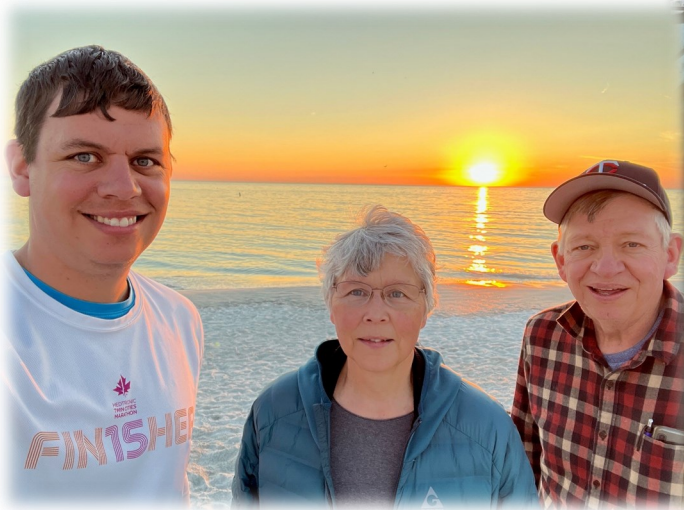


May 14, 2023
6th Sunday of Easter

Bearing witness to Jesus Christ who is the Way, the Truth and the Life: **GO. MAKE. TEACH.**
Our Core Values: a reliance on prayer, a willingness to grow, a generous spirit

**Grateful for all our mothers,
especially on Mother's Day!**



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Monday	8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Tuesday	8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Thursday	8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Friday	8:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Saturday	9:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

PARISH LIBRARY HOURS

Open after the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses

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

Stay Connected:

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EMAIL: sjb@stjohnnyb.org

Visit our website: www.stjohnnb.com

Archdiocese's Victim/Survivor Assistance Program

651-291-4497 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Schedule of Events

Monday, May 15, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM Mass (Joseph Nguyen+ and Maria Trinh+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 9:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Church
 3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook
 6:30 PM Council of Catholic Women ~ St. Joseph Hall

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM Mass (For the living and deceased members of the Witkowski family) Church ~ Fr. Paul
 9:30 AM Alive in the Word ~ 210
 9:30 AM Kidz Closet ~ 203
 1:00 PM Library Committee Meeting ~ Library
 3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook
 5:30 PM PLC Meetings ~ St. Joseph Hall

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM School Mass (Jim Rimarcik+) Church ~ Fr. Paul
 9:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks ~ St. Therese
 9:30 AM Faithfully Fit ~ 210
 3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook
 5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 5:30 PM Mass (Joseph Modesette+ and Richard Brennen+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting ~ 211
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal ~ LL 101
 7:00 PM Contemporary Group Rehearsal ~ Church

Thursday, May 18, 2023

6:30 AM Men's Fellowship ~ St. Joseph Hall
 8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM Mass (Jim Witkowski+ and Marlys Heyer+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook
 7:00 PM RCIA Class ~ 206

Friday, May 19, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM Mass (Anh Vu and Vincent Phuc) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 9:30 AM Legion of Mary ~ 204
 3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook

Saturday, May 20, 2023

9:00 AM—12:00 PM Cemetery Clean Up ~ St. John's Cemetery
 9:00 AM Gift Faith Study ~ 211
 2:00 PM Fetting/Picard Wedding ~ Church
 3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook
 3:15 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 4:30 PM Vigil Mass (Michael McEvoy+ and Pam Berthiaume Kummer) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 5:30 PM Intercessory Prayer Ministry ~ Chapel of the Angels
 6:00 PM Young Adult Cook Out ~ St. John's Rectory

Sunday, May 21, 2023

8:30 AM Mass (Ken and Diana Houston 50th Anniversary) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 8:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery
 9:30 AM Intercessory Prayer Ministry ~ Chapel of the Angels
 10:30 AM Mass (Max Blaufuss) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 10:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery
 11:30 AM Intercessory Prayer Ministry ~ Chapel of the Angels
 12:00 PM Baptisms ~ Church
 2:00 PM St. John's Choir Concert ~ Church
 4:00 PM Take and Eat Young Adult Gathering ~ St. Joseph Hall
 5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 5:30 PM Mass with Confirmands Rite of Sending (Pro Populo) Church ~ Fr. Joseph



From Parochial Vicar: Father Joseph Nguyễn

Happy Mother's Day!

This weekend we celebrate Mother's Day and honor all women, whether they are with us or have returned to the Lord, who have given their lives to love, nurture, and support us. The love of a mother is something that we can always return to. We know that she will always receive us, especially when we are undergoing a difficult trial. It is a mother's love that gives us a firm foundation in which we can grow and become the men and women God calls us to be.

I remember as a child when I was talking with my mom about being a priest, and I told her that it would be cool to be a priest, but I could not be one because I did not know how to speak in public. She thought about what I said for a bit and replied, "Joseph, if God is calling you to be a priest, then He will give you everything you need to be one, even the ability to speak." Her response is something I still remember to this day, especially since my first time ever preaching after being ordained was on Mother's Day of 2021. There was a tremor in my voice, but I was able to share the good news of Jesus Christ, and it was thanks to that simple and loving encouragement that I received from my mom that grounded me in God's love and helped to get me where I am at today.

Another mother that we can honor today is our blessed mother Mary. We can take her as our spiritual mother who loves, nourishes, and supports us as we become more like Jesus her son. At the foot of the cross, Jesus tells us, "Behold your mother" and he says to Mary that we are her children. She receives her role as our mother from God and humbly guides us to Jesus her son. One of the best ways to spend time with Mary is to pray through the mysteries of the Rosary with her. As we often look to our biological mother and her experiences to guide us through life, we can look to Mary and her experiences of the mysteries of Jesus's life as we pray. We see the events of Jesus's life through the eyes of Mary our blessed mother. Whether that be the joy of the Annunciation, the sorrow of the Crucifixion, or the wonder of the Resurrection, she can lead us through those mysteries and she can also lead us through the joys, sorrows, and wonders of our own life.

God has given us the gift of our mothers to love us through all our experiences of life. They give us a firm foundation of love from which we can grow to become saints. May we honor our mothers and so thank the Lord for the gift that they are to us.

In Christ,

Fr. Joseph Nguyễn



Synod Evangelization Team Update:

Archbishop Hebda asked priests to pull together a team to help further his initiatives laid out in his Pastoral Letter. Here at SJB, I have put together of twenty staff and parishioners. On April 29 we met for six hours to understand Archbishop's vision and how we can strengthen and improve our small group ministry here at SJB. This weekend at the 10:30 am Mass, I will commission the team as representatives of me on behalf of Archbishop Hebda. They will call parishioners forth to serve as small group leaders and serve in various ways to build up Christ's kingdom. We have a variety of gifts to share with the Lord and I encourage you to pray about how the Lord is forming you to be a leader or even a support person for the small group ministry. Although we have had good success with our small group ministry, we want to do better to reach more people for Christ.

Pictured above is our team: Front row (left to right): Betsy Godmare, Emily Perez, Sarah Wilder, Ann Laird, Annie Reddy, and Catherine Floeder. 2nd row: Louie Fondevilla, Socchie Fondevilla, Jessica Balzarini, Jill Fink, Naomi Hard, Bob Gabler, Steve Godmare, and Fr. Joseph Nguyễn. 3rd Row: Neil Steffl, Fr. Paul Shovelain, Rob Jensen, and Matt Smaron. Not pictured: Beth Robertson, Deacon John Belian, and Claire Brostrom.

Feel free to reach out to any the team members and share how you want to be involved in furthering Christ's kingdom as we strengthen our small group ministry here at SJB!

Upcoming at St. John's

No Sunday Nursery this Weekend

This Mother's Day, May 14, we will not be having Sunday Nursery at St. John's during any of the Masses. Please make note and plan accordingly. We will resume Sunday Nursery again the following weekend of May 21.



Cemetery Clean Up May 20

Spring is the time to clean! Our cemetery is a beautiful space that has provided hallowed ground for the remains of our loved ones for more than 100 years. With the passing of winter and the joy of Easter, comes new life, even in our cemetery!

For those able and interested, **please join us at the cemetery on Saturday, May 20, from 9:30 am until 12:00 pm (noon)** to rake, trim, pick up, bag, water, plant, wash – whatever needs doing and will beautify our cemetery. The event will end at 12:00 pm with snacks and a light lunch provided at the cemetery! Please dress appropriately, including gloves to protect your hands, and bring yard tools (rakes, trowels, etc.) if you have them.

Cemetery Committee member Mary Karls and Cemetery Caretaker Jeff Bauer will direct the work of our volunteers that morning. Please RSVP to Maureen Owusu at 651-633-8333, ext. 1255 or owusum@stjohnnyb.org. Please also indicate if you wish to join us for lunch at the cemetery.

By working together to make our cemetery beautiful we honor those who are buried there, and we help to make our cemetery a welcoming place for prayer.

Thank you!

St. John's Choir and Orchestra Concert

Sunday, May 21, 2023
2:00 pm
In the church

The St. John the Baptist Parish Choir and Festival Orchestra is presenting a free concert!

Performing:
The Hallelujah Chorus
and Third Part of
George Frideric Handel's "Messiah"

Refreshments to follow in Saint Joseph Hall

This Month in the Library May is the month of Mary



Celebrate our heavenly Mother Mary and Catholic motherhood. Check out our books, DVDs, and CDs in our section on Mary and Family/Motherhood.

The Parish Library is open after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

**Books, DVDs, and CDs to enrich your faith.
Saint John the Baptist Parish Library**

Men's Fellowship

Thursday Mornings 6:30 am—8:00 am
Now – July 6, 2023

Metanoia – A Journey with Christ into Conversion - DVD Series

Exploring areas of life where conversion is so often necessary. *Metanoia* will examine topics such as who Jesus is, what must we do to inherit eternal life, and many other significant matters of faith.

Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, President of Franciscan University, leads us on a journey with Christ into conversion.

Come for the donuts, stay for the truth!
Questions, call Dave at 612-616-4013

Upcoming at St. John's

Adoration Chapel

The Adoration Chapel is open from 7:00 pm on Sunday, through 4:00 pm on Saturday. There are still open hours needing adorers. Please scan the QR to sign up or sign up in person at the Adoration Chapel check-in desk.



Open hours are:

Monday 3 am

Tuesday 7 pm

Wednesday 3 pm

Friday 2 pm

Saturday 5 am, 9 am, 11 am, 12 pm, 3 pm

Sunday 8 pm

Thursday 2 pm, 6 pm

Email sjbadoration@gmail.com with any questions

God is calling you; can you spend an hour with Him?



Devoted

Save the date for our next devoted gathering on Wednesday, May 24 in St. Joseph Hall. "Extra" Social time begins at 7:30 pm with our opening remarks beginning at 8:00 pm. Our guest speaker will be Heidi Giebel. She is a professor at the University of St. Thomas and the St. Paul Seminary.

All women of the parish from all walks of life are welcome and encouraged to bring another woman who needs to be filled! We hope you will be able to join us at our next meeting on May 24.



Weekend Experience Survey

On Tuesday, May 2, we sent you an email containing a survey focused around your Sunday experience at St. John's. We are looking for feedback so that we can better understand and serve our parish flock.

Thank you to all who have completed the survey! If you haven't finished it yet, please do so either with the email you received or with a paper copy of which you may find at the Harvest Table. Paper copies are turned in at the Welcome Desk or Parish Office.

Our Lady of Medjugorje Presentation

Come join us on Wednesday, May 24 from 1:00 pm—3:00 pm in St. Joseph Hall.

Parishioner and experienced traveler to Medjugorje, Stephanie Percic will present on Our Lady of Medjugorje. There will be refreshments offered.

There will also be a rosary exchange, so please bring any unused rosaries you have. If you need a rosary this is a great opportunity to get one.

Please RSVP by Monday, May 22 to Mary at kohlhaasm@stjohnnyborg or (651)-633-8333 ext. 1229.



Fall Registration Open Now

Registration is now open with **Early Bird Pricing** on our website for all Fall Formation programs, including:

- Sunday School
- Family Formation
- First Sacraments
- Middle School Formation
- Confirmation

Please see our website for information regarding specific programs and who to contact with questions.

To register now, please scan the QR code on the right or go to the registration page on our website, found at <https://stjohnnb.com/faith-formation/registrations/>.



Events in the Next Few Months

Feast of St. John the Baptist

Thursday, June 22 is both the St. John The Baptist Feast Day "Revival" event in addition to the Solemnity of the Dedication of our church. There will be dinner, a DJ/ Street Dance, and lots of fun.

Sunday, June 25 is the St. John's Feast Day Waffle Breakfast.



Council of Catholic Women

The Council of Catholic Women (CCW) will end their 2022-2023 year with a meeting at 6:30 pm on Monday, May 15. Please bring a dessert to share!

We always welcome new members! If you have any questions, please call Lu at 651-633-0710.

Our Parish Events

Parish Rummage Sale

June 23, 24, and 25 in the SJB School Gym. Get your items ready to sell! Proceeds go to St. John's School. No clothing, electronics, or heavy items (i.e. furniture).

Parish Ice Cream Social

July 16 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in St. Joseph Hall.

Youth Ministry



YOUNG ADULT COOKOUT

Saturday, May 20th
6 pm @ The Rectory

812 1st Ave NW, New Brighton

Start your summer off right with a backyard bonfire at the rectory! Anyone ages 18-35 is welcome and encouraged to invite friends! It will be a non-alcoholic event with free dinner. All are welcome to bring snacks and beverages to share or just come as you are! Contact Sarah Wilder with questions wilders@stjohnnyb.org.

To all past and current Boy Scout Troop 93 Members:

*You are invited to
"Celebrate Troop 93"*

Sunday, August 13th, 3pm at St. John's

*Activities include Social Hour,
Group Photo,
Eagle Recognition,
Dinner,
reminiscing about troop adventures, and
Mass presided by T93 Eagle Fr. Andy Michels*

Questions? Email rspiess1@juno.com

**CONGRATS
ON YOUR
GRADUATION**

From St. John the Baptist
Catholic Church and School

HIGH SCHOOL BACCALAUREATE MASS

Sunday, June 4, 2023
10:30am

After Mass, join us for a special hospitality &
talk by former FOCUS missionary, Tanner
Godsa - HOW TO STAY CATHOLIC IN
COLLEGE.

Parents and Students invited!

St. John the Baptist
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

Contact Mikayla Anderson, High School Youth Minister with any questions! andersonm@stjohnnyb.org, 651-633-8333x1218

Generous Spirit Opportunities

RMDs and Tax Benefits When You Give to St. John the Baptist

Will you be required to take distributions from your retirement accounts in 2023? If so, did you know there are tax advantages when you make a gift to St. John the Baptist through your required minimum distribution (RMD)?

If you don't need your entire RMD, you can contribute to our parish with a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) to save on taxes. Simply direct your fund administrator to send the amount you request to St. John the Baptist as a charitable donation.

For more information, please contact Mary May in the parish office at 651-633-8333, x1253, or email maym@stjohnnyb.org. May God bless you for your generosity!

Meals on Wheels

One of the long-time ministries at St. John's is the Meals on Wheels (MOW) program. A cadre of volunteers are responsible for delivering nutritious food on a pre-arranged schedule to homebound individuals. According to our drivers, the work is rewarding. Tom Mliner started as a MOW volunteer about a year ago. Tom said, "Many of the individuals find it difficult to get out, and they are appreciative of having someone bring them a hot meal or a bag of groceries. Some look forward to having someone stop over and not only bring a meal but spend a few minutes talking with them, as their days can be very lonely."

It is not a burdensome commitment. Normally a parishioner commits to one route per month. And it takes about an hour and a half to make between six and eight deliveries. The area we serve is roughly within the Mounds View school district. We pick up the hot lunch containers at an Arden Hills location from the program's overall coordinator Jeanne Szurek, a SJB parishioner who started with MOW as a volunteer in 1992 and ultimately became the area manager in 2016.

We have drivers of all ages. While some complete the route alone, volunteers often have friends, children, grandchildren or spouses accompany them.

As circumstances change, drivers need to be replaced. So we appreciate finding new people who might be interested in this ministry. If this appeals to you, please contact the St. John's Meals on Wheels coordinator, Marian Briggs at marian.briggs9@gmail.com

Please Pray For...

Those who have entered eternal life:

Dennis Decheine, Luverne Velandier, Arthur Thompson

Those who are ill:

Sadlovsky Family, Sheehan Family, Cameron Santos, Patricia Roy, Dave Willette, Madi Rippy, Sydney Jo Rippy, Jesse McDonough, Daryl Stevens, Richard Adams, Geraldine and Gloria Hangartner, Sarah Miller, Emily Dahl, Theresa People, Josephine Schmidt, Erik Engebretson, Chris Natheos, Randy Vogland, Don Lumby, Alex Pearson, Thomas Jones, Jean Isacson, Fulton Francis Dobbs, Susan Welsh, Robert Cuddigan, Jenny Bruening, Annette Foreman, Mary Clare Farrell, Sawyer Anderson, Betsy Brown, Dee Olson, Jim Smith, Jerry Renk, Dale Phillips, Dennis Fox, Kathleen Schopf, Steve Lauinger, Charlotte Thrun, Poppy Craft, Annette Kirwan, Bonnie Norgren, Emma Lutsilili, Beverly Aplikowski, Mary Gormally, Georgianna Warden, Mary Spitzka, Michael Ferdelman, Cassie Cramer, Jon Clark, Donna Yenish, John Leibrich, Nella Pitzen, Doug Brekke, Philip Jarosz, Kay and Gary Mayer, Elaine Loscheider, Diana Goebel, Cindy Chase, Danielle Pratt, Claire Kriz, Carol Esterley-Ruff, Joe Brownrigg, Brigit Voss, Brandon Boss, Cynthia Quass, Ning Mariano, The Viker Family, Robert Lauinger, Phyllis Norbeck, Jennifer Norbeck, Joseph Wutsch, John Wiggins, Mary Jo Beaudry, Greg Najbert, Colleen Judd, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Cele Winter, Paul Jacobs, Matthew Grosjean, Jeremy Mainello, Deacon Rod and Susan Amos Palmer, Dottie Searles, Sylvia Meagher, Mary Andersohn, Kris Mellstrom, Kay Hildreth, Stacey Miller, Mary Erickson, Steve Johnson, Audrey Geneva, Tim Steffl, Braxton Battaglia, Helen Heinks, JoAnn Cedarholm, Tom Goebel, Engracia and Jim Houle, Jon Latham, Marlene Nickel, Christa Jones, Sue Klinkner, Sharon Bowen, Larry Tenold, Sam Schullo, Carri Buckanogwa, Joe Brennan, Irene Tschida, Marge McCann, Nancy Winiecki, Jean Schullo, Doug Lausen, Jack Kordiak, Ann Sellner, Margaret Wright, Roxanne Domini

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

Readings For The Week

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b;
Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8;
Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1;
Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8; 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; PS 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10;

Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23;

Mt 28:16-20

Thoughts On The Value of Motherhood

As we reflect on motherhood this Mother's Day, let us contemplate these words as spoken by others:

- **"The most important person on earth is a mother. She has built a dwelling for an immortal soul, her baby's body. The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to heaven. Only a human mother can."** -- The Venerable Cardinal Josef Mindszenty of Hungary (1892-1975)
- **"A Mother"**
When you're a child she walks before you, to set an example.
When you're a teenager she walks behind you, to be there should you need her.
When you're an adult she walks beside you, so that as two friends you can enjoy life together. -- Author Unknown
- **"Every newborn represents our eternal chance at new beginnings."** -- Anne Geddes, World Famous Photographer
- **"The seeds for the destruction of the family are found in the denigration of the concept of motherhood."**
-- Dr. Maria Fedoryka, Ave Maria University
- **"Am I not here, I who am your mother?"** -- Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn



We invite you to honor our mothers with the purchase of a flower gift on Mother's Day from the St. John the Baptist Respect Life Committee. Your purchase supports our ministry in protecting the unborn and serving mothers and their children in need. The flower gifts will be available after Mass on Saturday, May 13 and the morning Masses on Sunday, May 14. To learn more about our mission at Respect Life, contact Jacquie Schmitz at gj.schmitz@comcast.net.

The SJB Kidz Closet

In recent months, needs for the SJB Kidz Closet continue to increase. As the weather gets warmer, we would greatly appreciate donations of these specific items:

- † 2T girls summer clothes
- † 3T and 4T boys shorts
- † Size 6 girls shorts
- † Diaper wipes
- † Summer clothing from newborn to size 8 also very welcome

Bless you, for your generosity!

"The last degree of love is when He gave Himself to us to be our Food; because He gave Himself to be united with us in every way."

~ Saint Bernadine of Siena
(Feast Day May 20)



How to Build a Culture of Life

Read the full version at respectlife.org/culture-of-life.

Watching the news and reading the headlines, we may feel helpless seeing the heartbreaking lack of respect for human life. How do we respond? Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts. When we encounter Christ, experience His love, and deepen our relationship with Him, we become more aware of our own immeasurable worth and that of others. His unchanging love is the source of our God-given dignity, which, therefore, cannot be taken away.

Our mission field is daily life.

When someone is facing great trials, we need to walk with them on their journey, intercede for them, and be open to sharing Christ's love however He directs. We simply need to follow where He leads.

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Special Thank You!

On May 5, Adam Fierro's family was finally able to come home to Minnesota from Haiti! They were missionaries down in Haiti and then weren't able to get back to Minnesota for three and a half years. Thank you so much to all for the many prayers offered for this intention. Especially to Tom and Carrie Pomeroy who led a prayer ministry group with this as their intention.

God has heard all the prayers and answered!



Have you seen the newest addition to our Saint Therese Room? On Friday, April 28, two beautiful stained glass windows were installed featuring Saint Therese on the left and her parents Saints Zelig and Louis Martin on the right. These windows are a memorial gift to the parish, donated in honor of Marlene Harms by the Robert Harms family. Marlene had a special devotion to St. Therese of Lisieux, known for her "Little Way" to holiness. Remarkably, her parents were canonized together in 2015, the first time in history that a married couple were declared saints at the same time. We are grateful for these new windows that remind us of these special patrons for our parish!

Around the Archdiocese

Dementia Friendly Mass

St. Odilia parish is celebrating a Dementia Friendly Mass:

Date: Thursday, June 8

Catholic Mass: beginning at 1:30 pm

Celebrant: Father Greg Skrypek

Location: 3495 Victoria St. N, Shoreview, MN 55126

(Please enter through Door 11 on the Southeast side of the building.)

Hospitality Gathering: Immediately following in the Courtyard

Community Resource Tables: resources from local organizations will be available in the Courtyard

Questions: Call Deacon Jim at 651-415-3354

All are welcome! Especially those who, in one way or another, may struggle with memory loss and their caregivers.

Dementia Friendly means:

- Accepting and valuing people regardless of cognitive abilities
- Focusing on their strengths and abilities and being open to what they have to offer
- Offering opportunities for both spiritual and pastoral support in order that everyone may enjoy being a part of a worshipping community
- Understanding that being dementia friendly is always a work in progress

Is God Calling you on Retreat?

Come to a place where you can hear the voice of the Lord in the quiet and peaceful setting of Lake DeMontreville. Join us for a three-day men's silent retreat at the DeMontreville Jesuit Retreat House in Lake Elmo. The retreat begins Thursday evening July 13, 2023 and ends Sunday evening July 16, 2023. Free-will donations are accepted. For more information call our office at 651-777-1311 or see our website www.demontrevilleretreat.com

Grief to Grace

Grief to Grace is an international ministry that offers powerful 5-day residential healing retreats for the wounds of abuse. It serves people who have suffered from physical, emotional, spiritual, or sexual abuse, as a child, adolescent, or adult. With qualified counselors, it provides a hopeful path for restoring your dignity.

LIMITED OPENINGS for 2023 retreats in Minnesota:
August 15-20.

<https://www.griegtogracesmn.org/> Contact Diane at 612-440-7247 diane@griegtogracesmn.org

Odds and Ends

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