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JOHN 10:27



My Sheep

HEAR *My* VOICE



April 17, 2016

Welcome

We're here to help support you on your faith journey, so you can find true peace, happiness, and purpose in life. If you would like to join one of our parishes, contact any staff member, and we will be honored to officially welcome you home!

New-member registration forms are also available in the church entrances and on our website.

sjwhf.org

Sacraments Baptism

Please contact Deacon John in the parish office to schedule the baptism and the baptism preparation class.

Marriage

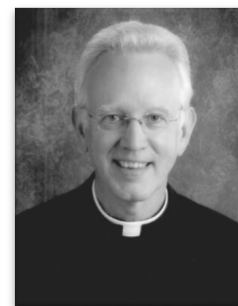
Congratulations on your engagement!
Please contact Fr. Reker at least 6 months in advance to begin preparation.

Anointing of the Sick

If you or a family member is homebound or in the hospital and would like a pastoral visit, please notify the office.

Signs of Spring

Even during the recent ups and downs of our "spring" temperatures, the daffodils persisted in their efforts to break through the soil and bud forth, a sure sign of spring. They brought joy even if we were hoping for warmer weather, which has finally arrived, or for the Twins to have a winning start. Students are beginning to count the weeks and days until school ends, and our Faith Formation calendar comes to a close at the end April. It may even be time to schedule a "pastoral seminar" – an outdoor meeting with either nine or eighteen agenda items (sometimes a 19th is added)! I'd like to reflect upon a couple of spring events.



First of all, last week our eight-week introductory Bible study, Jeff Cavin's *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*, ended on a positive note. Approximately eight people participated in the morning session at Holy Family Church and twenty (or so) in the evening session at St. Joseph the Worker Church. This Bible study includes individual home preparation, a video presentation, and group discussion. Deacons John Rudd and Preston Doyle teamed with me in facilitating the program, and the general consensus was that it helped the participants to understand the Bible better. In particular, they gained an appreciation for how the Old and New Testaments "fit" together and greater confidence in using their Bibles for prayer and study. What's next? No clear preference from those who attended, but this program could be repeated if others are interested in a general overview of the Bible. If we stay with this series from Ascension Press, maybe a study of Matthew's Gospel, but it would probably be scheduled over the course of an academic year because it has 24 sessions. A couple expressed an interest in the Psalms (11 sessions) or a shorter study of the Eucharist (5 sessions). We will also check out some other Catholic Bible studies to see what might best meet people's need. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please let me know.

Second, the Fourth Sunday of Easter is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday because the gospel reading is from John 10, the Good Shepherd discourse. This prompted the Church to designate it as World Day of Prayer for Vocations, too. Last week I had the opportunity to have dinner with a former student of mine, a priest from the Diocese of La Crosse, who is going to take an important assignment at the United States Conference of Bishops. While toasting and celebrating with him, we reminisced about how difficult it was to get him in the seminary. It took almost a year of prayer and encouragement, not to mention a drive to a Pizza Hut so that he could sign the papers. I sensed that he was definitely called to discern his vocation in the seminary, but he had to come to that conviction himself. He is a very good pastor, who spent some time in seminary work, too. Visiting with him and seeing him take on this new role was very encouraging sign of spring for me. Please do pray that our young men and women have the courage to listen to God's call in their lives, whether he is calling them to marriage, consecrated life or the priesthood.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Tim Reker

Annual SJW Twins Baseball Road Trip Friday, June 17, 2016

Twins vs. Yankees - 7:10pm Game Time

Bus leaves from SJW at 4:00pm, sack lunch and beverages included.
Contact the Parish Office to sign-up, payment must be received to be guaranteed a spot. First come, first serve.

Registration deadline: May 12th Cost: \$55/ticket



Stewardship of TREASURE

Holy Family

Apr. 10, 2016

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Fiscal Year to Date

\$ 90,698.15

St. Joseph the Worker

Apr. 9 & 10, 2016

\$ 6,054.06

Fiscal Year to Date

\$ 297,149.02

*Congratulations to Alan Honermann the "301"
winner of \$250 for April 9!*

Children's Weekly Stewardship

Treasure:

HF: \$ 25.75 SJW: \$ 35.56

Time & Talent:

Clearing the table, strength

GET ON THE BEAM CAMPAIGN

The annual Habitat for Humanity 'Get on the Beam' Campaign begins this weekend. The 2 x 4 beam is located in the side entrance. Please sign your name when you donate a dollar or more in the attached bank. The beam becomes part of the framework for a Habitat house. Your donations purchase the building materials. Thank you for your contributions!



Liturgical Ministries

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

SJW—5:00 P.M. MASS

Reader: Tom Hallett

Servers: Zack Wells

ECM: Carolyn Kanyusik, Sue Liebl, Sheryl Peterson,
Kris Nelson, Cookie Oberle, 2 SUBS NEEDED

Ushers: Paul Hinski, Al Honermann,
Thomas McDermott, Duane Wallin

Musicians: Kris, Kylie, Tim, Rachel

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

HF—8:30 A.M. MASS

Reader: Lori Meixell

Servers: Nathan Sickler, Ianna Gimenez

ECM: Lisa Schultz, Jan Anderson, Mary Cassem

Ushers: Jim Mack, Brian Noyes

Musicians: Lauren, Dianne, Renee

SJW—10:30 A.M. MASS

Reader: Judy Doyle

Servers: Liz, Nick & Grace Nachreiner

ECM: Shelly Nachreiner, Judy Westermayer, Glenn
Barnette, Jan Willaert, Cindy Matuska, Val Koch

Ushers: Jim & Isabel Zwaschka, Jeff & Sean Willaert

Musicians: Lauren, Bob, Dave

SJW—Doorkeeper: Janet Fasnacht

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday, April 19:

SJW 12:05pm - †James Hodapp

Wednesday, April 20:

Oak Terrance 9:15am - †John Quiring

Hillcrest 9:30am - Word & Communion

Thursday, April 21:

HF 8:30am - †Robert B. Anderson

Friday, April 22:

SJW 12:05pm - †Glenn Anderson

Saturday, April 23: 5th Sunday of Easter

SJW 5:00pm - For the Parishes

Sunday, April 24: 5th Sunday of Easter

HF 8:30am - †Peg Warmka

SJW 10:30am - †Mary Marso

Weekly Readings:

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24 -13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a;
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

This Week at a Glance

Mon. 4/18: 1:00pm Mission Quilting/Knitting Group - SJW
6:30pm CCW Salad Dinner - SJW

Tues. 4/19: 5:45pm Girls on the Run - SJW Gym
6:30pm Joint Pastoral Council - SJW

Wed. 4/20: 5:30pm Simple Supper - SJW
6:00pm Faith Formation Classes - SJW

Thur. 4/21: 5:00pm RCIA - SJW
5:45pm Girls on the Run - SJW Gym
6:00pm Stewardship Meeting - SJW
6:30pm Building & Grounds Meeting - SJW

Sat. 4/23: 4:15pm Confessions - SJW

Sun. 4/24: 8:00am Confessions - HF

SJW Hubbell Harvest Festival September 25, 2016

WE NEED YOU! Volunteers are needed to help plan and organize this years festival. If you are interested please contact Nicole at the Parish Office 507-388-3766. Already have donations that would be perfect for the Silent Auction, Big Ticket Raffle or Jar Raffle? It is not to early, drop them off at the Parish Office today!



2016

Catholic Ministries Appeal

Renew Faith. Extend Mercy. Inspire Hope.

You make possible the many retreats and conferences for our youth and young adults to encounter Christ, faith formation for all to learn the rich story of our faith, catechetical training for hundreds of clergy, parish and school staff, support with vocations discernment, resources to strengthen marriages and families and community outreach to the poor. Please give generously to this year's Appeal. *Catholic Foundation of Southern Minnesota* www.catholicfsmn.org/Appeal

Dates to Remember

APRIL

Sun 17 HF Faith Formation K-10, 9:30-10:30am
followed by Awards and Family Picnic

Wed 20 SJW Faith Formation -
5:30 pm - Simple Supper for All
6:00-7:15 pm K-10th Grade

Wed 27 SJW Faith Formation -
Family Picnic and Awards Ceremony

MAY

Sun 1 May Crowning of Mary at Mass by
1st Communicants at both HF & SJW

Wed 4 Confirmation Rehearsal at SSPP

Fri 13 Confirmation 6:00pm, SSPP

St. Joseph the Worker FAITH & Holy Family FORMATION

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS THIS SUMMER?

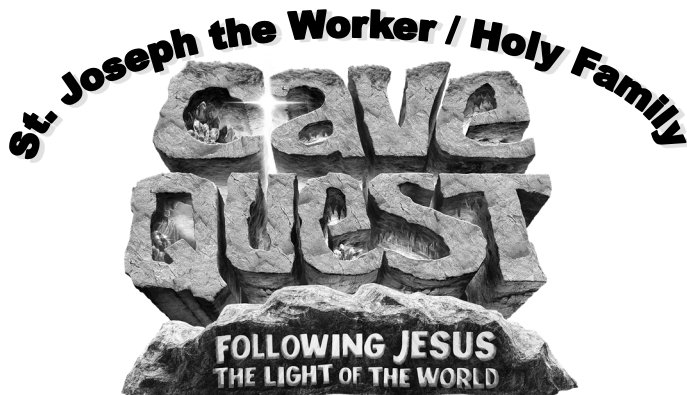


For 10th to Graduated Seniors ...
Steubenville North Youth Conference
will be held July 15-17, 2016
at the Mayo Civic Center in
Rochester, MN

WHAT IS STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE?

Summer 2016 - Nearly 40,000 high school students will gather at 19 conferences in 12 different states this summer to experience the joy of living their Catholic faith. **All St. Joseph the Worker and Holy Family high school students are invited** to take one step deeper in their faith. Wherever you are at in your faith come experience the love that God has for you in a weekend packed with the best Catholic youth speakers, music, Adoration, thousands of other Catholic teens, new friendships, the sacrament of reconciliation, and authentic joy.

This trip is a long standing tradition for our youth and they walk away closer to Christ than ever before.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday, June 13th - Friday, June 17th

8:30 - 11:30 am St. Joseph's gym

Preschool: 3-5 yr olds

School age: Kindergarten - 5th grade

Childcare will be provided each day at 8:00 am.

Registration forms available in church entrance
and on website: sjwhf.org

CONTACT INFORMATION:

For more information on these events
Check out our website - sjwhf.org

or for questions, please contact:
Connie Wallin,

Director of Faith, Family & Youth Events

Phone: 507-388-3766 or

Email: family.faith@hickorytech.net

**Fund raisers will be available to help
with all event fees.**



**Camp Summit is a Catholic adventure camp for
students entering grades 6th - 8th in the fall of 2016**

August 8 - 11, 2016

Lanesboro, MN

The primary focus of the camp is: middle schoolers enjoying
high ropes, rock climbing, groups challenge courses, night
games, daily Mass, fires, prayer, and more!

Adult chaperones needed on this event.

Parish&AreaEvents

LADIES NIGHT OUT - Come join the Blue Earth and Mankato Area Council of Catholic Women at their Spring Salad Supper at 6:00 PM on April 18th at St. Joseph the Worker parish located at 423 West 7th ST, Mankato. Please bring a salad to share, and enter through Door 17 found on the south side parking lot. Take advantage of this opportunity to spend time with your amazing CCW "Sisters" while learning about Options for Women and other current issues. Special prizes will be awarded to all new attendees. You won't want to miss this blessed event.

Materials Needed: When you are doing spring cleaning or going to garage sales, please think of our mission groups. Supplies of yard goods, batting, pillow stuffing, and yarn are getting low. The quilting group gave away 402 items, and the knitting ladies helped over 300 people stay warm through the winter. Donations may be left in the south entrance at SJW. Thank you!

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

Time for our annual Men's Club 301 Lucky Raffle!

MANY chances to win **MUCH** money!

If you bought last year your salesperson will be contacting you soon. If you want to get in for the **FIRST** time call the parish office at 388-3766 for a list of sellers. Lots of fun all year long!

Get your ticket today at the same old friendly price of \$52 for the year – just \$1 a week for a year.



LoyolaCatholicSchool

Our winter NWEA scores have been compiled and once again Loyola Catholic School students K-12 outscored other students in every category in every grade.

These six Loyola students will be going to the State Speech meet on April 21: Sonya Benzmillier, Emma Goebel, Phil Goettl, Charlotte Lena, Maddie Heidl, and Landon Javens. Eleven other speech team members came in at 4th, 5th or 6th place in 2A Sectionals.

Of the 90 essays submitted to the Laws of Life Essay contest by local junior high students, 4 of the 15 award winning essays were written by Loyola students. Of the 154 entries in the high school division, Loyola students won 12 of the 15 awards.

Loyola is excited to announce Marc Bachman as its new head football coach. Marc has been an assistant football coach at Gustavus Adolphus College since 2010. Prior to that, Marc was the head football coach at St. Peter High School from 1997-2008.

MACS Nite 2016.... MACS Nite the Last Hurrah! Join us on May 7 for the very last MACS Nite! Schedule of events: Chicken Dinner \$8 presale (tickets available in school offices), \$10 at the door 5:00-6:30pm. Bakery (cash or check only, please) 5:00-8:00pm. Silent Auction (cash, check or credit cards welcome) 5:00-8:30pm. BINGO 6:30-8:30pm. Trivia hosted by 96.7's Stunt Monkey 8:00-10:00pm. Various games including corn hole and giant Jenga, food vendors, beverages (alcoholic and non) and live music by Joey Booker and The Porchlights. If you would like to donate to the silent auction, please contact Trudi, tclements@loyolacatholicschool.org or 388-0606.

Planning is also underway for a brand new event this summer that will take the place of MACS Nite! Save the date for LoyolaPalooza an outdoor concert on Loyola's Upper Campus, August 20, 2016!



(SJW) Thank you to everyone who donates items to our Echo Basket! God Bless You!

Prayers for Healing

Merle Braam, Dorothy Ziegler, Steve Klinkner,
Vanessa Ewert, George Kluzak, Richard
Johnson, John Allen, Jerry Schultz,
Harold Young, Pat Gardner, Dan Ewert,
Ronald Olsen, Therese Breiter, Brian Cline,
George Larson, Phil Reiland,
Henry (Stalberger) Schladweiler

Parish Office Hours

M-F: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Contact Information

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HF Prayer Chain.....Margaret: 317-4785
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Pastoral Staff

Rev. Timothy T. Reker - Pastor
Deacon John Rudd - Pastoral Associate
Deacon Preston Doyle - Parish Deacon
Nicole Hermer - Director of Parish Activities
Glenn Barnette - Bookkeeper
Connie Wallin - Faith Ministry Education
Kathy Moldan - HF Religious Ed. Coordinator
Cody Robeck - SJW Youth Coordinator
Lauren Bierer - Music Director
Jon Hermanson - SJW Custodial Engineer
Ben Moldan - HF Custodian

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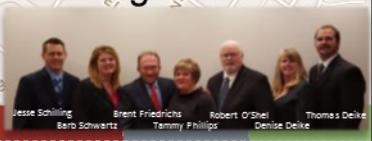
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