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# March 15, 2020

## 3rd Sunday of Lent

### *Core Value: Willingness to Grow*

*Preschoolers through Young Adults  
are invited to join us for:*



VBS 2020

Tuesday, June 16 - Thursday, June 18  
9am-noon

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## YOUNG ADULT NIGHT AT SJB

DINNER AND FELLOWSHIP IN  
THE SJB YOUTH ROOM  
MARCH 15TH, IMMEDIATELY  
FOLLOWING THE 5:30 MASS



Come join us for...

## Safari-Themed Crazy Olympics

6th-12th graders

IN THE SJB YOUTH ROOM  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18TH  
FROM 7-9PM



June 14 - 19, 2020

## PARISH STAFF

### PASTORAL MINISTRY

Fr. Paul Shovelain, Parochial Administrator ext. 1214  
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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon.- Thurs. 8:00am - 8:00 pm  
Friday 8:00am - 7:00 pm  
Saturday 9:00am - 5:00 pm  
Sunday 8:00am - 5:30 pm

### PARISH LIBRARY HOURS

Sat. 5:30 PM; Sun. 9:30 & 11:30 AM

**Church Nursery:** We offer year-round nursery during both the 8:30am and 10:30am Sunday Masses for children ages 1-3. Children play with caring staff while you are able to fully participate in Mass.

## NEW PARISHIONERS

### Welcome to St. John's!

#### The Next New Parishioner Meeting:

**April 18/19**

The new parishioner meeting will be held after each Mass the weekend of April 18/19. The meeting will start 15 minutes after ALL Masses in St. Joseph Hall.

*All are welcome to attend.*

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Monday, March 16, 2020

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels  
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
8:30 AM Mass ~ Fr. Wagner (Frances Skiba+)  
2:00 PM Blood Drive ~ SJHW  
6:15 PM Handbell Practice ~ LL101  
6:30 PM CCW Meeting ~ SJHE  
7:00 PM Library Committee ~ Library  
7:00 PM RCIA ~ 210

### Tuesday, March 17, 2020

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels  
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
8:30 AM Mass ~ Fr. Wagner  
(Gene and Trudy Brownrigg+)  
9:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks ~ St. Therese  
9:00 AM Sunday Scripture ~ 204

### Wednesday, March 18, 2020

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels  
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
8:30 AM Mass ~ Fr. Wagner (Hunter Brennan+)  
9:15 AM Faithfully Fit ~ 208  
9:30 AM Legion of Mary ~ 211  
9:30 AM Winter Scripture Study ~ 210  
11:30 AM Widows/ Widowers Lunch ~ Perkins  
5:00 PM Confessions ~ Church  
5:30 PM Mass ~ Fr. Wagner (Ed Diedo+)

### Thursday, March 19, 2020

6:30 AM Men's Fellowship ~ St. Joseph Hall  
8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels  
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
8:30 AM Mass ~ Fr. Jaspers (Jane Arnott)  
9:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Chapel

### Friday, March 20, 2020

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels  
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
8:30 AM Mass ~ Fr. Wagner (Michel Stautz Schaffer+)  
5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
5:30 PM Mass ~ Fr. Paul (Marge & Al Ramsey+)  
6:00 PM Lent Soup Suppers ~ St. Joseph Hall  
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross ~ Church

### Saturday, March 21, 2020

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
8:30 AM Mass ~ Fr. Wagner (Sue Devine+)  
3:30 PM Confessions ~ Church  
4:30 PM Mass ~ Fr. Wagner (Gene Ward+)

### Sunday, March 22, 2020 ~ Lent IV

8:30 AM Mass ~ Fr. Paul (Pro Populo)  
8:30 AM Sunday School ~ School Classrooms  
9:30 AM RCIC ~ 204  
10:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word ~ Chapel  
10:30 AM Mass ~ Fr. Wagner  
(Robert & Regina Bona+)  
10:30 AM Sunday School ~ School Classrooms  
11:30 AM Families Helping Families ~ SJH  
5:30 PM Confirmation 2 ~ LL106  
5:30 PM Mass ~ Fr. Paul (Thomas Chies+)



## *From the Parochial Administrator: Father Paul Shovelain*

**Give me a drink!** Jesus wants to share vessels with the woman at the well in our Gospel this weekend. Given our current situation, we would advise Jesus to drink from a different vessel, yet he wants to meet her where she is at as he desires communion with her. Jesus broke the cultural norms and talked to the Samaritan woman at the well because he wanted to share God's healing love with her. After receiving God's powerful love, she goes to the people of her town and invites them to meet Christ! She lives out our theme as she invites others into relationship with Jesus. Having received love in her encounter with the Lord, it gave her

strength to grow in confidence and share the Good News with others! The Lord desires to share with us that same love as we too are invited to grow into disciples who share the Good News!

Now we do not want to share germs or vessels, but we do want to share the Good News! So we need to be prudent and help people stay healthy. Hence we have followed Archbishop Hebda's recommendation to reduce risk of spreading illness. We have removed the Holy Water from the fonts. We are also choosing to suspend the sign of peace as well as communion from the chalice. Thank you for your understanding. If there are any additional changes or adaptations we will communicate them to you in the Thursday email or future bulletins.

This does give us an opportunity to think about why we do these things. We use Holy Water to remind us of our Baptism and our relationship with the Trinity. Although you will not be using Holy Water from the font, I encourage you to make the sign of the cross as you genuflect before entering your pew. Being intentional about this will help you remember your baptism and that you are called to live always in union with the Trinity. Although we do not offer the sign of peace, I encourage to be cordial in and out of church. We want to be known as a welcoming community. While we may want to exchange a handshake, others may not, so we want to help people be at ease and not worry about shaking hands with someone they do not know. The sign of peace is meant to help us remember that we need to wish peace to others including those we struggle to love. So, even though there is no sign of peace, I encourage you to pray for those people you struggle to love at Mass.

Receiving the Eucharist in only the form of bread is still sufficient as Christ is fully present there. It causes to realize what a gift it is to receive the Eucharist as it cannot be taken for granted. We are still allowing people to receive communion on the tongue. However, we want to remind you, after saying Amen, stick your tongue out and keep your head still until we have placed the host on your tongue. We normally are able to avoid contact between our finger and your tongue, but sometimes people do not do one of those three things which makes it difficult. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Updates:**

The Director of Worship position has been posted as we seek to hire Jay Hunstiger's successor. While this is a challenging task and will require some adjustments, we are confident that the Lord will guide us through this process. Please pray that this transition be to the Holy Spirit and we trust where the Lord leads us. The posting can be found at <https://careers.archspm.org/jobs/>

This weekend's bulletin includes the statement from Archbishop Hebda regarding the allegation against Monsignor Koscielniak. We are continuing to cooperate with the family and the Archdiocese through the investigation process. We have been asked to share the statement 4 times in the bulletin and this is the 3rd time. It will also be in this week's Catholic Spirit.

Next week I will be taking my yearly retreat at the Monastery of the Most Holy Name of Jesus Discalced Carmelites Nuns in Denmark, WI. It is 17 miles south of the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help, one of my favorite places to pray! Please be assured of my prayers for you all.

***As the Father loves me, so I also love you!***

*Father Paul Shovelain*

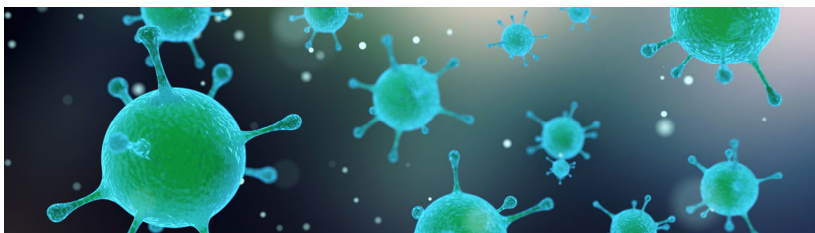


Dear Parishioners,

Bret Sutton has left St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and School after being hired in 2018 as a two year temporary employee to initiate our stewardship and development efforts. During Bret's time here at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and School, he worked to build up the parish's development efforts. He supported efforts to bring a NET team and the Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary to our parish. He supported the efforts to create a fifth endowment, dedicated to Pastoral Outreach. He also supported efforts to fundraise for the events surrounding the 50th Anniversary of our New Church Edifice. And, Bret supported efforts for our fall 2018 and 2019 OSMG Sunday Giving Renewal Campaign. Bret contributed to the Parish's Mission to heed Christ's command to GO. MAKE. TEACH. We are grateful for the enthusiasm and joy he brought to his work.

Looking to the future, the parish is in the process of restructuring the development work at St. John the Baptist. We plan to hire a Development Associate to coordinate our annual giving, special projects, Legacy Program and other development related initiatives.

If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Paul Shovelain.



### **Attention**

Many of our faithful are understandably concerned about the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), as well as other viruses during this time of year. Since the Coronavirus is spread in much the same way as influenza, it is prudent to follow steps to prevent illness. In order to alleviate fears about the spread of any viruses, we will be temporarily suspending the Sign of Peace and distribution of the Precious Blood at all liturgies until further notice.

#### **Please observe the following:**

- If you are not feeling well, please stay at home. You are not obligated to attend Mass if you are sick.
- If you cough or sneeze, please cover your mouth and use hand sanitizer after.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water to prevent the spreading of illnesses.
- Please pray for those who are sick during this time.

## **PERPETUAL ADORATION**

*"...pray continually that God may grant us that spirit of compassion which is truly the spirit of God." ~ Saint Vincent de Paul*

Pray during a scheduled hour in the adoration chapel for this spirit of compassion.

Check this out, adorers on Thursday at 4pm and Friday at 6pm are in need of someone to adore every other week. Call Kathy 763-464-3985 for more information and to sign up.

Or, sign up for one of these open hours: Tuesday midnight, 3am, 6pm, 7pm; Wednesday midnight, 7pm; Friday 10am; Saturday 1am, 2am, 5am, 7am, 10am.

The adorers at these hours have requested a prayer partner: Monday 2am, 2pm; Wednesday 4am, noon.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR...**

#### **Those who have entered eternal life:**

John "Jack" Breen, Bernice Bartz, Robert Prodger, Janet Knowlan

**Those who are ill:** Jean Isacson, Fulton Francis Dobbs, Tom Fox, Susan Welsh, Robert Cuddigan, Jenny Bruening, Annette Foreman, Pat Delaney, Amelia Lynn Sandquist, Jeanne Dompierre, John Miskowicz, Mary Clare Farrell, Richard Puffer, Sawyer Anderson, Betsy Brown, Dee Olson, Jim Smith, Jerry Renk, Dale Phillips, Dennis Fox, Teresa Lieser, Kathleen Schopf, Tom Miskowicz, Bob & Christine Springhetti, Ben Montes, Steve Lauinger, Marianne Brekke, Charlotte Thrun, John Riedle, Dolores Bona, Joan Zawadski, Suanne Christensen, Poppy Craft, Rita Kochevar, Annette Kirwan, Bonnie Norgren, Tom Roback, Mike Bartel, Emma Lutsilili, Braxton Battaglia, Beverly Aplikowski, Stephan Bucko, John Mistelske, Mary Gormally, Lloyd Mans, Mary Spitzka, Elaine Loscheider, Bev Stampfle, John Demont, Michael Ferdelman, Shirley Hill, Jon Clark, Lucas Kramer, Cassie Cramer, Georgianna Warden, Donna Yenish, Mary Wegerson, John Leibrich, Scott Lemke, Nella Pitzen, Mary Lou Long, Helen Sullivan, Alfred Duku-Celestino, Carl Stampfle, Marcy Eder, Doug Brekke, Jack Longnecker, Philip Jarosz

*If your name has been removed from this list and you would like to be prayed for, please call the parish office.*

**PRAYER LINE** 651-633-1618 /651-247-4202  
Call with your prayer requests.  
Requests are confidential.

**BIRTHRIGHT** Caring help for pregnant women. (651) 646-7033 Saint Paul  
(763) 757-0715 Coon Rapids

## *Opportunities to Grow and Pray*

**Sunday Scripture with Sr. Clarinda - Tuesdays at 9:00am in room 204. All are welcome.**

**Men's Fellowship - Thursday Morning, March 19, 2020-May 14, 2020 from 6:30-8:00am in St. Joseph Hall**  
**Acts of the Apostles: The Church from Jerusalem to Rome with Fr John Echert**

This four-week Bible study series on the Acts of the Apostles will examine the significant events and figures in the early Church of the apostolic period. Beginning with the Divine Commission of Christ to bring the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we will examine the birth of the Church on the Feast of Pentecost and the initial outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We will focus upon the power of the Spirit of Jesus at work in the apostolic Church as well as the resistance to that power by the enemies of the Church. Come for the donuts, stay for the truth!!

Questions, call Dave @ 612-616-4013

**COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN - Serving St. John's for 100 years.** All CCW members and friends are invited to join us for our next meeting on Monday, March 16 at 6:30 PM in St. Joseph Hall. For more information contact Lu Heiling at 651-633-0710. **SAVE the DATE - CCW Auntie's Attic is now the "Parish Garage Sale" to be held June 10, 11, 12, 2020 in the school gym.** More details to follow.

**There will NOT BE Circle of Women this week due to Spring Break. Enjoy your time away and we will see you back on March 26 for Angela Jendro!**

**Join Fr. Paul at the Archdiocesan Men's Conference on March 28, 9 a.m.-3:30 PM at St. Thomas Academy, Mendota Heights. *Embrace the Challenge*** is the theme for the annual Archdiocesan Men's Conference. This is a great opportunity for men of Faith to come together for good fraternity, good food and to grow in faith! This year's keynote speaker is priest, scholar, author and son of the late Justice Antonin Scalia, Fr. Paul Scalia. Visit [archspm.org/archdiocesan-mens-conference](http://archspm.org/archdiocesan-mens-conference) to register.

**Totus Tuus** is returning for an awesome week of growing in your Catholic Faith! The team will be here at St. John's **June 14-19, 2020!** Totus Tuus (Latin for "Totally Yours") is a fun and energetic parish-based summer catechetical program. The elementary program (Gr.1-6) runs Monday - Friday from 9AM-2:30PM, the Junior-Senior High program runs Sunday-Thursday from 7:30-9:40 PM. Daily Mass, games, activities, catechetical instruction, songs, Sacrament of Reconciliation and more! The parish is invited to get involved by participating in the Parish Potluck on Wednesday, June 17. Whether you have a child involved or not, plan to come and hear about the week and TT in general. We need parishioner help in housing the team for the week (only homes with no children 18 and under, please), and for meals for the team throughout the week - lunch and dinner. We are also looking for volunteers to help in the classrooms and at recess and lunch time. Please consider helping us out and praying about sending your children (or grandchildren) to this wonderful week of so much fun that they don't even know they are learning!! Please begin to pray for the success of the week, for the team, the youth and children who participate and for the blessing this week will be to the parish. To register, visit the parish website at [www.stjohnnb.com](http://www.stjohnnb.com)

### **Gift of Living in the Divine Will Prayer Group**

Join us on April 2 from 7-8:30pm in room 204 as we meet for the Gift of Living in the Divine Will Prayer Group. There is no commitment, come when you can. The meeting follows the format of prayers set forth by Fr. Iannuzzi based on Luisa's writings.

Fr. Iannuzzi wrote his dissertation on the writings of Servant of the Lord, Luisa Piccarreta. Her messages from the Lord and the Blessed Mother, which have been approved by the Church, are ones for all mankind. The Lord gave up His life for us and part of His gift is the Gift of Living in the Divine Will. This gift will restore what we lost through Adam. Luisa wrote twenty volumes plus, 8500 pages. Fr. Iannuzzi has condensed these writings, via his dissertation, into a book that all can read and understand.

Born in 1865 in Corato, Italy, Luisa Piccarreta began receiving revelations at age 12 and was called by God to become a victim soul. God spoke to her about the gift he wishes to bestow upon the world that will set it free and inaugurate an Era of Peace. God refers to this gift as "Living in the Divine Will", for it is through an act of God's will that mankind will turn back to God's friendship and live in peace and harmony with the world around him.

Saint Hannibal Maria Di Fancia was one of Luisa's confessors and very much promoted her writings. St. Hannibal read a few pages of the Hours of our Lord's Passion written by Luisa, specifically, from the hour of Crucifixion to Pope St. Pius X and the Pope interrupted him saying: "Father, this book should be read while kneeling: It is Jesus Christ who is speaking!"

Did you know there is already a religious order that have these writings at their very core? They are called the Benedictine Daughters of the Divine Will. Check them out at [benedictinesofdivinewill.org](http://benedictinesofdivinewill.org)

Read more about Luisa, some of her writings and life story can be found in the Parish Library.

## 2021 HOLY LAND TOUR



### Attention all parishioners!

- † Would you like to walk where Jesus walked?
- † Would you like to see where Jesus Christ redeemed the world?
- † Would you like to see the empty tomb?

In January 2021, you can join Fr. Paul Shovelain and Mater Dei Tours on pilgrimage to the Holy Land! The details are being finalized and registration information will be out in the near future. The tentative dates are January 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> to January 21<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>.

This pilgrimage is intended for parishioners of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and space is limited! If interested, email Bonnie Haik at [haikb@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:haikb@stjohnnyb.org) with your name and email to have your name put on a list. When registration information becomes available, you will be notified. It will be the trip of a lifetime!



### Food Drive

Our local St. Vincent de Paul conference is conducting one of the two annual food shelf drives to benefit both our emergency food shelf and the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf beginning by handing out bags and envelopes after all Masses on March 21st and 22nd. Please make your checks payable to

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. Bags or donations can be brought back to the church during all Masses on March 28th and 29th. Our group thanks all of our parishioners for their generosity towards those that need assistance.

The Families Moving Forward Core team is looking for a new food coordinator. If you have any interest in learning more, please contact Rita Arndorfer at [arndorferr@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:arndorferr@stjohnnyb.org) or 651-633-8333 Ext. 1220. Thank you!

## BLOOD DRIVE

JUST  
1 DONATION  
SAVES  
3 LIVES

**Monday, March 16**  
**from 2-7pm**

There's no end to the benefits of donating blood for those who need it. According to the American Red Cross, one donation can save as many as three lives, and someone in the United States needs blood every two seconds.

### There are several ways to make an appointment:

- ✓ Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)
  - ✓ Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter: St John the Baptist
  - ✓ Sign-up in St. Paul Plaza THIS WEEKEND.
- Questions? Contact Diana Houston 651-636-6658 or Peter Walsh 507-450-9664.

*Be a hero, donate blood!*



**Wednesday, April 1 at 1pm in room 206**

### Effective Communication Strategies

An education program by the Alzheimer's Association

Communication is more than just talking and listening - it's also about sending and receiving messages through attitude, tone of voice, facial expressions and body language. As people with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias progress in their journey and ability to use words is lost, families need new ways to connect. Join us to explore how communication takes place when someone has Alzheimer's, learn to decode the verbal and behavioral messages delivered by someone with dementia, and identify strategies to help you connect and communicate at each stage of the disease.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Mary Hartz, parish nurse, by calling 651-633-8333 ext. 1229 by March 26th.

**Lenten Regulations on Abstinence**  
**Abstinence** – Catholics 14 years of age and older must abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.





**Donald Kenneth Brown**

Don grew up in the Blaine/Spring Lake Park area. He married his wife, Megan, in 2009. After eight years in Champlin, they made New Brighton their home, moving into Megan's childhood home. Don was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church but had little to do with his church since his confirmation. His faith and spirituality have always been important but

living that faith within a church community was not part of his life. Don began RCIA for the sake of his wife, Megan, who grew up Catholic and their two sons who attend St. John's School. As he walks through this preparation process for Easter Sacraments, he has learned and grown in his own faith. He continues this journey, not only for them, but for himself. He is eager to take his place in the Church and in the community, and he is ready to embrace God's role in his life as a husband, a father, and a man of God.

**Megan Leigh Brown**

Megan Brown was born and raised in New Brighton and attended St. John's. She was raised Catholic but never finished Confirmation. She has attended Mass occasionally at St. John's since middle school. Confirmation was always something she thought about finishing but for one reason or another, it wasn't something she pursued until now. Becoming more

a part of the St. John's community and having her children enrolled at St. John's, sparked her to call Jessica to discuss the next steps.

Megan wants to be Confirmed in order to continue to grow in her relationship with the Lord and to continue to learn and deepen her personal faith. She desires to continue to be part of this faith community to give back and grow with us here at St. John's. With all she has received, and will continue to receive, she desires to be a great example for her sons as the primary source of knowledge and lived faith. The RCIA program has been an incredibly journey.



## LIBRARY NEWS

Enrich your Lent to Easter journey and bring yourself closer to Jesus in His Passion by visiting the Parish Library. Learn more about the Last Supper, Passion of Christ, the miraculous Shroud of Turin (Christ's burial cloth with the His crucified image on it), the Seven Last Words of Christ, 40 Day Lenten Meditations, etc. All of these are available in books, DVDs, and CDs to be checked out. The parish library is open after the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses and is located across from the Archives case. Any questions, call Jeanne Kratzer @ 651-636-8928.



SJB PTO is hosting the 5th annual "Families Helping Families" event on Sunday, March 22nd in St. Joseph Hall following the 10:30am Mass.

Please join us at this fun service event for the entire family to help others in our community.



**JOIN US FRIDAYS  
DURING LENT**  
Mass at 5:30pm  
Soup Supper at 6pm  
Stations of the Cross at 7pm  
**ALSO**  
Join us for Mass on Saturday  
morning at 8:30am

St. John's CCW are sponsoring  
Soup Supper on March 20th.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-51b, 6, 7bc, 8-9;  
Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;  
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27,  
29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14;  
Jn 9:1-41



### Global Solidarity Sunday Weekend: March 21/22

This year the theme is, "...I was blind and now I see" (Jn. 9:25). As we reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters around the world, we let our light shine for those who still hunger and thirst for God's mercy, love and healing. On the weekend of March 21/22, a collection will be taken for four global priorities of the U.S. Catholic Bishops: Africa, Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, as well as humanitarian activities of Catholic Relief Services. Use the envelope in your packet and place it in the collection basket. Please be as generous as you are able and let your light shine for your brothers and sisters around the world. Thank you.



### Volunteer Opportunity for Expectant Mothers

Abria Pregnancy Resources is seeking volunteer ultrasound models to participate in our nurse training. This is a unique opportunity to help Abria's life-affirming work as well as take home cherished photos of your baby in utero! Women 5-1/2 weeks pregnant and above are invited to participate as volunteer models for free ultrasounds March 30-31, April 1-4 & 6-7.

Sign up to volunteer at:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094ca8a92da1f49-abria5>

**Legion of Mary-St. Paul Comitium.** Once a year, the St. Paul Comitium gathers all of their active and auxiliary members for a special service of prayer, renewal of allegiance to Mary, and Christian fellowship. This year they will be meeting on Sunday, March 22 from 2-4 PM at St. Columba Catholic Church, 1327 Lafond, St. Paul. For questions, please call Cay Vu 651-431-1875

**Pro-Life Across America Banquet Thursday, April 30, 5:45 p.m. here at St. John's.** The featured speaker will be Sr. Mary Margaret Hope, who completed her Masters in Astronomy at Harvard University and entered the Sisters of Life in 2011. The Sisters of Life are a religious community of women who take a fourth vow to protect and enhance the sacredness of human life and care for vulnerable pregnant women and their unborn children. Christine at 612-782-9434 to RSVP.

**Retrouvaille Marriage Help:** Thinking about Separation or Divorce? Hurting? Angry? Feel helpless? Retrouvaille is a lifeline for troubled marriages. Couples learn the tools to rediscover each other and heal their marriage. 100% confidential. When: April 3-5, 2020 Where: Best Western Hotel 3450 Washington Dr. Eagan, MN 55122 Registration: 800-470-2230 [info@tcr-mn.org](mailto:info@tcr-mn.org) <http://www.helpourmarriage.org>

**Home for the Summer Apply now for June 13-August 8, 2020** "Home for the Summer" is a Catholic summer household experience for women who are interested in discerning their vocation while living in community for 8 weeks. This summer program is for women who are college age up to 27. Please see [www.10000vocations.org](http://www.10000vocations.org) for more information.

### Statement from Archbishop Bernard Hebda regarding Monsignor Paul Koscielniak

The Archdiocese has received an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor against Monsignor Paul Koscielniak (deceased/1980). The persons making the allegation met recently with Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Director of Ministerial Standards and Safe Environment Tim O'Malley and Ramsey County Attorney John Choi.

This is an allegation. All such allegations are taken seriously and investigated thoroughly in an effort to determine factually what occurred. There should be no presumption of guilt or wrongdoing. Facts will determine the outcome. In accord with Archdiocesan policy, this matter will be investigated and referred to the Ministerial Review Board for a recommendation regarding whether the allegation is substantiated or not.

The alleged abuse is said to have occurred multiple times between 1969-1975. Monsignor Koscielniak served at Saint John the Baptist from 1950-1977. The allegation is that a boy, who served as an altar boy, was abused between the ages of 10 and 15 at the rectory and other locations. The Office of Ministerial Standards and Safe Environment (OMSSE) is investigating and seeks the assistance from anyone with information. Please contact the OMSSE if you are aware of anything that may be pertinent.

Contact Archdiocesan investigators: Jane Laurence 612-961-8867 cell/email [laurencej@archspm.org](mailto:laurencej@archspm.org) or Patrick Henry 651-402-1692 cell/email [henryp@archspm.org](mailto:henryp@archspm.org).



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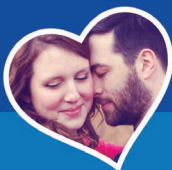


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