12 years: \$3. St. Anthony Parish Center—downstairs. 25th Ave. and First Street North. Sausage, Ham, Eggs, Pancakes, Fruit, Rolls, Hash Browns, Beverages.

April 28, St. Anthony, Swanycake & Sausage Supper: St. Anthony Parish, Saint Anthony – State Highway 238. This is an all you can eat supper serving from 3:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The menu consists of the following: Swany White pancakes, sausage from Pep's Pork, potato salad, relishes, applesauce, homemade bread, bars, cakes, milk, and coffee.

May 1, St. Joseph, Breakfast with the Bishop: at Gorecki Center, College of St. Benedict. Join Bishop Kettler, Joe McTighe, former Executive Director of the Council for American Private Education and other Catholic School supporters from throughout the Diocese. If you are interested in reserving a seat or hosting a table, please call Alice Coudron at 320.258.7656 or email: ACoudron@catholicfoundation.info

May 4, Collegeville, Abbey Conservation Corps 2019 Workday: Interested in contributing time to land stewardship projects that will benefit the future Abbey Arboretum? Work will take place on Saturday, May 4 from 9AM-Noon or 12:30-3:30PM. For more information contact John Geissler at 320.363.3126 or csbsju.edu/outdooru/events/volunteer. No experience necessary. Must be 18 years old.

May 5, St. Cloud, St. Anthony Parish Spring Fiesta: 4:30-7:30pm at St. Anthony Parish Center: 2410 1st St. North. Raffle, Silent Auction, Music provided by Paul Drinkwine, Taco Meal and Schwan's Ice Cream.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
8:30AM Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord	1:00-7:00PM Rummage SALE Donation Drop-Off	1:00-7:00PM Rummage SALE Donation Drop-Off	8:00AM MASS NO Breakfast 6:45pm Confirmation Rehearsal Avon	7AM-7PM Rummage SALE	8:00AM Mass 7-11AM Rummage SALE	5:30PM MASS +John Gagliardi Creation Care Pizza Party	Faith Formation Class and End-of-Year Party 11:30Joe Town Table @ St. Joe Legion