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6th Sunday of Easter

05.21.17

Welcome *We're here to help support you on your faith journey, so you can find true peace, happiness, and purpose in life. New-member registration forms are also available in the church entrances and on our website. We are family, welcome home!*

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SJW HUBBELL HARVEST FALL FESTIVAL:

CHAIRPERSONS & SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS NEEDED

Email nhermer@sjwhf.org if interested.

PEOPLE OF HOPE

Throughout this Easter season the readings have drawn us into the experience of the early church. We have tasted the excitement and zeal of the first Christians. Now, with them, we listen to the words of Saint Peter, who reminds us that when people notice that we are people of hope, we should be ready to explain why. This challenges us. Do others even notice that we are people of hope? In a world often marked by cynicism and hopelessness, do we stand out as people who offer hope and reassurance to others? In today's Gospel Jesus promises that when he leaves the earth he will not leave us orphaned. Today he promises to send his Advocate, the Spirit of truth who will be with us always. Let us acknowledge the presence of the Holy Spirit and ask the Spirit to make us people of hope.

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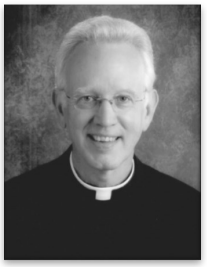
SJW MEN'S CLUB MISSION STATEMENT:

To bring together men of all ages to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ. With the direction of our Priest, encouraging each other to be servant leaders in our Church.

Looking for Fruits



May is not the best time of the year to be looking for fruit in south central Minnesota, except for rhubarb and asparagus (neither, by the way, are strictly speaking a "fruit"). However, we recently celebrated the Confirmation of several young adults, who received not only the seven gifts, but also the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Do you know how many there are? And, what they are? According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, our tradition lists twelve: "***charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity***." (You can also check the Biblical source for these fruits, Galatians 5:22-23.) As we prepare for the Ascension, which will be celebrated next Sunday, May 28th, and not on Thursday, it might be good to focus on the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Yes, "Ascension Thursday" is celebrated on Sunday in most parts of the United States and many countries, including Italy. This enables more people to participate in this celebration, but it shortens the original novena – the nine days of prayer between the Ascension and Pentecost. My suggestion is that we lengthen the "novena" by beginning this Sunday when all the readings have a clear reference to the Spirit. If you accidentally miss a day, you will probably still complete nine days of prayer in all!

At the Confirmation on May 12th, Bishop Quinn had a memorable story that illustrated the importance of truly opening a gift. (Short summary: a priest friend re-gifted a Christmas ornament he received and when the new recipients open the gift fully, they discovered two $100 bills! Perhaps you can imagine his surprise?) Likewise for us who have received the gifts and the fruits of the Holy Spirit: we need to truly open our hearts, minds and souls to accept and use what God has generously provided. In particular, we need to "consume" the fruits of the Holy Spirit in our lives so that we can bear witness to the transforming power of God's grace in Jesus Christ. I invite you to review the list of these twelve fruits. Perhaps you want to focus on one gift each day until Pentecost. Or, you may want to "pick" (pun intended) one or more fruits that are not very evident in your life to cultivate during this "novena." I am confident that the more we focus on these fruits during the coming days, the more that they will grow and develop with God's grace.

Sincerely in Christ, Father Tim Reber

P.S. I am going to be making most of this "novena" on the road because I am leaving for vacation Sunday evening (after the Loyola Graduation) and returning on Friday afternoon, June 2nd (shortly before Pentecost, June 3-4). Please welcome, and of course, treat well, Bishop Harrington, who will be my substitute for the Ascension. As I like to **joke**, "It takes a bishop to replace me." Know that you will be in my prayers as I travel and I kindly ask you to pray for me, too. "*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful…*"

EXTREMES

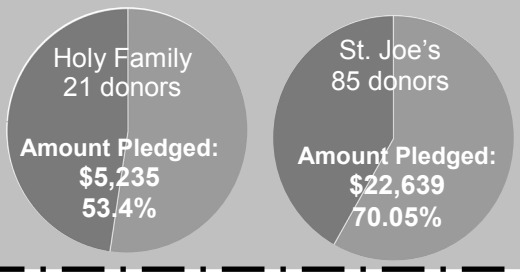
If you wish to go to extremes, let it be in
sweetness, patience, humility, and charity.
—St. Philip Neri

MEN'S CLUB TWINS GAME ROADTRIP - Twins vs. Cleveland Indians. Fri., June 16th, 2017, 7pm Game—$60/ticket. Cost includes lower level seats, coach bus transportation, sack lunch and beverages. Payment must be received to reserve your seat. Limited number of seats available. To sign up stop by the parish office or place payment in the collection basket or mail CLEARLY LABELED that it is for the Twins Game Road Trip and with the names and contact information of those attending. Deadline to signup is May 22nd.

DEADLINE IS MONDAY!!!!

Catholic Ministries Appeal

The parish goal for St. Joseph the Worker is **$31,460** and Holy Family's is **$9,800**. When sending in a donation, please remember to note which parish you belong to. Thank you in advance for your contribution.



Stewardship of TREASURE

Holy Family

May 14, 2017
$ 1,272.25

Fiscal Year to Date
$ 98,827.39

St. Joseph the Worker

May 13 & 14, 2017
$ 3,387.00

Fiscal Year to Date
$ 311,864.89

Children's Weekly Stewardship

Treasure:
HF: $ 7.25 SJW: $ 32.75

*Congratulations to **Anne Saffert** the "301" winner of $1000 for May 13!*

TAXI VOUCHER PROGRAM - Please remember that we provide a Taxi Voucher Program in cooperation with Kato Cab, for those parishioners who would like to attend Mass, but are unable to drive or get a ride from a neighbor. Some of the parishioners who use this program are financially able to reimburse the parish for the cost, but for those who are unable to do so, the Pastor's Discretionary Fund helps to cover these costs. We would never want a parishioner to be unable to attend Mass due to financial constraints. Please remember that we are always accepting contributions to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund and you can find an envelope in your monthly offertory packets. If you are interested in this program, please contact Deacon John at 388-3766 or jrudd@sjwhf.org.

Liturgical Ministries

SATURDAY, MAY 27

SJW—5:00 P.M. MASS
Reader: Mark Greenwood
Servers: Zack Wells, Jordan Hopkins
ECM: Terri DeGezelle, Mary Date, Peg Fallenstein, Chuck Fox, Tom Hallett, John & Carolyn Kanyusik
Ushers: Mark Piepho, Kevin Date, Al Honermann, Irene Hammerschmidt
Musicians: Cindy Lawrence, Carolyn Fox, Joyce Hoelmer

SUNDAY, MAY 28

HF—8:30 A.M. MASS
Reader: Susan Hanson
Servers: Charlotte Slama, Morgan Klinkner
ECM: Jan Anderson, Megan Davis, Mary Jaspers
Ushers: Jim Mack, Wayne Lindmeier
Musicians: Jan Osten, Dianne Rothfork, Barb Rock

SJW—10:30 A.M. MASS
Reader: Glenn Barnette
Servers: Miles Flack, Olivia Flack, Katelin Flack
ECM: Judy & Chuck Westermayer, Jan Willaert, Cindy Matuska, William Schumacher, Joshua Anderson, Carol Brady
Usher: Jeff Willaert, Rick Blace, Matt McMonagle, Ray Mettler
Musicians: Sister Janet, Amy Braam, David Blissenbach
SJW—Doorkeeper: Randy Haley

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday, May 23:
SJW 12:05pm - Word and Communion
Wednesday, May 24:
Hillcrest 9:30am - Word and Communion
Thursday, May 25:
HF 8:30am - Word and Communion
Pathstone 10:15am - Word and Communion
Friday, May 26:
SJW 12:05pm - Word and Communion
Saturday, May 27: Ascension of the Lord
SJW 5:00pm - †Loretta Sevens
Sunday, May 28: Ascension of the Lord
HF 8:30am - †Pat Gardner
SJW 10:30am - For the Parishes

Mon: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 - 16:4a
Tues: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wed: Acts 17:15, 22 - 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
Thurs: Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Fri: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
Sat: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sun: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

This Week at a Glance

Mon. 5/22: 1:00pm Knitting Group - SJW
Sat. 5/27: 8:00am Gym Rental (Anderson) - SJW
4:15pm Confessions - SJW
Sun. 5/28: 8:00am Confessions - HF

Plan ahead for your summer giving! Have your contribution to St. Joseph the Worker/Holy Family processed automatically!

- With the Automatic Payment Plan, your contributions can be made without writing a check. You authorize monthly payments from your account. Your financial institution transfers the pre-determined amount from either your checking or savings account to SJW's/HF's account.
- We withdraw your contribution from your bank account on the 5th, the 20th or both the 5th and 20th of each month.
- The Automatic Payment Plan saves both you and the parish time and money because you write fewer checks and you have the peace of mind knowing your payment was made on time. Your monthly bank statement (or your on-line balance) will show proof of your payment.
- You can authorize the Automatic Payment Plan quickly and easily. Simply pick up a form from the Parish entrances or Parish Office, fill it out and mail it to the parish office, drop it at the office or in the collection basket at Mass.

Stewardship Corner...

All Christians are but God's stewards.
Everything we have is on loan
from the Lord, entrusted to us
for a while to use in serving Him.
-John MacArthur

Congratulations 2017 Graduates

St. Joseph the Worker

Joshua Anderson
Michael Brown
Colton Corcoran
Tiara Coughlan
Nicholas Cullen
Nate Donahue
Anna Freyberg
Tyler Friedrichs
Alyssa Haley
Hannah Hastings
Jenna Helget
Charlotte Lena
Alexander Lucas
Braxton Matuska
Lillie McDermott
Jacqui McGregor
William Robinson
Brayden Swanson
Isabel Zwaschka

Holy Family

Bradley Moldan
Kori Schaffer
Amanda Sickler
Matt Roelofs

Lord God, *we ask for your almighty hand to be upon all those who graduate. Help them to stay true to their dreams, to use their gifts wisely, and to walk into the future with faith, hope and great love. Amen.*

Come Share in the Summer Fun!!

Middle School VBS Boot Camp

Monday, June 12 – Wednesday, June 14
9:00 am to 12:00 pm
at St. Joseph the Worker gym, Mankato

If you are interested in helping at Vacation Bible School the week of June 19th through 23rd as a Crew Leader, Assistant Crew Leader, or with Preschoolers come test out the projects, games, and music at ***OUR VBS BOOTCAMP***

Registration forms available in church entrances.

ST JOSEPH & HOLY FAMILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
All ages - 6th grade and UP!!!

Preschool VBS - 4 & 5 Year olds
Elementary VBS - Kindergarten through 5th Grade

Monday, June 19th - Friday, June 23th
The fun starts at 8:30 am and will end at 11:30 am.
at St. Joseph the Worker gym, Mankato
(drop off begins at 8:00 am in gym)

Tuition Fee is $25 per Child or
$75 per Family Fee (4 or more children)
Tuition is waivered if you volunteer

Registration forms available in church entrances AND on line - **sjwhf.org.**

Helping Children Follow Jesus - At Maker Fun Factory VBS, children don't just hear about God's love; they see it, touch it, sing it, taste it, and put it into action through God Sightings. As they travel from station to station, they go deeper into their understanding of God and God's Son, Jesus. Most importantly, children learn that because Jesus loves us, he came to die for our sins and make a way for us to live with God forever.

Parish & Area Events

MASS OF THANKSGIVING - The Reverend Andrew D. Olsem invites you to participate in a Mass of Thanksgiving commemorating his 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood to be offered on Sunday, June 4, at 10:00 am at St. John the Baptist Church. There will be a luncheon following Mass. For the luncheon, please RSVP by May 15th to: mmstalo@hotmail.com or call 507-388-6283.

MEALS ON WHEELS - Volunteers needed to deliver hot meals to seniors in Mankato and North Mankato. Contact Shawn @ 507-625-8970. Hours needed are: 9-12:30 pm Mon-Fri.

TEACHING POSITION - Saint John Vianney Catholic School is accepting applications for a full-time 4th grade elementary teacher for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year. Qualified candidates must hold a valid MN teaching license in K-6 Elementary Education. Send cover letter, resume, references, transcripts, and a copy of your MN teaching license to: Saint John Vianney Catholic School, Sarah Striemer, Principal, 911 South Prairie Avenue, Fairmont, MN 56031 Deadline for application is May 29th.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH SPAGHETTI DINNER - June 3rd, 5:30-7:30pm. The staff at All Saints Academy are hosting a spaghetti dinner to help raise money to replace some of the worn out items used throughout the years. All are welcome! Spaghetti, a full Salad Bar, Garlic Toast and a Dessert will be provided! All Saints Academy. 605 4th Street. Madison Lake, MN. 56063

LoyolaCatholicSchool

Phone: 388-0600, Website: loyolacatholicschool.org
Casey Breen - President, Adam Bemmels PreK-12 Principal

Enrollment information for 2017-18: Visit the LCS website and click "Re-Enrollment Information for 2017-18" on the homepage. Family Tours and Student Shadow Days may be scheduled at your convenience. Questions? Call 507-388-0600.

Thanks to all who participated in the Crusader Golf Classic on Monday! And thanks to those who bought a Lucky 20 ticket! The winners were drawn at the Golf Classic: $10,000 Winner-Keri Solheid, $5,000 Winner-Tom & Mary Zins, $1,000 Winner-**Gordy & Mary Kuznia**, 2 - $500 Winners-Debra Roben & Fr Robert Schneider, 15 - $200 winners-Troy Leiferman, Ray McKimpson, Scott Leiferman, Kenny DeWitte, Kevin Hodapp, Margaret Gosch, Rick Pyzick, Jessi VanBlarcom, **Alan Honermann**, Paul Johnson, Coni Granahan, Lori Warrant, Marilu/Jerry Bambery, Pete Kramer & Vera Sullivan.

Save the Dates: Graduation, May 21, 7pm, Upper campus gym & LoyolaPalooza July 29

#Loyolaproud

The recipients of Loyola's three most prestigious awards were announced at Baccalaureate Mass on Wednesday: The St. Ignatius of Loyola Award...Meghan Schaub, The Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger Award...Charlotte Lena, The Principal's Award...Ellie Hodapp and Ben Levandowsi.

This week, Loyola 1st graders enjoyed visiting the Wild Things Zoo in Arlington; 9th graders enjoyed Physics Day at Valley Fair; 8th graders launched their Science class rockets during Rocket Day on the Hill; and 5th graders participated in the annual Space Missions in Science class.

Second graders gave thanks for the gift of First Holy Communion at Mass on Wednesday.

Our thoughts and prayers are with kindergartener Gabe Speckel as he recovers from kidney transplant surgery. We made a video for him so he can hear us cheering for him again and again!

Looking ahead: Preschoolers will have Bike Parades on Tuesday and Wednesday; on Thursday students at the Lower Campus will celebrate "Fitz Blitz Day" activities and elementary students will enjoy "Wacky Olympics" field events on Thursday before dismissing for the summer.

Parish Office Hours

Mon-Fri: 8:30am - 4:30 p.m.

Contact Information

Office Phone……..……388-3766
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Pastoral Staff

Rev. Timothy T. Reker - Pastor
Deacon John Rudd - Pastoral Associate
Nicole Hermer - Director of Parish Activities
Glenn Barnette - Bookkeeper
Connie Wallin - Faith Ministry Education
Kathy Moldan - HF Rel. Ed. Coor./Office Asst.
Sister Janet Wermerskirchen - Music Director
Jon Hermanson - SJW Custodial Engineer
Mike Murrain - SJW Custodian
Ben Moldan - HF Custodian

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.

Prayers for Healing

Ruth Lorentz, Rhonda Kimpe, Steve Klinkner, Vanessa Ewert, Richard Johnson, John Allen, Jerry Schultz, George Larson, Henry (Stalberger) Schladweiler

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