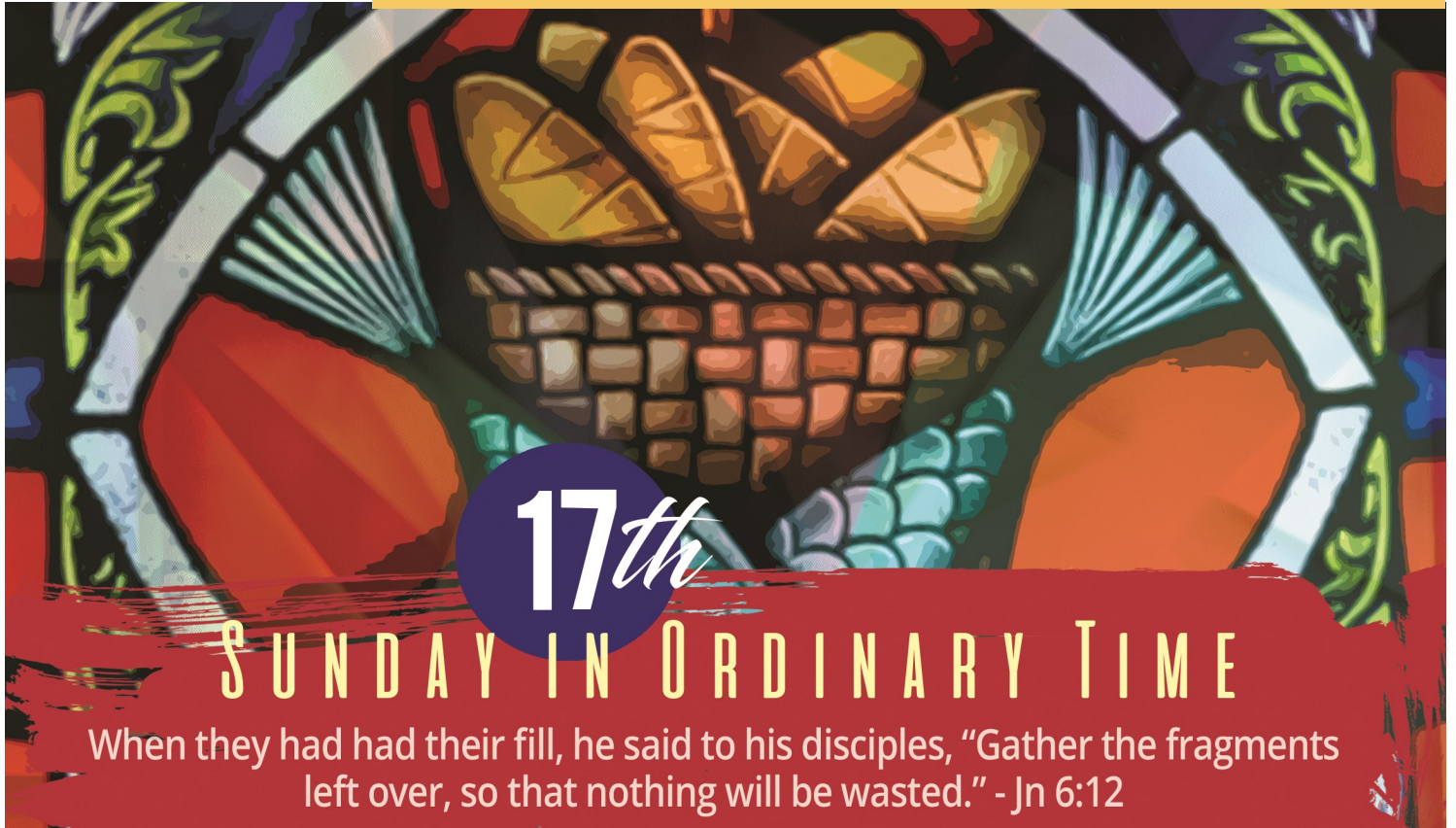




CHURCH OF
SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST
OF LITTLE CANADA

SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2021 | 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." - Jn 6:12

EUCHARIST

SATURDAY: 4:30 PM (also live stream on our Facebook page; find the link on our website, www.sjolc.org)

SUNDAY: 8:30 and 10:30 AM

DAILY: 8:00 AM Mon. (Communion Service), Tue., Thu., Fri.; 11:10 AM Wed. (with School)

RECONCILIATION

7:30 AM Tue., Thu, Fri.
3:30 PM Sat. and by appointment

PARISH OFFICE

P: 651-484-2708
8:30 AM-Noon Mon.-Fri.
Please ring doorbell for assistance.

CHURCH HOURS

Mon.-Fri. | 7:30 AM-NOON
30 minutes before Masses

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www.sjolc.org/pastoral-finance-councils

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PARISH OFFICE

A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE



CONSTRUCTION ZONE

We recently had a new driveway installed at our house. It looks great, and we are so happy that it is done.

While the project only lasted a week, it is amazing all the steps it took to complete! It got me thinking how similar this is to growth in the spiritual life. First, there was deciding to get a new one installed. We found the company we wanted to work with and signed a contract. This is like deciding to make a change in our life—to get rid of vice and sin. We figure out that this is too big to undertake ourselves, so we ask God to manage the project. Lord, please help me grow in virtue.

Next came the actual tear out. It was messy, noisy and didn't look very good. We were tempted to question if this is really worth it. We asked all kinds of questions of the foreman, really looking to be told it would be okay in the end. So it goes when we try to check that temper of ours, so we can grow in patience or when we try to cut out the gossip—we take two steps forward and one step back (and even sometimes two or three backwards!). It doesn't feel like we are

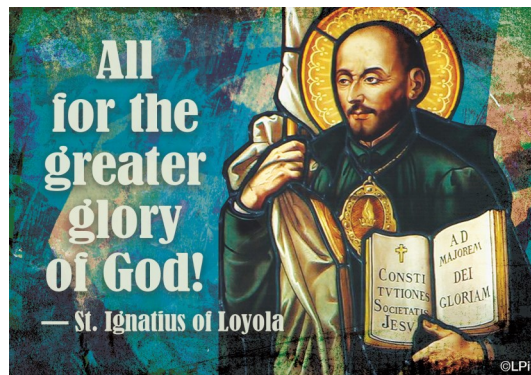
making progress, and our life can even feel like more of a mess than when we began. We may question the Divine Foreman as to whether it is worth it, looking to be told that it will all be okay.

Then came all the preparation. Forms had to be placed, with measurements for the correct pitch. The ground was graded so that when installed the concrete would be a uniform depth. And then there was rebar designed to reinforce the concrete when it is exposed to the harsh conditions of Minnesota weather and the daily use of driving on it. Some companies attempt to skimp on this part of the project, opening you up to disastrous effects later on. It is the same way with our spiritual endeavors. In order to maintain the virtue we are striving for, we need the reinforcing rebar of daily prayer. We need to develop a strong habit of consuming quality spiritual material (Scripture, lives of the saints, etc.). Doing so levels the spiritual ground within us, so we can have a perspective in tune with reality and a strong foundation for virtue to be poured out on our hearts.

Finally came the day of the pour. The concrete looks amazing! And because of all the hard work in preparing the site

ahead of time, it will look great and be a quality driveway for years to come. The same is true for the spiritual life. Because we took the time not only to try to cut out the temper or gossip, or any other vice we struggle with, but we prepare well by reinforcing with daily prayer and a regimen of regular spiritual reading, the virtue that begins to develop within us will endure. It is work, to be sure, but in the end, when we cooperate with the grace God offers us and follow His plan, then the virtue obtained will last. Believe me, the finished product will all be worth it!

God Bless,
Deacon Eric



COMING UP THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JULY 25

8:30 AM Mass | Church

10:30 AM Mass | Church

MONDAY, JULY 26

8:00 AM Communion Service | Church

TUESDAY, JULY 27

7:30 AM Confession | Church

8:00 AM Mass | Church

5:30 PM Contemporary Choir Rehearsal | Church

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

7:30 AM Confession | Church

7:30 AM Confession & Coffee: M.S. Girls | Church/Caribou

8:00 AM Mass | Church

3:00 PM Middle School Youth Group | Lower Church

7:30 PM AA Meeting | Lower Church

THURSDAY, JULY 29

7:30 AM Confession | Church

8:00 AM Mass | Church

8:30 AM Adoration | Lower Church Chapel

FRIDAY, JULY 30

7:30 AM Confession | Church

8:00 AM Mass | Church

SATURDAY, JULY 31

3:30 PM Confession | Church

4:30 PM Mass | Church and Live Streamed

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

8:30 AM Mass | Church

10:30 AM Mass | Church

12:00 PM Canadian Days Parade | Little Canada

All Calendar dates/times are subject to change. To submit Calendar events, please contact Laura Haraldson at lharaldson@sjolc.org. Find updated events at sjolc.org.

LIVING OUR FAITH



SYNOD SMALL GROUPS: BECOME A FACILITATOR!

Did you know that Archbishop Hebda is personally inviting YOU to serve in this upcoming fall's Synod Small Group? It's true: All Catholics in the Archdiocese are asked to become active participants, and one of the simplest yet most impactful ways you can do this is consider becoming a Small Group Facilitator or Scribe. These pivotal roles really are simply guiding others to a deeper relationship with Christ, and no expertise is needed, just a listening ear and a caring heart. Both Scribes and Facilitators will receive support training throughout the summer and into the small group sessions. Please consider this meaningful ministry; contact Joe Block or Ryan Chimzar in the parish office.

WHAT WILL BE COVERED IN THE SYNOD SMALL GROUP

Small groups will discuss the three focus areas that arose from feedback given in the Prayer and Listening events.

Focus area #1: Forming parishes that are in evangelization.

Focus area #2: Forming missionary disciples who know Jesus' love and respond to his call.

Focus area #3: Forming youth and young adults in and for a Church that is always young.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR NEXT FOOD DONATION

The Franciscan Brothers of Peace are so very grateful to our continued support in our monthly Food Collection for the Poor weekends. In August, they mentioned they can really use school supplies in addition to the nonperishable food and hygiene items.

FINANCE COUNCIL OPENINGS

We are so excited to note that we have filled our Pastoral Council for the year, and now have a couple of Finance Council spots available beginning in August. Please contact Father Tom if you or someone you know might be called to this ministry.

M.S. CONFESSIONS & COFFEE

Our Middle School Youth Ministry is trying something new this summer. Every other Wednesday, girls in grades 5-8 are encouraged to meet for Confessions at 7:30 A.M., then grab a cup of coffee at Caribou down the street. Then opposite Thursdays, boys in grades 5-8 get their turn. Please check the parish calendar at www.sjolc.org.

BAPTISM CLASS IS AUGUST 4

If you have a child you'd like baptized, join us for our next Baptism Class at 7:00 P.M. Wednesday, August 4. RSVP to Kay Wimer if you plan to attend: kwimer@sjolc.org.

RETREAT JULY 30: THE LORD IS CLOSE TO THE BROKENHEARTED

If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child to abortion, come and experience the healing mercy of Jesus Christ on our confidential weekend retreat. The next Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities' retreat is July 30–August 1. For more information,

MUSIC FOR JULY 24–25

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance: "Praise to the Lord" #714

"Gloria" Mass of Joy and Peace #286

Psalms 145: "I will Praise Your Name" (ref. III) #114

Gospel Acclamation: Mass of Joy and Peace #287

Offertory: "Father, We Thank You, Who Have Planted" #745

"Eucharistic Prayer" Mass of Joy and Peace #290, (Memorial Acclamation C) #293 and #294

"Lamb of God" Mass of Joy and Peace #295

Communion: "Eat This Bread" #1033

Recessional: "Now Thank We All Our God Say" #743

contact Nancy at rachels@vineyardmn.org or see www.rvineyardmn.org.

BRING IN YOUR USED UNIFORMS

Back by popular demand is the "Used Uniform Sale," which will be held after select Masses in August, and again at Back to School Night on September 1. In the meantime, please drop off any used uniform donations in the box in the Gathering Space.

Join Us for Our FREE Summer Movie Night Series

6:30-8:30 P.M. | School Gym

AUGUST 4, SEPTEMBER 1



NOW PLAYING:

August 4:
The Greatest Showman

September 1:
Toy Story 4



**All are welcome,
so bring a friend!**

All movies shown under CVLI Licence 504337801

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PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS
JULY 27–AUG. 1

TUESDAY
Ruth Ann Carver †

WEDNESDAY
Mary Pat Deuel †

THURSDAY
Maureen Torti †

FRIDAY
For the Parish

SATURDAY |
4:30 PM
Ignatius Theisen †

SUNDAY | 8:30 AM
For the Parish

SUNDAY | 10:30 AM
Judy Vitale †

IN OUR PRAYERS

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO NEED HEALING, INCLUDING Rita H., Kevin H., Catherine T., John O., Francis S., Gary L., Jim T., Joe T., Mary M. and Tom T. If you would like to add or remove a name from the prayer list, please contact our director of pastoral care, Deacon Eric Cooley, at ecooley@sjolc.org or call 651-288-3268. We will include names in this listing for two months. Please contact Deacon Eric.

IN MEMORIAM

As a faith community, it is important to hold each other in prayer, especially in difficult moments such as the death of a loved one. The families experience much comfort knowing that we are supporting them. Please pray for the souls of all the deceased.

PRAYER NETWORK

Parish Teams pray on behalf of the entire parish for needs brought to them. One call begins the chain of prayers. Only a first name and the prayer need are given to preserve confidentiality. Please call Deacon Eric at 651-288-3268.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 25

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15
Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

SAINT JOHN'S FALL FESTIVAL AND SCHOOL MARATHON

Grand Raffle

2-for-1 Happy Hour Pulled Pork Dinner

Save the Date:
9.25.21

All Are Welcome!

Kids Games Live Music

Cake Walk Corn 'Holy' Tournament

Noon: School Marathon
1:00 P.M. Happy Hour
4:30 P.M. Mass
5:30 P.M. Pulled Pork Dinner
7:00 P.M. Raffle Winners
Learn more at www.sjolc.org/fall-festival

PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH REGISTRATION:

All those interested in joining the parish are invited to call the parish office to register. Please contact us at 651-484-2708.

VISITING THE SICK:

During the Coronavirus "stay in place" order, procedures for ministry to those who are homebound, sick, in hospitals or nursing homes varies depending on location. Please contact the parish office if you would like to schedule a visit for yourself or a loved one.

BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE: For questions or to set up a meeting, please contact Kay Wimer in our Parish Office, kwimer@sjolc.org or 651-288-3271.

Call the Parish Office: 651-484-2708

STEWARDSHIP CORNER



The miracle of the loaves and fishes carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. Nothing is impossible with God. No gift is too small or insignificant!

Monthly Financial Report as of March 31, 2021

Stewardship	
Sunday Envelopes	\$ 36,607.23
EFT Sunday Envelopes	\$ 18,435.75
Children's Collection	\$ -
Holy Day Collection	\$ 592.00
Plate Collection	\$ 1,347.25
	\$ 56,982.23
Other Donations	
Tuition Assistance	\$ 1,472.00
General Second Collection	\$ 4,337.95
Mortgage Fund	\$ 165.00
	\$ 5,974.95
Total Contributions	\$ 62,957.18
This Month's Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	
	\$ (2,203.06)
Fiscal Year-To-Date Surplus/(Deficit) *	\$ 36,377.28

* does NOT include Covid-19 non-operating net gain of \$374,189