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| Donations Fiscal Year To Date | \$110,833.25 | Children's Envelopes | \$29.90 |
| Budgeted Donations Fiscal Year To Date | \$120,000.00 | Wednesday Coffee Cup | \$15.00 |

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, MAY 18TH 5:30 PM | | | | | | | |
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| USHERS: | DOOR GREETERS | SERVERS: | LECTOR: | GIFT BEARERS: | EUCH. MINISTERS: | SACRISTAN: | MUSIC: |
| Clarence & Shirley Simon | Volunteer needed | Isaac & Holly Hansen | Greg & Nick Hansen | Mark & Susan McKeon | Chuck Griffith Tess Koltes Linda McNair | Mary Griffith | TBA |

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

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

Notes from the April 30, 2019 Planning Committee Meeting:
Announced Effective July 1, 2019 Fr. Jerome Tupa OSB has been appointed pastor of the ACC of St. Joseph and St. John the Baptist Parishes. St. John the Baptist Parishioners received notification via mailed letter to each household. Fr. Jerome has requested a listing of calendar dates, weddings and any other events at St. John the Baptist Parish, to begin collaborating, not competing. Joint parish staff meetings will be held. Specific needs of our ACC were listed to focus on:

-Vibrant Liturgies

-Effective Staffing

-Weekend Mass Schedule

-Creative and engaging Faith Formation programs

-Communication

-Naming the ACC


As always questions and concerns can be voiced to the members of the Planning Committee: Bob Simon, Julie Orloff and Brian Posch. The planning Committee will meet next on May 21.


Welcome

The community of St. John the Baptist parish extend a warm welcome to ALL worshipping with us today. We pray that something said or shared will be a source of encouragement for you on your spiritual journey. We extend an open invitation for a return visit. Please remember to bring others along with you.

Parish Happenings

Senior Citizen Social
Save the date for our Senior Citizen Social! St. John the Baptist Parish invites all of our beloved senior citizens to join us for a delicious brunch as we celebrate summer and honor our senior citizens; Sunday, June 2nd at 10:30AM in the Parish Center. RSVP to Heidi by May 24th at 320-761-9469 or Heidi.peternell@gmail.com

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 **Wednesday, May 22**, 9:00 am 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.


Anointing Mass
 We will offer anointing of the sick at our 5:30 p.m. mass on Saturday, **May 18th**, if know someone who may want to be anointed, please invite them to join us. 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. Please remember the sick in your prayers.

First Communicants
 We wish to extend congratulations to our children who received Communion for the first time on Saturday, May 4th:
Anthony Scholz
Rhys Mohs
Francis McNair


New Liturgical Ministry Schedule
A new schedule of Liturgical Ministers has been published. Paper copies are available, the schedule is also posted on the parish website or can be emailed to those who request. Thank you to all of our Liturgical Minister Volunteers!

Faith Formation NEWS
Faith Formation Committee meeting - proposed meeting date: May 20 at 7 pm in the Parish Center. We will be reviewing faith formation policies. Non-committee members are welcome.

Faces of Easter book club will not be taking place May 22, as the Hope for those who mourn group will be meeting. We will be meeting May 29 and June 5. June 5 will be our final meeting.

Kids Corner
 We have designated a table in the hall-way 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 around the house."
"I help my dad with our basement."

Your Invited to Lunch
Joe Town Table, a free community meal, welcomes one and all to enjoy a delicious home-cooked meal on Sunday, **May 25**, 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.

Memorial Day Service
 St. John's Cemetery Monday, May 27th at 11:15 a.m. All are welcome to attend the annual Memorial Day Service at the Saint John's Cemetery honoring the more than 125 deceased who served in the United States military, including monks, parish members, and alumni and friends of Saint John's.

The service includes prayer and a roll call of honor of deceased service members. The Saint Joseph American Legion Honor Guard provides the traditional military salute. Throughout the Memorial Day weekend, an American flag will be in place at each service person's grave site.

The Veterans' Honor Roll is on the Saint John's Abbey Cemetery website if you are interested in viewing it: saintjohnsabbeycemetery.org

Confirmands
 We wish to extend congratulations to our young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 30th:
Levi Posch
Hannah Himsl
Grace Acheson


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A Note From Staff Member Meghan Stretar
What wonderous love is this, oh my soul?

Though Easter was a few weeks ago, I find myself still reflecting on what Jesus' death means for us. In my attempt to understand, the question that rises to the top for me is this: what does it mean to 'lay down one's life'? A few weeks ago, I was reading the letters of Dutch theologian John Henri Nouwen, when I stumbled upon the following quote that offered me some insight:

"Jesus' invitation to 'lay down my life for others' has always meant more to me than physical martyrdom. I have always heard these words as an invitation to make my own life struggles, my doubt, my hopes, my fear and my joys, my pains and my moments of ecstasy available to others as a source of consolation and healing. To witness for Christ means to me to witness for Him what I have seen with my own eyes, heard with my own ears and touched with my own hands" (Love, Henri: Letters on the Spiritual Life, p. xii)

Naturally integrated into a discussion on authenticity, comes vulnerability, an exposure of our deepest and truest selves. Christ's ultimate display of love and deep compassion on the cross, his total and complete gift of self calls each of us to more intentional action. Christ's death is not just something we remember during the Lenten and Easter seasons.

What we do, how we do it, what we say, how we engage with others, how we attend to ourselves, our interactions with God – these are all encompassed in our souls – and allow us to more fully come to know the depth of the love Christ has for each of us. We are called, each day, to show this kind of love to others.

Events in our Area

May 11, Albany, BEAT theater Buckets and Tap Shoes production: tickets available at www.district745.org/BEAT or 320-845-5060.
July 3 & 4, St. Joseph, Joetown Rocks Parish Festival: The evening of July 3 and daytime of July 4 Parish Festival includes free concert, parade, food, games, raffle and much more family fun.



MAY 12, 2019 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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**The Great 90 Days**


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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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



Happy Mother's Day

A Mother's Day Blessing
The Synod on the Family was last October, and we now wait for Pope Francis to release his statement on what to do to strengthen the family in the twenty-first century. Many say that the family is under attack and we need to focus more intently on family values. One thing we may all agree on is the centrality of the figure of the mother in all families. It is that primary and central role of mother that draws family together. The mother is the glue that binds all families together. As we celebrate the tradition of Mother's Day, let us pray for our mothers, both living and deceased.

Let us pray...
Good and gracious God,
creator of all good things in the universe,
your Son, Jesus Christ, loved his Mother
and modeled for us how we should love our mothers.

Bless all the women in our lives
who model for us the love of a mother.
Protect them and encourage them
to love as you have loved us.

Bless and protect those men in families
who have no female partners
and give them courage and strength
to love their children in the absence of a mother.

We ask all this in your name.
Amen.

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
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| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| Mother's Day | Parish Office Closed | | 8:00AM MASS Breakfast 9:15 Book Club | 6PM Finance Council Mtg. 7PM Parish Council Mtg. | 8:00AM Mass | 5:30PM MASS With Anointing ++George & Viola Dulliger | 5th Sunday of Easter |