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## Liturgical Ministers

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH 8:30 AM MASS	
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## Calendar

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 19**  
8:30 AM Mass  
Faith Formation, Speaker & Breaking Bread

**MONDAY, JANUARY 20**  
1:30 PM Visitation for Karl Petters @ Abbey  
2:30 PM Karl Petters Funeral Mass @ Abbey

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 21**  
11:00 AM Lorraine Degiovanni Funeral Mass at the Parish Center

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22**  
8:00 AM Mass  
8:30 AM Breakfast

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 23**  
1:00 PM ACC Planning Meeting

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 24**  
8:00 AM Mass & Benediction

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29**  
8:00 AM Mass  
8:30 AM Breakfast  
9:00 AM Hope For Those Who Mourn

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 31**  
8:00 AM Mass & Benediction

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

## Faith Formation Notes

Please consider signing up to volunteer in the kitchen for Breaking Bread. We are in desperate need of helpers.

### Upcoming Events:

**February 2** — Speaker: Christine Munger on Spiritual Direction

**February 16** — Movie, **Warehoused**, explores the plight of long-term refugees through a glimpse into the lives of those living in Dadaab, Kenya, one of the world's largest refugee camps. Suud Olat, who lived in the Dadaab camp will answer questions.

**March 8** — Peggy Roske, Part 3, Parish History

**March 26** — Parish Reconciliation Service 6:30 pm

**April 5** — Palm Sunday Speaker: Susan Stabile, "A Spiritual Journey Through Buddhism Back to Christianity" She was raised Catholic, practiced Buddhism for 20 years, and then returned to Catholicism.

**April 12** — Easter Sunday

**April 18** — First Communion Workshop, 9:00-11:00 AM (Banners, bread making, practicing First Communion, Eucharist activities and crafts)

**April 19** — Catechist Recognition Speaker: Matt Reichert on Disengaged Young Catholics

**April 26** — First Communion 8:30 am Mass

**May 13--** Confirmation, 7:00 PM, St. Joseph Catholic Church, St. Joseph

## Parish Happenings



### Join us for Lunch!

We have been hosting "Breaking Bread" community meal after every Faith Formation class. This meal is for **EVERYONE!**

**Join us January 19th, serving at 10:45 am, Menu: Hot dogs, baked beans, chips, & dessert, a free will offering is collected at all community meals.**

Thanks to all of the volunteers who prepare food, set-up and clean-up at these community meals!

### THE GOLDEN YEARS



Happy Birthday to Evelyn "Rusty" Pueringer, who will be celebrating her 92nd birthday on Sunday, January 26th. Join us in wishing Evelyn, and everyone else with January birthdays, God's best in everything! Birthday blessings!

### CALLING ALL CHOIR MEMBERS:

Please join us singing at Mass on January 26th. Rehearsal will take place at 8:00 am.

### Hope For Those Who Mourn



If you or a friend has experienced the loss of a loved one, you know how empty and sad life can seem. There is a grief support group which meets once a month here in the Parish Center for people like yourself who are experiencing grief because of a loss. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, January 29th, at 9:00 a.m.**

You do not have to register. Simply come. All are welcome. You can bring someone with you if you wish to do so.

**NOTICE: Change of Date!!!**

-Sister Joyce Iten, OSB, Group facilitator.

### How do the Numbers Compare?

Mass Attendance:	2018	2019/20
Week 4 of December	139	125
Week 1 of January	91	No # recorded
Week 2 of January	62	69

## Prayer Corner

Louise Bartlett, Julia Beckmann,  
Paul Dukowitz, Gloria Ebacher,  
Ron Eisenschenk, Alvina Klocker,  
Karen Kroska, Gen Ludowese,  
Mildred Notsch, Anthony Scholz,  
Charlie & Nancy Wenner,  
all who are lonely, grieving or estranged,  
Military Men, Women and their families,  
all the ill or suffering,  
and the families of our recently deceased:  
+ Jim Eisenschenk  
+ Lorraine Degiovanni  
+ Karl Petters



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All children are welcome to stop by the table in the hallway to pick up your weekly Gospel puzzle sheet — **and don't forget to pick up a yellow children's envelope and write a good deed on it — Father will collect them during the offertory.**

Some wonderful good deeds submitted on recent children's envelopes include:  
*"I prayed with my Grandma"*



Welcome to our Parish family Aaron & Karen Chalich and their children; Brianna, Chloe and Skylar.  
Please offer a warm St. John the Baptist Parish welcome to the Chalich family!

### NOTES OF SYMPATHY

Please keep in your prayers the family of Lorraine Degiovanni, who passed away on January 10th. Lorraine's funeral will take place at 11:00am on January 21st in the Parish Center.  
Please, also, keep in your prayers the family of Karl Petters, who passed away on January 11th. Karl's funeral will take place on January 20th in the Abbey Church at 2:30pm.  
May the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



Mark your calendars, and start 2020 off right by clearing your closets of clutter! Our Spring Rummage Sale will take place April 23 & 24. Donations will be accepted April 19, 20 & 21 from 1-7PM.

### NEW LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

A new Liturgical Ministry Schedule has been published. Paper copies are available at the Parish Center, or you can find it posted on the parish website under the Ministry tab.



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 19, 2020

On the cusp of fame, power, or influence, would you turn it down? Today's Gospel again features John the Baptist. Controversial but popular, John has gathered quite a group of followers. He has disciples. People come from near and far to be baptized by him. Pharisees and government leaders are drawn to his preaching. If John was another man, a lesser man, he would have claimed his own greatness. Instead, John the Baptist is a witness to humility.

"The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold the Lamb of God ... he is the one of whom I said, "A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me." ... the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known.'" Rather than point to himself, John points to Christ. John could have grasped at what he had accumulated. He could have seen Jesus as a Messianic competitor. Instead, John knows who he is. He knows his place as forerunner. Because John knows who Jesus is. "I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

A life of humility, a life for others, can be challenging to live. So much of our culture is built around achievement and individualism. We can justify it, too, in pursuit of "greater goods" and higher ideals. In the process, however, we might miss our own participation in the kingdom of God. John, for all of his humility, was not an afterthought. In another Gospel passage, Jesus calls him "the greatest prophet," even the greatest of men. Why? Because he fulfills the mission given to him by God: to announce the coming of the Messiah. We too are prophets and forerunners. Our witness to the Gospel is meant to point people to Jesus. Consider your own mission this week. To whom are you called to announce the good news of the Son of God? ©LPi



# BENEDICTINE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES

OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST. JOSEPH PARISHES



Welcome

JANUARY 19, 2020  
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME

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Dear Friends in Christ Jesus:

It is with sadness that so many of our parishioners in St. Joe and St. John the Baptist are experiencing the pain of loss of their loved ones. For me as pastor and for the staffs at both parishes these deaths are a "normal" part of our ministry, but with so many passing away these last weeks it really takes a toll on our energy. Just having celebrated the passing of 4 important members of our parishes, two more deaths have taken place for the Collegetown parish. Next week we will celebrate the mass of Christian burial on Monday for Karl Petters and on Tuesday for Lorraine Degiovanni. Once again St. Joe will have no Tuesday mass at noon. We need to pray for those who mourn.

After the Christmas festivities we are into "Ordinary Time". I breath a sigh of relief because I find ordinary to be a healthy rhythm for me and ministry. We are praying for some of our parishioners who are experiencing real health issues; Vince DeVargas, Leo Glatzel, Jerry Reischel, Phil Maus, Laura Kutzera-Gaadard, and Karen Kroska.

I hope that you read the new issue of **Central Minnesota Catholic**. In it are two articles that are important: "What does it really mean to be pro-life?" and the feature story is about one of St. Joe's parishioners David Fremo. Congratulations David! You will also see an update on the Area Catholic Communities. A lot of good material to digest.

Please congratulate the St. Joe Knights of Columbus on the great work they are doing with their breakfasts and "Roses for Life". These are important works that help move the pro-life agenda forward in our consciousness and in initiatives on the local level.

Finally let us pray for peace in our country and our world. This is a dark time and we need to help of the Blessed Mother and her Son Jesus, prince of peace.

-Father Jerome

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Sunday: 8:30 am

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