

SAINT JOSEPH & SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

MAY 21ST 2023 | ASCENSION OF THE LORD



CHURCH OF SAINT JOSEPH

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BLESSINGS TO OUR 2023 GRADUATES

May God Bless you as you embark on the next chapter of LIFE!

St. 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.

St 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

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MASS & RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MAY 20

- 4:00 pm Reconciliation
Church of Saint Joseph
- 5:00 pm Mass †Donald 'Bud' Reber
Church of Saint Joseph

SUNDAY, MAY 21

- 8:30 am Mass †Leonard Merdan
Saint John the Baptist Parish
- 10:00 am Mass for Our Parishes
Church of Saint Joseph

MONDAY, MAY 22

No Mass Today

TUESDAY, MAY 23

- 9:00 am Mass †Todd Case
Church of Saint Joseph

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

- 8:30 am Mass †Shirley Bloch
Saint John the Baptist

THURSDAY, MAY 25

- 9:00 am Mass †Mary Bauer & †Tom Lyon
Church of Saint Joseph

FRIDAY, MAY 26

- 9:00 am Mass †Darlene Thielman
Church of Saint Joseph

SATURDAY, MAY 27

- 4:00 pm Reconciliation
Church of Saint Joseph
- 5:00 pm Mass †Gerald Zimmer
Church of Saint Joseph

SUNDAY, MAY 28

- 8:30 am Mass for Our Parishes
Saint John the Baptist Parish
- 10:00 am Mass †John Zipp
Church of Saint Joseph

MONDAY, MAY 29

- 9:00 am Mass †for Deceased Veterans
Church of Saint Joseph

UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, MAY 20

6:00 pm | Holy Land Crafts Sale, Heritage Hall

SUNDAY, MAY 21

9:30 am | Holy Land Crafts Sale, Parish Center
11:00 am | Holy Land Crafts Sale, Heritage Hall
11:00 am | Baccalaureate Brunch, Heritage Hall

MONDAY, MAY 22

8:00 am | Church Cleaning, Saint Joseph

TUESDAY, MAY 23

1:30 pm | Enhanced Fitness, Heritage Hall
6:30 pm | Saint Joseph Finance Council,
Heritage Hall
7:00 pm | Contemporary Choir Rehearsal, Church

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

9:30 am | Coffee & Conversation, Parish Center
10:00 am | Willing Hands, Heritage Hall
1:30 pm | Chair Yoga, Heritage Hall

THURSDAY, MAY 25

1:30 pm | Enhanced Fitness, Heritage Hall
4:00 pm | Weight Loss Group, Heritage Hall
6:00 pm | Saint John the Baptist Faith Formation/
Liturgy Committee Meeting,
Parish Center
7:00 pm | Pentecost Choir Rehearsal, Church

FRIDAY, MAY 26

9:30 am | Friday Social, Heritage Hall

SUNDAY, MAY 28

11:00 am | Sunday Social, Heritage Hall

MONDAY, MAY 29

8:00 am | Church Cleaning, Saint Joseph

TUESDAY, MAY 30

1:30 pm | Enhanced Fitness, Heritage Hall

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

9:30 am | Coffee & Conversation, Parish Center
10:00 am | Willing Hands, Heritage Hall
1:30 pm | Chair Yoga, Heritage Hall

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STAFF SHARING—AMBER

SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE

Did you know that, in addition to the celebrations of the 7th Sunday of Easter and Ascension that we are also celebrating World Communications Day?

Each year, on the Sunday before Pentecost, the Vatican recognizes World Communications Day, and this year, Pope Francis chose the theme "Speak with the heart: Veritatem facientes in caritate" (Speaking the truth in love).

I took the opportunity to read *Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the 57th World Day of Social Communications*,—I encourage you to read it, too (a simple Google search will lead you to it!)

It states "The call to speak with the heart radically challenges the times in which we are living, which are so inclined towards indifference and indignation, at times even on the basis of disinformation which falsifies and exploits the truth."

Do I have what it takes to "radically challenge the times in which we are living?"

Do I have a willingness to allow the Holy Spirit to work through me to deliver, at times, a tough or unpopular message?

When I hear of false information shared, about me or others, do I take the time to 'Speak with the Heart' to the person who hurt feelings and reputations?

Can I be bold and courageous enough to look past differences and "find common ground on which to meet?"

Most days, I'm not certain I am up for this challenge. But, I continue to pray I can look past my insecurities, my faults and my fears and be open to the peace a life speaking with the heart can bring.

I will pray for this for you, too!

Amber Walling
Business Administrator



Prayer & Reflection

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GOSPEL REFLECTION—MAY 21



Since the Resurrection, Jesus has spent about a month with his disciples teaching them about God's kingdom and preparing them for the Ascension, when he will leave them. The disciples are still wondering if Jesus

will restore the kingdom to Israel. Jesus does not answer their question but gives them his final instruction: they will receive power from the Holy Spirit, and they will be his witnesses throughout the whole earth. He gives them the great commission, "...Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit." With this command Jesus calls his friends in the past and us to bring people into a relationship with God. We are called to hand on what we have received, to teach about the kingdom and to show this in our words and actions. Take time this week to spread the "good news" and share with others how Jesus affects your life.

*S. Betty Larson, OSB
Pastoral Ministry*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 21

- SUNDAY:** Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/
Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-2
- MONDAY:** Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/
Jn 16:29-33
- TUESDAY:** Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/
Jn 17:1-11a
- WEDNESDAY:** Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a,
35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19
- THURSDAY:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8,
9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26
- FRIDAY:** Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/
Jn 21:15-19
- SATURDAY:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/
Jn 21:20-2
- NEXT SUNDAY:** Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31,
34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/
Jn 20:19-23

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

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 farmers, healthcare workers and workers & volunteers in foreign lands.

CHURCH OF SAINT JOSEPH

A Special Intention, Lisa & Duffy Barton, Carol Broom, Carol Brophy, Janet Brady, Judy Bruemmer, Vince DeVargas, Carol Fries, Michael Gill, Beatriz Adriana Gomez, Larry Hering, Cliff Hilsgen, Anita Janey, Jack Johnson, Amy Klaphake, Becky Klaphake, Zach Lagergren, Ann Leedahl, Emmett Linn, Becky Maus-Nelson, Susan Sink, Kay Tintes, Eileen Walz, Leonard Walz, Bill Wasner and Sue Zimmer.

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

George Bauer, Mark and Karen VanBeusekom, Paul Dukowitz, Gloria Ebacher, Denis Hynes, Leo Heck, Baby Henry Lomheim, Gen Ludowese, Larry Notch, Anthony Scholz, and Nancy Wenner

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

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

Remember in your prayers those who have recently died.

Carol Schindler, Jill Zimmer, Dale Schneider, Betty Lansing, Joyce Stock, Wes Smith & Kevin Fautch
"May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace."

ACC & AREA EVENTS

MAY 20 & 21—HOLY LAND CRAFTS

Representatives from Bethlehem Christian Families will be with us on May 20 & 21, 2023, to ask for your help and blessing for the native people of the Holy Land in Bethlehem. These families, sixty years ago, made up 18% of the population. Due to recent events in the Middle East, it has caused these families to face devastating economical strain, and caused the population to decrease to less than 2% in the Holy Land. These families have relied on the income from their religious hand carved olive wood artifacts to tourists. So we have come to the USA to try to help support these families by bringing their artifacts here to sell in the USA. All the proceed from sales will be sent back to the families of the Holy Land so that they may be able to keep their homes and provide their families. The last few years were very tough for the Christian families, and this is the only source of income for them.

Please take the time to browse their items.

MAY 24—ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

Knights of Columbus is sponsoring an Estate Planning of Financial Benefits information seminar on Wednesday, May 24th in Heritage Hall in St. Joseph from 6:00-7:30 pm. Kevin Spellacy, parishioner and Knight, will speak on Estate planning. Brian Lachermeier, KC benefits agent, will speak on Financial Benefits. All Parishioners are invited to join us for the evening as this information is for everyone, not just KC member families. Bring your note pad and questions.

Questions, call Brian at 612-685-0506.

MAY 24—CATHOLIC WORKER CLARIFICATION OF THOUGHT

The Catholic Worker tradition offers something called "Clarification of Thought" where people gather to talk about the social issues of the day and how it relates to our faith and our gospel call to act in the world through the work of peace and justice. Join with other people to share in good conversation, prayer and food on Wednesday, May 24th at Newman Center in St. Cloud (lower level). Arrive at 6:15 to eat and the conversation will begin at 7 pm.

Newcomers are most welcome! Sometimes it's lonely out there! Come and be part of a community who cares. If you plan to eat, RSVP is helpful to Kevin LaNave at klanave@scsucatholic.org For more information email centralmncw@gmail.com

MAY 29—MEMORIAL DAY

Please join the members of the American Legion, the Legion Auxiliary, the Sons of the American Legion, and the Families and Friends of our departed veterans at Mass at 9:00 AM, Monday, May 29th at Saint Joseph Church. It is an opportunity to honor those departed service members who served with dignity and honor to help preserve the liberty and freedoms we all enjoy and revere, especially our freedom of religion. Immediately after the Mass there will be a Memorial Service at the Old Saint Joseph Cemetery, where the names of veterans buried overseas, the veterans buried in other cemeteries in the USA, and the veterans buried in the Saint Joseph parish cemeteries will be read. Later in the morning the Legion Family will honor the veterans buried in the Saint John's and Yankee Cemeteries. All are Welcome.

Stewardship Updates

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Adult Contributions	\$645.00
May Electronic Contributions	\$3,505.00
Donations Fiscal Year to Date	\$130,558.00
Budgeted Donations Fiscal YTD	\$126,489.00
Childrens' Envelopes	\$24.00
Laundry Love	\$48.05

Thank you to those who continue to mail contributions and contribute via Electronic Bank transfers, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

SAINT JOSEPH

Budget 5/7	\$24,551.76
Adult 5/7	\$11,690.30
Youth 5/7	\$18.00
Difference	\$3,137.31
Budget Year to Date	\$575,694.55
Received Year to Date	\$572,800.36
Year to Date Difference	-\$2,894.19

Parish Updates

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

FOLLOW US

Follow the parish on social media. Daily meditation or parish updates can be found on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/sjtbparish or subscribe to our **Benedictine Catholic Community** YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2Sw98uxz5BJ7_Ders65WJw for notifications of Live Mass recordings.

SUMMER OUTDOOR MASSES

Outdoor Sunday Masses begin on May 21st. Weather permitting, we will celebrate our Sunday Liturgies outdoors. Please bring your own chair and sunscreen. In case of rain or high winds, we will move the liturgy indoors. Sunday Masses will continue to be livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook page. If you are home-bound and need Eucharist delivered, please contact Julie in the parish office to make arrangements.

JUNE 4—FIRST COMMUNION

Join us on Sunday, June 4 for our First Communion Mass! Mass is planned to take place outside, so bring your own chair. There will be a reception for all following Mass, and a chance to congratulate our First Communicants. Please plan to join us.

CONFIRMATION THANK YOU

Thank you to all who helped with Confirmation set-up, during the Mass, and clean up afterward. We appreciate you!

BUILDING OUR CHOIR

As we work to re-establish our choir post-covid, we would like to involve the choir monthly in our Sunday liturgies. The first Sunday of each month, the choir will sing at Sunday Mass. If you would like to join our choir, please come and join the group singing, rehearsals will take place at 8:00 before Mass. Eventually, as the choir develops, we can resume the use of the choir at our funeral liturgies. Again, please consider joining the choir on the first Sunday of each month, your voice can make a difference!

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Please hold the families of the following parishioners whose death anniversaries take place during the coming week in your prayers.

May 21, 1940 Baby Brinkman
May 22, 1898 Christian Meier
May 26, 1941 George Lepinski
May 28, 2021 Mildred Notsch
May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH FAITH FORMATION

Saturday, June 3, 8:30am

- First Communion practice at the Parish Center

Sunday, June 4, 8:30am

- First Communion

FAITH FORMATION/LITURGY COMMITTEE

The Faith Formation/Liturgy Committee will be host its next meeting on Thursday, May 25, 6:00 pm in the Parish Center.

An agenda will be emailed out.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Saint John's Abbey and Parish Cemetery will host a Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 29th at 11:15 a.m. In honor of our deceased military service men and women, Saint John's hosts a special ceremony on Memorial Day at the Saint John's Abbey and Parish Cemetery. United States flags will be placed at each of the 156 veterans' grave sites at the cemetery over Memorial Day weekend. A Memorial Service will be held Monday, May 29th at 11:15 a.m. at the cemetery -- with volunteers from St. John the Baptist Parish and members of the St. Joseph American Legion conducting the ceremony that will include prayer, a roll call of the deceased veterans here at Saint John's, followed by the playing of "Taps" and a military gun salute. Everyone is welcome to gather at the cemetery to participate in this event. A listing of the military veterans is on the Saint John's Cemetery's website at: <http://www.saintjohnsabbeycemetery.org/services>

DATE	LECTOR(S)	EUCCHARIST MINISTERS	SACRISTAN
May 28th 8:30 am	Dave Lyndgaard	Elaine Omann, Dave Lyndgaard, Joyce Abeln, Caroline Glatzel	Arnie Sauerer

CHURCH OF SAINT JOSEPH

JOETOWN ROCKS IS FAST APPROACHING!

Chance books for the raffle on July 4th will be available in the Gathering Space, before and after Mass times each weekend.

Please pick up several books and sell them to family and friends. Chance books can be returned to the same location in June, around Mass times.

Volunteer sign-up will also be available! Check your calendars and find a few opportunities to help!

QUILTS ON DISPLAY IN HERITAGE HALL

Please check out the quilts that will be offered at auction on the Fourth of July. New quilts will be on display in the gathering space each week. Some are marked for pre-sale. Information is on the page accompanying each quilt. Enjoy and thank you for viewing them.

The St Joseph Parish quilt group.

NEWS FROM WILLING HANDS

Thank you for your support from the Christma Sale of 2022 and the selling of greeting cards.

The monies raised from the sale and from cards were used to install granite benches in the new cemetery near the memorial for the unborn. Funds will also be used for new carpet to be installed in Father Brad's apartment. We are looking forward to the Christmas sale in 2023.

We would like suggestions for our next Christmas project. Please submit ideas to Marge Henkermeyer or Sister Betty. You also may drop off donations in Heritage Hall or contact

Marge Henkermeyer for pickup, Please call with any questions 320-363-7869

REMEMBRANCE GROUP

The Remembrance Group (those dealing with loss and grief) will meet on Wednesday, May 24th at 1:30 in the Parish Meeting Room. If you have a loss in your life, please consider joining us to receive support and to give support to others. The meeting lasts about one hour. If you have questions, please call Sister Betty at 329-250-4489. God bless your journey.

WEAR RED NEXT WEEKEND FOR PENTECOST

Next weekend, May 27/28, we end the Easter Season with the great feast of Pentecost.

Everyone is encouraged to "wear red" to Mass, the traditional color for Masses of the Holy Spirit.

The feast of Pentecost is sometimes called, "The Birthday of the Church."

We know that **we**, the People of God, are the Church. Therefore, it's fitting that on "our" birthday, we mark the day with specially-chosen clothing.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS—PLEASE NOTE

The summer schedule is now in the process of being written and will be made available in time for Memorial Day Weekend.

At this time, we are unable to take any further requests for being "off". People simply need to secure subs if they are listed for a date that does not work for them. This edition of the schedule will last well into the weeks of Fall. Therefore, you will still want a copy of it, even if you have asked to be taken off for the summer.

Thank you to the several new ministers, who came forward after our last appeal, wishing to become involved.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Mel & Carol Butkowski as they celebrate their 65th Wedding Anniversary this weekend.



	Sat. May 27 5pm	Sun., May 28 10:00 am
Sacristans	Holmstrom	David Orzechowski
Greeters	Charles Kern Mary Kay Kern Virginia Meier Sandi Stocker	Nix Family Bonnie Weisser
Ushers	Raymond Rueckert Tom Schleper Ruth Schleper Leonard Vossen	Matthew Schreifels John Stang Terry Lygre Adam Brill
Servers	Christopher Holmstrom Jacob Holmstrom	Hannah Miller Haley Miller
Lector	Pat Kutzera	Marian Bach
Eucharistic Ministers	Mike Holmstrom Rachel Holmstrom Margaret Molus Janelle Notsch Betty Schloemer	Sandy Maus Elaine Newton Merle Bauer Greg Reinhardt Ann Reischl
Music	Cantor	Combined Choirs
Gift Bearers	Zimmer Family	Zipp Family