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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 6 pm @ St. Isidore

Sunday: 8:30 am @ St. John

Weekday Mass Schedule

As stated in the weekly bulletin

Confessions Sunday: 8 am or by appointment

Main Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:

8 am - 5 pm

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7 am - 3:30 pm

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*Working Together To
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Every Race
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Children
LGBTQ
Imprisoned

October 4, 2020

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Respect Life Sunday , All Life

Faith Formation Information by Linda Hansmeier, Director of Faith Formation

"Thus faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard through the Word of God." Romans 10:17

A huge Covid-19 thank you to Sunday and Wednesday night faith formation families for patiently taking time to help catechists/hall monitors and staff put into practice the new policies brought about by Covid-19. The children have been amazing with keeping their masks on and sanitizing their hands. Dismissal seems to be working as is, with a few hiccups but nothing major. I do not know of any of us who will not be ecstatic when the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted. For now, I am eternally grateful that wearing a mask, keeping my hands clean, and practicing social distancing is something, I can easily do to perhaps make a difference for someone else. After all, we are all in this together.

A Flashback to the Past: When I was a child and was able to stay with my grandmother, she would always pray with me before I went to sleep with "Now I lay me down to sleep..." then the Guardian Angel prayer followed with a blessing. As I grew older, I realized the Guardian Angel was a Catholic prayer and my grandmother was a Lutheran. Regardless, it was a beautiful moment and I can still vividly hear her repeating my prayers with me and then giving me a blessing:

*Angel of God my guardian dear
to whom God's love commits me here.
Ever this day be at my side,
to light and guard, to rule and Guide. Amen*

Did you know that the Feast of the Guardian Angels is a Catholic festival celebrated annually on October 2 in honor of guardian angel's? Children love having someone pray with them before they go to sleep sealed with a blessing. If you have not picked up this habit, consider trying it out. Your children, or grandchildren, will love it. Besides the guardian angel and other prayers, there are many short blessings that can be said by a parent or grandparent at various times, such as when a child is going to play or go to school, but especially when the child is going to bed each night. The parent or grandparent can make the sign of the cross on the child's forehead or heart (better yet with holy water) and repeat one of the following blessings:

May God bless you. May God keep you safe. God be with you. God be in your heart. May God bless and protect you. And may God Bless and Keep each of you SAFE!

Feast of the Archangels

Theresa Sundstrom Music Coordinator

At the start of Fall I always look forward to celebrating Michaelmas ("mick-el-mess") on September 29th, which is the feast of the Archangels Rafael, Gabriel and Michael.

No worries that the feast day has passed, there is always time to celebrate the Angels! We are most familiar with the Angel Gabriel who appeared to the prophet Daniel, the priest Zechariah and the Virgin Mary at the Annunciation in Holy Scriptures. Raphael is mentioned in the Book of Tobit and is viewed as God's angel of healing.

St. Michael's legend says that when he threw Satan out of Heaven in Revelations, the devil landed on a blackberry bush, which he then spit on and cursed. Traditionally, berries are to be picked and eaten by Michaelmas, or before the devil gets the chance to spit on them. It would be a great time to buy or bake a blackberry pie and thank your local police officers for their service - Saint Michael is the patron saint of police officers!

In closing, a favorite angel hymn of mine is "May the Angels Be Your Guide", which we sing as a farewell at funerals: *"May the angels be your guide, may they lead you into paradise, and take you home to the new Jerusalem."*

Youth Ministry by Deanne Wagner, Youth and Adult Ministry

We had two fun Faith Formation evenings that included an activity, prayer and a campfire cookout. The high school team enjoyed welcoming the freshman class to High School Faith Formation as well as seeing all our returning students.

We are also excited to begin our Dynamic Catholic Decision Point Program next week. Dynamic Catholic says, "the program was "developed to engage young Catholics in a meaningful conversation about the genius of Catholicism. It teaches and inspires teens to respond to God's grace, and it's changing hundreds of thousands of young lives".

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation>



The Feast of St. Francis: Today, October 4th at 2 PM in the church parking lot Fr. Andrew will bless your pets/animals. We encourage you to take part. Social distancing please and mask are required.

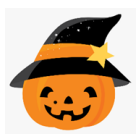
Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love
 Where there is injury, pardon
 Where there is doubt, faith
 Where there is despair, hope
 Where there is darkness, light
 And where there is sadness, joy
 O Divine Master, grant that I may
 Not so much seek to be consoled as to console
 To be understood, as to understand
 To be loved, as to love
 For it is in giving that we receive
 And it's in pardoning that we are pardoned
 And it's in dying that we are born to Eternal Life

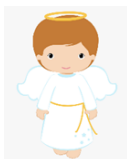
Website

Check out our new and improved website:
<http://www.stjohnmv.org>

Check St. John's out on Facebook!



Trunk or Treat



Start getting those creative minds going on how you can decorate your car for St. John's annual Trunk or Treat! Trunk or Treat is scheduled for October 25th following our 8:30 Mass. It will be a fun, safe opportunity for our young children to wear their costumes to church and get treats from our caring parishioners. Let's see how many angels and saints we will have in church that day. (Those handing out treats will need to wear gloves for safety)!

Weekly contributions needed..... \$5,326.92

September 27, 2020

Budget, Adult.....	\$2,236.00
Loose Coin/Currency.....	\$ 91.25
Total Collected	\$ 2,327.25

YTD collection needed.....	\$69,249.96
YTD collections received	\$62,845.25
YTD over/ short	\$ 6,404.71



Wednesday, October 7th

8:30 am - Chuck Hallier

Friday, October 9th

8:30 am - Thomas Ferguson

Sunday, October 11th

8:30 am - Megan Cox Klaus

Readings for the week of October 4, 2020

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 [Is 5:7a]/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
 Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c [5]/Lk 10:25-37
 Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 [24b]/Lk 10:38-42
 Wed: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4
 Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [68]/Lk 11:5-13
 Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [5]/Lk 11:15-26
 Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday:
 Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

October is the



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