

SAINT JOSEPH & SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

SUNDAY, MAY 31ST | PENTECOST



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Mass Schedule

Tuesday & Friday: 9 am

Sunday: 10:30 am



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Mass Times

Wednesday & Thursday: 9 am

Sunday: 8:30 am

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MAY 31ST, 2020

PEACE

Jesus said to them again,
“Peace be with you. As
the Father has sent me,
so I send you.”

JOHN 20:21

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Saint Joseph: We, the Church of Saint Joseph, are a Catholic, Benedictine faith community. Through our liturgy and faith formation, we build on a solid foundation as active witnesses of Christ, and we eagerly respond to the needs of the Parish and the global community.

Saint John the Baptist: 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.

Where the
Community
Comes
Together

Weekly Schedules

MASS INTENTIONS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, MAY 31

Mass †Delores Meyer

MONDAY, JUNE 1

No Mass Today

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

Mass †Mildred Reisinger

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

Mass †Delores Giroux

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

Mass ††Roman & Gertie Bach

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

Mass †Rose Ann Taufen

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

Mass †Jim Brown

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

Mass †Ila Beste

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

SUNDAY MAY 31

8:00 am | Raffle Ticket Pick-Up, Saint Joseph East Parking Lot, Available until Noon

MONDAY JUNE 1

11:00 am | Rosary LIVE on Saint Joseph Facebook Page

TUESDAY JUNE 2

10:00 am | Enrichment Group, Heritage Hall

WEDNESDAY JUNE 3

10:00 am | Willing Hands, Heritage Hall

THURSDAY JUNE 4

11:00 am | Rosary LIVE on Saint Joseph Facebook Page
6:30 pm | Book Study, Virtual (see pg. 4)

FRIDAY JUNE 5

No Events Today

SATURDAY JUNE 6

8:00 am | Mom's Gathering, Virtual

SUNDAY JUNE 7

No Events Today

Stewardship Updates

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

May 24 Adult Envelope	\$1,020.00
Donations Fiscal Year To Date	\$115,685.00
Budgeted Donations Fiscal YTD	\$129,803.00
Youth Offering	\$5.00

There are two ways that you can support our parish financially while observing social distancing:

- Mail In Contributions
- Electronic Contribution Giving
 - Complete an enrollment form found on the parish website or contact Julie in the parish office.

SAINT JOSEPH

May 24 Adult Envelope	\$6,105.00
Donations Fiscal Year To Date	\$587,451.00
Budgeted Donations Fiscal YTD	\$692,175.00
Variance of YTD to Current Budget	(\$47,042.75)

There are three ways to continue giving while observing social distancing practices:

- Mail contributions to the parish office
- Set up electronic giving (one-time or recurring)
 - To sign-up, visit the parish website or call Amber at 320.363.7505 x120
- Drop contributions in the parish office drop box

GOSPEL REFLECTION

“Lord, send out your spirit and renew the face of the earth!” Today we celebrate the feast of Pentecost – when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles in tongues of fire. Today we remember our Confirmation, when we were signed with the seal of the Holy Spirit.

With the coming of the Holy Spirit, the apostles were given gifts of speaking and understanding many languages. Jesus promised that the Spirit would guide the Apostles to all truth so they will have the courage to go out to the whole world and spread the Good News of Jesus.

Today we recall the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we have all received in Confirmation: Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Fortitude, Piety, Counsel, and Fear of the Lord. (This means a great respect for God.) We have also received the fruits of the Spirit: “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”

With the reception of these gifts and fruits we are strengthened to go out and spread the love and compassion of Jesus. This does not demand great acts, but rather doing the little things well. As Mother Teresa said, we do not have to do big things, but rather do the little things well. Sometimes it is difficult to do the little things, because it is the big things that are noticed. This leads us to the motive for which we are practicing these gifts and fruits.

This week take time to think about each fruit of the Spirit and determine a practical and realistic way to put it into practice.

May the Spirit lead on your way!

S. Betty Larson, OSB

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 31

SUNDAY: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-2

MONDAY: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

TUESDAY: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16 [1]/Mk 12:13-1

WEDNESDAY: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef [1b]/Mk 12:18-27

THURSDAY: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [4]/Mk 12:28-3

FRIDAY: 2 Tm 3:10-17/Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168 [165a]/Mk 12:35-3

SATURDAY: 2 Tm 4:1-8/Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22 [cf. 15ab]/Mk 12:38-44



RADIO OFFERINGS AVAILABLE

Check out <https://relevantradio.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Grid-NETWORK-050120.pdf> for a program listing.

Print-outs available in the parish office entry to share with those who do not have access to a computer or the internet.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Duffy Barton, Julia Beckmann, Terry Bowar, Laurie Christen, Dorothy Court, Laken Court, Brenda (Anderson) Dahlheimer, Gloria Ebacher, Audrey Elfering, Jennifer Frank, Rudy Gapko, Larry & Anita Hering, Cliff Hilsgen, Blake Hogenson, Ashley Holmes, Amy Klaphake, Becky Klaphake, Alvina Klocker, Anna Kostreba, Laura Kutzera-Gaarder, Gen Ludowese, Phil Maus, Becky Maus-Nelson, Judy Meemken, Alban Mohs, Larry Notch, Mildred Notsch, Nate Osbourn, Jennifer Oswald, Jane Peterson, Marjorie Pfannenstein, Cindy Schmitz, a Special Intention, Anthony Scholz, Dorothy Schulte, John Steichen, Dennis Stueve, Emmy Torborg, Eileen Walz, Bill Wasner, Charlie & Nancy Wenner, all who are lonely, grieving or estranged, military men and women and their families, all the ill or suffering,

people of the Diocese of Vijayapuram, India, all frontline healthcare workers and workers & volunteers in foreign lands.

To add or remove a name for the Prayer Corner, call either parish office.

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

Please remember in your prayers those who have recently died:

Mary Jean Schneider and Al Beckel

“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.”

Parish Updates

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

Please join us in extending a hearty Saint John the Baptist welcome to Dana & Kris Schneider and their daughter Addy. Dana is a Flight Attendant at Delta Airlines, Kris is employed by United Health Care and Addy is excited to be starting Kindergarten in the fall. They have recently moved back to the Colleeville area after living in St. Paul since 2009. Welcome Dana, Kris and Addy, we look forward to getting to know you!

OUR SYMPATHIES

Please join us in extending sympathies to the family of Al Beckel. Al, 64, died peacefully at his home in Arvada, Colorado, on May 3, surrounded by family. Al survived brain cancer for over eight years and was recently diagnosed with liver cancer that he could not fight. Al & Jean moved to Colorado in 2014 but had returned to our parish for visits frequently. May the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

Many families are questioning how we plan to move forward with our Faith Formation program in the Fall if we are still social distancing. Let me reassure you, there is a plan. A calendar will be sent out in the next week for faith formation sessions scheduled every other Sunday morning, as normal, beginning in September. Instead of using Gospel Weeklies, we will be switching over to use student religion workbooks. Why switch to workbooks? First, workbooks are thicker and less apt to be misplaced. Second, by using workbooks, it will allow parents to do a one-time pick-up of materials to use at home, if necessary.

If we are unable to begin in the classrooms in September, workbooks will be picked up at the Parish Center, and an email will be sent to all families listing the lessons which will need to be taught on scheduled days.

Of course, if we go back to normal meetings, it will be easy to move into a classroom setting with student workbooks and the teachers will be in place to teach. Overall, we are concerned for the well being and health of all the people within our parish, so we will be cautious proceeding forward.

For those concerned about First Communion and Confirmation, we hope to first establish a routine of outdoor masses at the Parish Center. Hopefully, sometime this summer, we will be able to celebrate both sacraments in an outdoor setting at mass.

Registration forms for the next school year will be sent home with the calendar of sessions for the upcoming school year.

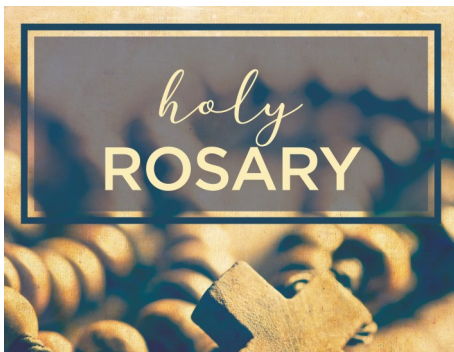
Please watch for an email from me regarding possible ways to continue celebrating our faith this summer in nature, with crafts, in the kitchen, and by visiting various places in the area to make a pilgrimage as a family.

Please continue to stay safe, remain healthy, and keep our parish family in your prayers.

Tess Koltes
Faith Formation Coordinator for St. John the Baptist Parish

BOTH PARISHES

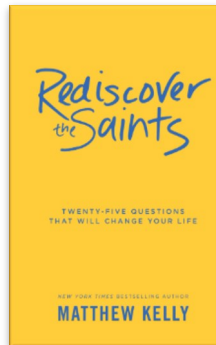
FACEBOOK LIVE ROSARY



Join in on the Church of Saint Joseph parish Facebook page on Mondays and Thursdays at 11:00 am to pray the Rosary LIVE! We honor Mary during this Month of May

and are excited to pray together with our Benedictine Catholic Community members.

VIRTUAL BOOK STUDY



A virtual book study will start on May 28th and will continue for 10 weeks on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm. Please contact Amber Walling for the Zoom meeting information.

Haven't picked up your copy of *Rediscover the Saints* yet? These are available to each family in both parishes. Some copies are available

in the Saint Joseph parish office entry, or call the parish office for arrangements to obtain a copy.

Reopen to Public Worship — Bishop's Letter

May 23, 2020

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

I want to inform you about an important breakthrough in our state that will allow for greater worship opportunities for all people. This breakthrough is consistent with our need to protect public health as we take significant precautions in how we come together and pray.

In the next couple of days, Gov. Walz will issue a new executive order that allows faith communities to accommodate 25 percent of their occupancy capacity or up to 250 people (whichever is less) for worship services — both inside and outside — beginning Wednesday, May 27. Gov. Walz and his administration hope that when faith communities gather, they will do so consistent with public health guidance. We pledge to be good citizens when offering worship in our communities and to work with public officials to promote the common good.

As you know, the Catholic bishops of Minnesota believe that the prior rules limiting faith-based gatherings to 10 people unreasonably burdened the liberty of the Church to bring Mass and the sacraments to the faithful. Because we believe that the Eucharist is the bread of everlasting life, we were prepared to move ahead and allow larger Masses without support from public officials. The life of faith was receiving unequal treatment, as allowances were made for other, less essential, activities. The new executive order removes that unreasonable burden on the Church and allows us to bring the Eucharist to our community.

Before I go further to talk about what this means for our parishes and community, please allow me to express my gratitude to Gov. Walz, Lt. Gov. Flanagan, and the other members of the governor's team. I am thankful we could come to a consensus on a reasonable and safe path forward for our state that allows greater numbers of people to safely return to worship beginning May 27.

I hope that the governor and his team have a better appreciation of both our duty to provide sacramentally for the good of our people and our unwavering Catholic commitment to working for the common good. With the Eucharist as the source and summit of Christian life, it should not be surprising that the Church jealously guards its jurisdiction over the sacraments and entrusts to each bishop the responsibility to be “moderator, promoter and guardian” of the Church's liturgical life.

The bishops of Minnesota are also grateful for the help of the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, which provided sound legal counsel in defense of the liberty of the Church to offer the sacraments, especially in our conversations with the Walz administration. Thank you also to the law firm Sidley Austin for its work on this matter.

Although we had previously announced that Mass could begin May 26, we need to move that back one day to May 27 to allow the executive order raising the allowed capacity for gatherings to go into effect. We also will make small adjustments, as needed, to our protocols consistent with the guidance that will be issued by the Minnesota Department of Health. We can be thankful that the removal of the limitations will allow us to have Mass in the Easter season and come together on Sunday, May 31, for the celebration of Pentecost.

I need to make something clear about the return to Mass: The bishops of Minnesota have told our pastors and parishes that they should only return to public Mass when they are able to follow the many protocols in place — including sanitization and the changes to the liturgy, including the reception of Holy Communion. In the Diocese of St. Cloud, parishes must have a plan approved by me before they may begin celebrating larger public Masses. If a parish is not confident that they're ready, they shouldn't open. Period. And if the faithful feel safer at home, the dispensation from the Sunday obligation continues to be in place. I also strongly encourage those over the age of 65 or who are especially vulnerable because of a health condition to not attend.

Let me express my gratitude to our priests, parish staffs, and parish leadership teams. They have done an amazing job during this pandemic — ministering to, supporting and comforting the people in their communities, especially those most in need, in new and creative ways.

Finally, I want to thank the faithful of the Diocese of Saint Cloud. While unable to receive the Eucharist for the past two months, you have creatively and patiently found other ways to live your faith. You have made spiritual communions, supported your sisters and brothers in need, supported your parish, and stepped up to help others. And for those of you who are still unable to join us for the Eucharist — those who are most vulnerable to the virus or fearful at this time of joining larger gatherings — I thank you for your understanding, and I am grateful to our many parishes that will continue to offer livestreams or recordings of the Mass.

Please remember to pray for all those who have lost their lives in this pandemic, for those who grieve them and for those who are sick and care for them. Also pray for the women and men in the health care field who daily risk their health to take care of our sisters and brothers who are sick. Please pray for an end to this pandemic.

And may God bless our country as we prepare to remember, on this Memorial Day weekend, those who fought for it.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+Donald J. Kettler
Bishop of Saint Cloud

Reopen to Public Worship

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REOPENING OUR PARISHES FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP

PUBLIC MASSES WILL RESUME IN OUR PARISHES

SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

No Saturday evening Mass is being offered at this time.

8:30 AM OUTDOOR MASS AT SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Bring your own chair or view Mass from your vehicle. (sound via car radio)

Cancelled, if inclement weather

10:30 AM MASS AT THE CHURCH OF SAINT JOSEPH

With the required safety measures, we can accommodate seating for 100.

Mass will continue to be available online.

*The Bishop's dispensation to attend Sunday Mass is still in effect until further notice. If you are feeling ill, we kindly request that you stay home. It is **highly encouraged** that those who are in an "at-risk" population, including those age 65 and over, should continue to participate in Mass online.*

DAILY MASS TIMES

No Monday and Saturday daily Masses.

WEEKDAY MASSES – 9:00 AM BEGINNING TUESDAY, JUNE 9

Wednesdays & Thursdays at Collegetown *(held indoors)*

Tuesdays & Fridays at Saint Joseph

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

By appointment. Please call Father Jerome at the Saint Joseph parish office.

PRECAUTIONS FOR RETURNING TO MASS

AS WE PREPARE TO RETURN TO THE PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF MASS, HERE ARE SOME GUIDELINES AND THINGS TO EXPECT WHICH WILL ENSURE THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF OUR COMMUNITY.

- **DISPENSATION REMAINS IN EFFECT**

The Sunday Mass dispensation is still in effect until further notice.

If you are feeling ill, please stay home.

It is highly encouraged that those who are in an “at-risk” population, **including those age 65 and over**, should continue to participate in Mass online.

- **MASKS ARE ENCOURAGED**

Wear a face mask while in the building, except when receiving Communion.

- **SANITIZE**

Hand sanitizer will be available for you to sanitize your hands before entering and when leaving.

Pews, chairs, entrances and other high-use areas will be sanitized between services.

- **SEATING**

Pews will be roped-off/marked to ensure proper social distancing. Chairs will be spaced properly.

Only the end sections of the pews will be used. The middle sections must be left empty, to allow for the necessary spacing between those sitting on either of the two ends.

Only families/related individuals sharing the same household may sit next to each other.

- **FOLLOW USHER DIRECTIONS**

Ushers will provide important direction during Mass.

Communion will be distributed one pew/row at a time and one complete side of the church before the other.

Dismissal at the end of Mass will also be row by row to encourage proper social distancing.

- **SING “IN YOUR HEART”**

Singing carries additional risk of contamination because of air and droplets being expelled with greater force. Therefore, there will be no congregational singing for now.

- **WORSHIP AIDS**

Missalettes, hymnals and worship aids must be removed. You may bring your own, if you wish.

- **SOCIAL DISTANCING**

Always maintain six feet between yourself and others, even in the Communion line.

- **CONGREGATING/SOCIALIZING**

We should not socialize or gather in small groups before or after Mass whether in the church, gathering space, or parking lot.

- **RESTROOMS**

Restroom use is discouraged. In Saint Joseph, only the restroom near the Vesting Sacristy will be open. The gathering space and Heritage Hall will not be accessible.