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Father John Meyer, Pastor
Father Kevin Magner, Parochial Vicar



Please join us Wednesday, May 24, 7:00 pm, at church,
for our Second Annual Living Rosary & Spring Gathering!

Come and enjoy fellowship and refreshments.
We'll pray the rosary together and plant a flower for each Hail Mary. The flowers will be placed in the Marian garden next to the rectory. Don't worry if you aren't sure how to pray the rosary; we will have handouts to follow along with.

Please RSVP so we can plan accordingly
Parish office 274-8828 or Corrine Millner 320-345-1142

Weekly Meditation

You will be my witnesses. (Acts 1:8)

Today's first reading describes the last time the apostles saw the risen Christ. Luke describes the scene in the very first chapter of his Book of Acts, but words alone can't capture the amazement and wonder the apostles must have felt when they saw Jesus "lifted up" into heaven (Acts 1:9). They were blessed indeed to have seen all that Jesus said and did, from the beginning of his ministry up to this dramatic moment.

But along with this privilege came a great responsibility. In his final instructions to his apostles, Jesus said, "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). This was their new purpose in life, the very reason why Jesus had chosen them in the first place. Upon their eyewitness accounts would rest the faith of millions of believers—and the entire Church—through the centuries.

Of course, many other people have followed in the apostles' footsteps by witnessing to Christ. They may not have seen Jesus firsthand, but they have experienced his presence and the power of his Holy Spirit in their lives. In fact, every person who calls himself a believer is also, by default, a witness to Christ.

Do you think of yourself as a witness? If you follow Jesus, you can't help being one. You witness by the values that guide you, by the love you show others, and by your life of prayer. You witness when you share how God is working in your life or how he has forgiven you or answered a prayer.

Jesus' final words at his Ascension weren't just for his apostles; they are for you, too. So how might you witness to Jesus today? Every day presents a new opportunity—one that might just lead another person to a new or deeper love of the Lord.

*"Holy Spirit, open my eyes to the ways I can
witness to you today."*

The Word Among Us - May 2023 Edition

Cemetery Blessing

On Monday, May 29th there will be a special blessing at the St. Ignatius cemetery at 5:00 pm. The cemetery is located at 12201 County Rd 37 NW, Annandale. Mass will follow at 6:00 pm at Church.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 27th @ 5:00 pm

Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer

Altar Servers: Michael & William Millner

Eucharistic Ministers: Greg & Audrey Roth

Greeter: Ann Waldschmidt

Lector: Mary Nowak

Sacristan: Renee Logeais

Ushers: Mike Zuehlke, Ron Mares, Al Jude & Tim Waldschmidt

Sunday, May 28th @ 8:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer

Altar Servers: Caleb Danzeisen & Dayanara Martinez Mejia

Eucharistic Ministers: Larry May & Bren Stepp

Greeter: Jen Holte

Lector: Susan Oie

Live Stream: Pat Athman

Sacristan: Diane Fournier

Ushers: Ric Fournier, Brad Holte, Doug Zachman, & Dan Oliver

Sunday, May 28th @ 10:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer

Alter Servers: Presley Dwenger & Rylan Mackedanz

Eucharistic Ministers: Marie Taylor & Julie Sedey

Greeter: Chad & Jen Filek

Lector: Jessica Chapman

Sacristan: Jerry Polaschek

Ushers: Al Guck, John & Christine West, & Art Dingmann

Looking for an opportunity to be more involved in Mass?

Please prayerfully consider becoming an **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**. You only have to be confirmed and have a deep love of the blessed sacrament. We need Eucharistic Ministers to assist at all masses, so choose the mass that best suites you. Training will be provided. Please call the office if interested and willing to help with this ministry. The rewards are heavenly!

"I have been a Eucharistic Minister at St. Ignatius for several years. We all experience our own personal response to God as we receive the Eucharist - and I also have my own personal response when I distribute the Eucharist. It is an honor to distribute Christ's Body and Blood, and a "high" to watch the face of every parishioner who comes up to receive Christ's Body and Blood."

Peggy Jo Fortner -
Parishioner and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion



Community News

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CCW Scholarship Awards

Congratulations to the 2 winners of our \$750 Spirit of Mary scholarships, **Angela Meuwissen and Kayla Holte!** We are very proud of all of the applicants. It was a difficult decision and every one of them were so faith-filled and impressive. May God bless all the applicants and graduates with love, protection, mercy, strength and wisdom. May you live passionately to honor and glorify Jesus name."

Sister Parish Connection

The Heart to Heart Mission Team of St. Ignatius has developed a wonderful relationship with our Sister Parish, St. Vincent Ferrer, in Pacuan, Philippines. The first trip occurred in 2009 with Fr. Victor and 3 parishioners. Since then, five additional teams have traveled to Pacuan and a team from St. Vincent traveled to Annandale in 2013. The vision/mission is to share, experience, and grow in our Catholic faith with one another. For the next few weeks, we would like to share experiences of those who have traveled.

Breanna Chapman, 2014

"I went to Pacuan after graduating my senior year of high school. At 5' 4" it was so odd being a head and shoulders higher than most of the people there. I recorded 7 people on a two-seater motorcycle, plus bags. We did a living rosary with the people of Pacuan, a memory which I can still see clearly nearly 10 years out, a circle of people from across oceans standing together, candles flickering against the dark night on the mountain. It meant so much to pray with the people of Pacuan and know that prayer is the same everywhere. We also had so much fun and laughter--we taught the teens duck, duck, goose...but neglected to mention you had to run around the circle and, as a result, our first demonstration ended with us trying to catch someone who ran straight away and out of the yard. We attended a 6:30 a.m. wedding ceremony at church--can you imagine anyone in the USA getting married at 6:30 in the morning? Their wedding was so beautiful, and I loved the tradition of going to confession five minutes before saying I do, so that you come into the marriage whole in spirit. To those who are thinking about it--GO. It's a life changing experience. It's a faith deepening experience. It's eye opening and inspiring. If you are waiting for a sign--here it is. Take the leap of faith and let the worldwide church catch you in its beauty and majesty."

Environment Volunteers Needed

Sunday, May 21st -- After 10:30 Mass

Take-Down Easter Environment & Set Up Pentecost Environment

St. Ignatius Prayer Chain

St. Ignatius prayer warriors are here for you! We all know how powerful prayer can be and many have experienced healing, peace, guidance and other answers to their needs through prayer. If you are in need of prayers, we will lift our hearts and our voices in prayer with you. Requests can be made using the contact information below. Prayers for those with long term needs are placed on a special list and prayed for daily. Other requests are prayed according to the desires of those requesting the prayers. You may choose to remain anonymous, God understands!

Julie Petersen 320-274-8828 ext. 100, 320-250-1750, julie@stignatiusmn.com

Knight of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Tootsie Roll Drive TODAY following both Masses. It is a free will donation. Proceeds will benefit Camp Friendship, Friendship Ventures, and The Fall Classic, bowling tournament for the Intellectually challenged.

Thank you for your generous support.

Last chance to take part in the Meat Raffle! The Knights of Columbus will be helping with one more Lions Club Meat Raffle (Saturday 27th) at the Stadium Bar. Proceeds will go to St. Ignatius Extreme Faith Camp.



St. Ignatius Parish Office Hours

Please note the change of the parish office hours:

Mondays 8am-12pm and 1pm- 4pm

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 8:30 am- 3:30 pm

Fridays 8am-12pm and 1pm- 4pm

Early Bulletin Deadline

Submissions for the June 4th bulletin will be due Thursday, May 25 by 9:00 am.

Men's Retreat

Join us for a three-day men's silent retreat at the DeMontreville Jesuit Retreat House in Lake Elmo. The retreat begins Thursday evening July 13, 2023 and ends Sunday evening July 16, 2023. Free-will donations are accepted. For more information call our office at 651-777-1311 or see our website www.demontrevilleretreat.com

Employment opportunities at St. Timothy's School in Maple Lake

We are hiring for the following positions for the 2023-2024 school year: Full-time Second Grade Teacher, and part-time Kitchen Manager. If interested, please contact Mrs. Shelby at principal@stimml.org

Gospel Meditation

Traditionally, the four writers of the Gospels are symbolized by four creatures that make their way into Church art and architecture: Matthew, an angel; Mark, a lion; Luke, an ox; and John, an eagle. These images can be found in churches across the world, a nod to those who recorded the stories of Jesus for us, thousands of years ago.

Today's Gospel was written by John. There are a few reasons why John is symbolized by an eagle, but my favorite explanation is that his writings soar like an eagle into the sky with their beautiful, poetic language. The prayer we hear today is no different — Jesus invokes God in a long discourse that might seem mystifying at times, the same way that a poem can be perplexing to understand when we are unfamiliar with the pacing or format.

Consider holding onto the shortest sentence in this prayer: "I pray for them."

Jesus prays for us. For me. For you.

Let that sink deep into your being.

Jesus is on your side. He is aware of what you are holding at this moment. He is aware of your pain, your faith, your mission. And He's rooting for you. This prayer was recorded thousands of years ago, far before you were born. Since before you were born, you were held in prayer. With that certainty, we live.

— Father John Muir

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Readings for the week of May 21st, 2023

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13)/1 Pt 4:13-16/
Jn 17:1-11a
Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/
Jn 20:19-23



Pray For...

Larry Oberg
Joseph Niznik
Mike Meyer
Anna Purcell
Lynnea Stay
Katelyn Busch
Herman Wittsack
Mary Wittsack
Mary Danielson
Mark Johnson
Paul DeMars
Julie Pelarski
Sally Phenow
Reanna Braun

Lynnae Frappier
Jaden Hanson
Nick Mares
Dan Schultz
Louise Borstad
Wayne Dearing
Ron Hoffman
Ronda O'Brien
Russ Fortner
Peggy Jo Fortner
James Utecht
Jack Driste
Mary Malachuk
Jason Mitchell

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 20th

5:00 pm Paul DeMars

Sunday, May 21st

8:30 am Parishioners

10:30 am Maria Van Lith

Monday, May 22nd

6:00 pm Parishioners

Tuesday, May 23rd

8:00 am Parishioners

Wednesday, May 24th

8:00 am † Margaret Rathje

Thursday, May 25th

8:00 am † James Logeais

Friday, May 26th

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

Saturday, May 27th

5:00 pm † Shari Danzeisen

Sunday, May 28th

8:30 am Parishioners

10:30 am † Harvey Fraber, and

Howard & Margurite Brennan

STEWARDSHIP

Projected weekly giving \$5,890.00
492 parish families

Envelopes..... \$6,091.00

Plate \$594.35

Auto Deposits \$1,445.00

Total..... \$8,130.35



Use the "Online Giving" tab at
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Faith Formation Information

Director: **Anastacia Schnabel** anastacia@stignatiusmn.com

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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 Sat. 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. Parents are required to attend a Baptism class before the Baptism. Baptisms are scheduled through the parish office, and are held following the 10:30 am Mass.

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 is Tuesdays at noon,
any early deadlines will be noted in the bulletin**



Eucharistic Adoration

**Thursday,
May 25
8:30 am
-7:00 pm**



Memorial Day Weekend is right around the corner and wouldn't the quiet and peaceful time of Eucharistic Adoration be a great way to start your holiday weekend? On Thursday, May 25th Eucharistic Adoration will be available between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm. Reservations are not required, drop in and spend as much time as you like. However, if you can commit to a time a sign-up sheet will be available in the gathering space. Take a moment to honor and thank Jesus, who is always with us and watching over us! And, as we honor the U.S. military personnel in the United States Armed Forces, please consider taking time during Eucharistic Adoration to pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom.

**“When he calls to Me, I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble,
I will rescue him and honor him.”
Psalm 91:15**



Calendar of **EVENTS**

Saturday, May 20: KC Meat Raffle Stadium Bar 5:30 pm
Sunday, May 21: The Ascension of The Lord (Observed)
Wednesday, May 24: CCW Living Rosary & Luncheon
Thursday, May 25: Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 am– 7:00 pm
Saturday, May 27: KC Meat Raffle Stadium Bar 5:30 pm
Sunday, May 28: Pentecost Sunday
Donut Sunday following 8:30 and 10:30 Masses
Monday, May 29: Memorial Day
St. Ignatius Cemetery Blessing 5:00 pm

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