

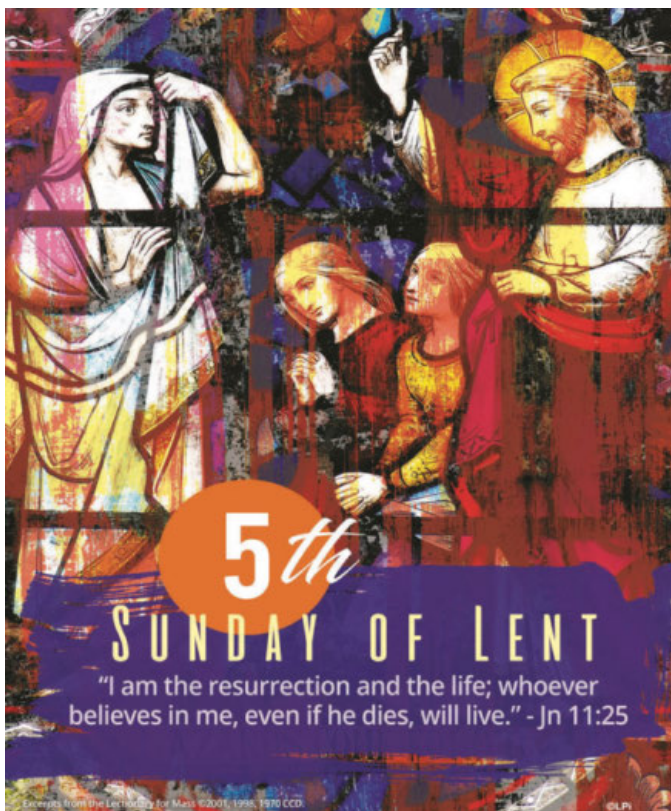


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Father John Meyer, Pastor



5th

SUNDAY OF LENT

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." - Jn 11:25

Easter Flower Donations

If you would like to remember someone with a donation to the Easter Flower Fund, please do so by **Sunday, April 2nd** for inclusion of their names in the Easter bulletin. Thank you for beautifying our sanctuary!

You can use the special envelope (if you receive envelope bundles) and returning it to the parish office or in the collection basket. You can also label a blank envelope with "Easter Flowers" and include a name if donating in memory/honor of someone. If you prefer to donate online, visit our website at www.stignatiusmn.com. Use the "online giving" tab, select a one-time donation, choose "Easter Flowers" for the fund, and enter the name if donating in memory/honor of someone.



Weekly Meditation

Jesus wept. (John 11:35)

Kara's close friend had just passed away from cancer, leaving behind a husband and four young children. So many people had prayed for her to be healed, but it didn't happen. Kara was baffled. How could a good and loving God allow this?

Kara searched the Scriptures for answers. Nothing satisfied her until she read these words in today's Gospel: "Jesus wept" (John 11:35). It didn't solve the mystery of why God allows suffering, but it did comfort her. She knew that the Lord was with her and with all the people who were grieving the death of this young woman. In fact, she sensed that he was weeping along with them.

Jesus' weeping at the tomb of Lazarus demonstrates how, as a human being, he experienced every emotion we experience, including grief. John writes that when Jesus arrived in Bethany and saw Lazarus' sister Mary weeping, he was "deeply troubled" (John 11:33). This shows us that Jesus understands exactly what we are going through when we lose a dear friend or loved one. Not only that, but he feels the pain and sorrow that we are feeling. That's why we can find so much solace in drawing near to him in those difficult times.

The reality of death was painful for Jesus even though he was planning to raise Lazarus. We might believe that a loved one is with God, and perhaps feel guilty about grieving because of the joy that they are now experiencing in heaven. But Jesus' example shows us that it's human to be sad, and that our faith isn't somehow deficient if we grieve.

If you are experiencing grief, know that Jesus is with you in your sorrow, not as a dispassionate bystander, but as a fellow mourner. He understands your pain, and in your darkest hour, he is with you to comfort and console you.

*"Jesus, thank you for never abandoning me,
in good times and in bad."*

The Word Among Us - March 2023 Edition

ADORATION

Thurs, March 30, 8:30 am - 7:00 pm



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, April 1st @ 5:00pm

Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer

Altar Servers: Rylan Mackedanz and Maddison Dwenger

Eucharistic Ministers: Bren Stepp and Jerry Goodale

Greeter: Deb Goodale

Lector: Isaac Millner and Greg Roth

Sacristan: Mark Legeais

Ushers: Mike Zuehlke, Cliff Zimmermann, Al Jude and Tim Waldschmidt

Sunday, April 2nd @ 8:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer

Altar Servers: Caleb Danzeisen and Wesson Reich

Eucharistic Ministers: Ric Fournier and Carolyn Eicher

Greeter: Pat and Dianne O'Keefe

Lector: Susan Oie and Jackie Steinhoff

Live Stream: Pat Athman

Sacristan: Daine Fournier

Ushers: Brad Holte, Peter Braun, Jerry Elsenpeter, and Doug Zachman

Sunday, April 2nd @ 10:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer

Altar Servers: Celia Erickson and Dayanara Martinez Mejia

Eucharistic Ministers: Roger and Karen Millner

Greeter: Chad and Jen Filek

Lector: Jessica Chapman and Jessica Magrum

Sacristan: Renee Logeais

Ushers: John and Christine West, Josh Paumen, and Al Guck

Calendar of **EVENTS**

Sunday, March 26: Donut Sunday

Wednesday, March 29: Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm

Thursday, March 30: Eucharistic Adoration
8:00 am - 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 2: Palm Sunday

Wednesday, April 5: Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm

Thursday, April 6: Holy Thursday Mass 7:00 pm

Friday, April 7: Good Friday Service 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 8: Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil 8:00 pm

Sunday, April 9: Easter Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Sunday, April 16: Divine Mercy Sunday

Wednesday, April 19: Guest Speaker

Alyssa Bormes 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 29: Confirmation Send Off Mass

Sunday, April 30: Donut Sunday

Sunday, May 7: First Communion 10:30 Mass

Thursday, May 11: Confirmation

(St. Paul Cathedral) 7:00 pm

Community News

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CCW Corner

Needed: a new team of 4 for the St. Ignatius Council of Catholic Women

Description: You will share in the leadership of CCW to learn, grow in your faith and support each other part of an officer team. Prayerfully consider becoming a part of our officer team of 4 to maintain the leadership and survival of our local CCW. It is a 2 year term, and there are 4 meetings a year. The next CCW meeting is April 13 where the next officer team will be introduced. Official turnover will be in July. Please call Sue Hughes ASAP with questions. (320-963- 6019)

Mission Statement: The Council of Catholic Women acts through its members to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service, responding with the Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.

Special Message from the CCW:

Thank you to those who joined us for the concluding 40 Hours Devotion CCW Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, March 19. Also, thank you to those who volunteered to work, bring bars, decorate and serve the meal. Many hands make the work light! God's Peace!

St. Ignatius Cemetery Committee Meeting

The Cemetery Committee Meeting will be held **Tuesday, April 11th at 6:30 pm** in the gathering space. It is open to all parishioners and we hope to see new faces who are willing to join our committee and be a part of the great cemetery caretaking team. We will be reviewing Cemetery Lawn Care Bids. If you have the right equipment and insurance, please submit a bid no later than Friday, April 7th, 2023. We will be choosing the winning bid at this meeting and that person/company will be notified immediately. Lawn Care Bid forms can be picked up at the parish office. Thank you.

Mardi Gras Proceeds for the Irrigation System

We are excited to announce the Mardi Gras and cash raffle raised \$16,000 towards the new irrigation system for the church grounds. These funds helped us meet our financial needs, the contract has been signed and we are looking forward to a spring installation. Thank you to all who helped make this such a successful fundraiser. We are blessed to have a community that is so generous not only with donations but your time as well. Thank you!

Early Bulletin Deadline

Please submit requests by noon on March 30th for April 7/8 bulletin publication

2023 High School Graduates and Families

2023 graduates and families are invited to the Senior Baccalaureate Graduation Mass on May 14th at the 8:30 AM Mass followed by a breakfast and guest speaker in the dining hall. If you will be a 2023 graduate and have not received a "save the date" in the mail please contact the parish office. Thank you!

CCW Sponsored Scholarships

Applications are now being accepted for two 2023 CCW sponsored \$750 scholarship towards post secondary education. High school graduating young ladies from St. Ignatius may apply online at www.stignatiusmn.com/ccw. Scholarship will be awarded at our senior baccalaureate graduation Mass and breakfast May 14. Application deadline May 1, 2023.

Knights of Columbus Scholarships

Applications are now being accepted for the 2023 Post-Secondary scholarships. The Knights of Columbus will be awarding two, \$750 scholarships for this year's graduating seniors who are parish members at St Ignatius or St Timothy. Please check the parish website for the applications in the documents, or email John Northenscold at jnorthenscold@yahoo.com to request an application. The deadline to submit your completed application is Friday, April 7.



Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday, March 30th

On Thursday, March 30th we will offer Eucharistic Adoration from 8:30 AM – 7:00 PM. You are invited to come and be with the Lord, and if you can commit to a time, a sign-up sheet will be available in the gathering space. However, reservations are not required, drop in and stay as long as you like. As we continue with our Lenten journey, the Lord encourages us to spend time with him, share your burdens and ask for His grace that forgives and strengthens us. Adoration is a perfect time to do just that!

**“My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness”
2 Corinthians 12:9**

Rice Bowl Collection

Our Rice Bowl journey is nearing an end. There will be a collection basket available next weekend, April 1st and 2nd for the return of rice bowl donation boxes. Donations can also be made online at crsricebowl.org/donate.

Meals on Wheels

St. Ignatius is responsible for **April Meals on Wheels Delivery**. Shifts are Monday thru Friday, beginning at 11:15. Routes take approximately 45 minutes. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Jen Filek at 612-743-9108.

Study Materials Missing

The St. Ignatius Library is missing the study **“Mary: A Biblical Walk With The Blessed Mother” by Edward Sri**. It is a DVD set, and is produced by Ascension Press. If you borrowed this resource please return it to the parish office.

Extreme Faith Camp Fundraiser

Extreme Faith Camp fundraiser beginning this weekend! In the gathering space you will find donation envelopes. If you would like to help send our youth to camp, please return the envelope with the marked amount inside to the collection basket or parish office.

St. Timothy CCW Quilt Bingo— TODAY!

Join the St. Timothy CCW for Quilt Bingo! It will be held at St. Timothy’s Catholic School, 215 Division Street East in Maple Lake, MN today, Sunday March 26, 2023 at 1:00 pm. There will be two special games, raffles, and door prizes!

Central Minnesota Koinonia

The saying goes “when the going gets tough, the tough get going.” Do you know what to do in times of trouble? CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. The next retreat is scheduled for May 5-7, 2023, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

Readings for the week of March 26, 2023

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

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Anna Purcell
Lynnea Stay
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Mary Wittsack
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Nick Mares
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Louise Borstad
Wayne Dearing
Ron Hoffman
Ronda O'Brien
Russ Fortner
James Utecht
Jack Driste

**Prayer requests and Mass intentions
can be made through the Parish Office**

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 25th

5:00 pm † Michael Earley

Sunday, March 26th

8:30 am † Jeanne Roth

10:30 am Parishioners

Monday, March 27th

6:00 pm † Shari Danzeisen

Tuesday, March 28th

8:00 am † Bill Christianson and Herb Rathje

Wednesday, March 29th

8:00 am Parishioners

Thursday, March 30th

8:00 am † Leonard and Joan Kulus

Friday, March 31st

No Daily Mass at St. Ignatius. Mass available at St. Timothy's in Maple Lake (8:00 AM)

Saturday, April 1st

5:00 pm † James, Beatrice, and Jerry Bruns

Sunday, April 2nd

8:30 am Parishioners

10:30 am † Harvey Fraber



Projected weekly giving\$5,890.00
492 parish families

Envelopes.....\$5,430.00
Plate.....\$659.00
Auto Deposits\$1,780.00

Total.....\$7,869.00

Easter Flowers\$435.00
Global Solidarity Sunday\$1,175.75
Extreme Faith Camp.....\$740.00

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Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., 9am-1pm - Wed., 11am to 9 pm

Youth Minister: **Bernie Gauthé** bernie@stignatiusmn.com

Hours: Wed. 2:00 pm– 9:00 pm, Thurs 8:00 am– 12:30 pm

Mass Schedule

Saturday Mass - 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses - 8:30 am and 10:30 am

8:30 Mass is live streamed on the parish Facebook page
and You Tube channel

Daily Mass

Mondays 6:00 pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays

8:00 am (No Daily Mass on Fridays)

Reconciliation

4:30 pm Saturday (one-half hour prior to Saturday
Mass)

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

Last Thursday of the month, 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

Sacraments

Baptisms

Please contact the parish at least two months in advance of the baptism. Baptismal classes are held the 2nd Tuesday of February, May, August, and November. Parents are required to attend this class before the baptism. Baptisms are scheduled through the parish office 274-8828 ext. 100

Marriage

Please contact the pastor at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date.

Homebound Ministry

If you or someone you know would like one of our home visitors to stop by your residence for companionship, prayer, or have communion brought to you, please call or email the parish to make arrangements (contact information above)

Bulletin Deadline

Submit by Tuesdays at noon, any early deadlines will be noted in the bulletin

"Putting Love back in Order"

*Come hear about the **Goodness of Life**, as we listen to **Alyssa Bormes**, a dynamic, nationally-recognized speaker, who uses the gift of storytelling and humor to energize her audience. Socializing and refreshments to follow this captivating event on*

Wednesday, April 19th @ 7 pm at St. Ignatius.

Parishioner, Pat Athman said, *"I have had the opportunity to hear Alyssa Bormes speak a couple times in the last two years. She is an amazing speaker who is engaging and funny all the while teaching and explaining our faith and how to related it to our daily lives. Please don't miss this opportunity to hear her. You will not be disappointed!"*



Stations of The Cross

Wednesday, March 29th @ 6:30 pm

Wednesday, April 5th @ 6:30 pm

Question:

Who invented the Stations of the Cross?

Answer:

The first Stations of the Cross were walked by Jesus himself on the way to Calvary. Known as the "Via Dolorosa" ("The Way of Suffering") or the "Via Crucis" ("The Way of the Cross"), it was marked out from the earliest times and was a traditional walk for pilgrims who came to Jerusalem. The early Christians in Jerusalem would walk the same pathway that Jesus walked, pausing for reflection and prayer. Later, when Christians could not travel to the Holy Land, artistic depictions of "The Way of the Cross" were set up in churches, or outside and Christians would walk from station to station, reading the Gospel account of the Passion, or simply praying and reflecting on each event. While the content or place of each station had changed, the intention was to make a mini-pilgrimage and follow--literally--in the footsteps of Jesus.

This devotion became better known in the Middle Ages, and the Franciscans are credited with its spread. Lent is a time when many people make the Stations and some churches present Passion plays or Living Stations. But anyone can pray the Stations at any time. It is a simple and personal reflection on the passion of Jesus and what it means to us.

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 6: Holy Thursday Mass 7:00 pm

Friday, April 7: Good Friday Service 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 8: Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil 8:00 pm

Sunday, April 9: Easter Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am

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