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SYNOD UPDATE

The Synod Evangelization Team (SET) has been preparing for the first initiative directed by Archbishop Hebda. The Archbishop feels the church would benefit by having small groups within the parish that address a particular need. The SET will be actively looking for leaders for several new groups that will be formed within our parish by Lent of 2024. If you are approached by a SET member, please prayerfully consider their invitation. We welcome new ideas for small groups so if you have a new group that you would be interested in leading, please contact a SET member (names and contact information can be found on the parish website and bulletin board in the gathering space) or call the office at 320-274-8828. We want and need you to part of the process and of Archbishop Hebda's dream to have all parishioners be part of a small group and get to know Jesus and each other better! Exciting times ahead for St. Ignatius!



Weekly Meditation

... the one who hears the word of the kingdom.
(Matthew 13:19)

What was "the word of the kingdom" that Jesus refers to in today's Gospel passage (Matthew 13:19)? Simply this: "The kingdom of heaven is at hand" (4:17). It's the "word" that Jesus proclaimed when he launched his public ministry. He had come to usher in God's kingdom, and he wanted his disciples—and all of us—to help it expand and grow and bear fruit. So let's look at this familiar parable of the sower and the seed from the perspective of bearing fruit for God's kingdom.

Jesus doesn't want us to be the seed that falls on the path—the people who never really understand the scope of God's call to them. Our faith isn't just a matter of following a set of rules. Jesus invites us to something greater: cooperating with him in making his kingdom a reality wherever we live and work. And if we think we aren't worthy or talented enough, he wants us to recognize that those thoughts are from the evil one!

Jesus also warns us not to become the seed that falls on rocky soil—those who feel overwhelmed by the hardships and sacrifices involved when we say yes to God's call. He knows that we can persevere only when we are rooted in him and focus not just on the difficulties but also the blessings of following him.

Finally, taking up Jesus' call to bear fruit for his kingdom means making it the most important priority in our lives. He doesn't want us to be like the seed among thorns and let other concerns distract us from his own concerns.

Today at Mass, ask yourself, How is Jesus calling me to bear fruit for his kingdom? How will I respond? Remember, you're not on your own! Jesus is with you always, giving you the grace day by day to help you make his heavenly kingdom a reality, right where you are!

"Jesus, help me to understand how I can bear fruit for you."

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 22nd @ 5:00 pm

Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer
Altar Servers: Maddison & Presley Dwenger
Eucharistic Ministers: Greg & Audrey Roth
Greeter: Linda Zimmermann
Lector: Angela Meuwissen
Sacristan: Connie Nelson
Ushers: Cliff Zimmermann, Mike Zuehlke, Al Jude & Loren Frappier

Sunday, July 23rd @ 8:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer
Altar Servers: William & Luke Millner
Eucharistic Ministers: Gail Zachman & Larry May
Greeter: Mary Jo Logeais
Lector: Claire Millner
Live Stream: Pat Athman
Sacristan: Daine Fournier
Ushers: Ric Fournier, Jerry Elsenpeter, Steve Logeais, & Dan Oliver

Sunday, July 23rd @ 10:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer
Altar Servers: Wyatt & Wesson Reich
Eucharistic Ministers: Roger & Karen Millner
Greeter: Heather Ergan
Lector: Jessica Chapman
Sacristan: Jerry Polaschek
Ushers: David Spike, Craig Arends, Jack Purcell & Josh Paumen

Calendar of **EVENTS**

Wednesday, July 26: Youth Event— Cathedral Tour and Twins Game
 Thursday, July 27: Eucharistic Adoration
 8:30 am— 7:00 pm
 Sunday, July 30: Donut Sunday following 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses
 Wednesday, August 2: Youth Event— Valleyfair
 Sunday, August 13: Parish Picnic, Clearwater Pleasant Regional Park 12pm-4pm



Trending on Formed:
 St. Mary Magdalene
 (Feast Day, July 22nd)
 Taylor Kemp sits down

with Dr. Ben Akers and for a discussion on the life and witness of St. Mary Magdalene. They dive into who she was, why she is a saint, and explore her heroic life. Call the Parish Office for information on how to access Formed!

CCW Corner

You are an automatic winner! Every woman belonging to the St. Ignatius Parish is a member of the Council of Catholic Women (CCW). So many homes are now only using cell service and some have changed their internet server/email. Both the CCW and the parish are requesting your updated contact information. How can this be done? It's easy and you have choices:

1. Call the parish office 320 -274-8828
2. Visit the St. Ignatius Parish website at stignatiusmn.com. At the top left go to "Register/Changes" to fill out your updated information, then click send! This information is delivered to the office to make the necessary changes.
3. Fill out a form in the gathering space and return the form to the box provided.

Women's Bible Study

The Wednesday morning women's Bible Study will resume on September 13th at 9:00 am with a social time following 8:00 Mass. We are studying "**Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother**" with Edward Sri. It is an extraordinary pilgrimage that reveals Mary's unique role in God's kingdom and in our lives. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this study will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of her earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. Mary will become a part of your daily life, and in your daily life, you will become more like Christ. One week we watch a DVD and the following week we have a workbook study. The cost is \$26.95, and the anticipated completion date is late December. If you would like to join us, call or text Dianne O'Keefe at 612-703-1329, or call the parish office. Please register by July 24th.



St. Francis Xavier Fall Peach Sale



The Knights of Columbus #6608 and the St. Francis Xavier CCW are having a Fall Peach Sale. The tree ripened peaches are grown by Colorful Sunburst Fruit in Washington, and are sold by the 22# case which is approximately 32 to 44 peaches for \$44.00. They will be arriving in late July or early August, based on their growing season. We will contact you when we know the week of the shipment and when our pickup dates & times will be. Orders must be picked up on one of the two designated pickup dates at the St. Francis Xavier Education Center at 219 19th Street NW, Buffalo, MN. To place an order please visit www.stfxb.org and click on the "Peach Orders" at the top of the page. The deadline to order is Mon, July 17th. If you have any question please call either: Wayne Shamla at 612-889-5370 or Lois Pahl at 612-532-8516.

Central Minnesota Koinonia

We are all called to be fishers of men. Are you using the right bait? 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. Retreats are held at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, MN. The next English weekend will be held September 22-24, 2023, cost of the weekend is \$70.00. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

CATHEDRAL TOUR & TWINS GAME \$20 JUL 26 8-4:30PM MEET @ ST. IGNATIUS	VALLEYFAIR \$45 AUG 2 9:30AM-4:30PM MEET @ ST. TIM'S
EXTREME FAITH CAMP REUNION AUG 9 6:30-9 PM @ ST. TIM'S	BUNKER BEACH & PROGRAM \$25 AUG 23 1-7:30PM MEET @ ST. IGNATIUS

QUESTIONS:
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Personal Reflection Questions

First Reading: The prophet Isaiah assured the Israelites who were exiled in Babylon that God's word is reliable and purposeful. How might you help friends or family trust more in God?

Second Reading: Paul sees creation itself sharing in the redemption and future glory that awaits all believers — "For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God." What do you imagine earth would look like filled with God's glory, absent any "corruption?"

Gospel: Over the next few Sundays, we will be hearing many parables from Jesus. Today's parable of the sower and the seeds speaks to how people react differently to the Good News of the kingdom of heaven. How would you describe your reaction to Jesus's parables of the kingdom?

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Gospel Meditation

It's not uncommon to hear people complain that we Catholics often fail in communicating our faith. Fair enough. We can and should improve there. But it's interesting to notice that Jesus himself was implicitly accused by his disciples of a similar failure. This week in Matthew's gospel they are perplexed that he speaks to the crowds in ambiguous parables. The Lord's riddles leave many people more confused than before. He responds by pointing out that his parables have an intentional dual purpose: to hide (for some) and to reveal (for others) his Gospel: "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted" (Matthew 13:11). Is Jesus being unnecessarily difficult, obscurantist, or, worse, elitist?

No. We have to remember that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge lie hidden in him (c.f., Col. 2:3). He is the word of God from heaven to be planted in the earth of our humanity to bear great fruit. However, like a lover delicately pursuing his beloved, we're dealing with a relationship, not new data. When we aren't willing to personally accept Jesus into our lives, the "info" of the Gospel will simply not make sense to us. It'll seem bizarre, esoteric, or like incoherent religious-speak. But when we are willing to accept Jesus into our lives, everything else starts to make sense. When others don't understand the Church or the Lord, let's be patient. Love is patient. Sometimes it has to hide before it is revealed.

— Father John Muir

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REMEMBER
in your prayers

Larry Oberg	Jaden Hanson
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Mike Meyer	Dan Schultz
Anna Purcell	Louise Borstad
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Katelyn Busch	Ron Hoffman
Herman Wittsack	Ronda O'Brien
Mary Wittsack	Russ Fortner
Mary Danielson	James Utecht
Mark Johnson	Mary Malachuk
Paul DeMars	Jason Mitchell
Julie Pelarski	Deb Cole
Sally Phenow	John Holker
Reanna Braun	Marlene Niewind
Lynnae Frappier	



Saturday, July 15th

5:00 pm † Gordon Diethert

Sunday, July 16th

8:30 am † James, Beatrice & Jerry Bruns

10:30 am Parishioners

Monday, July 17th

6:00 pm † Deceased Members of the Bronder Family

Tuesday, July 18th

8:00 am † William P. and Jeanne Roth

Wednesday, July 19th

8:00 am Parishioners

Thursday, July 20th

8:00 am Parishioners

Friday, July 21st

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

Saturday, July 22nd

5:00 pm Paul DeMars

Sunday, July 23rd

8:30 am Parishioners

10:30 am † Dick West

Parish Support

Projected weekly giving \$5,890.00
492 parish families

July 1/2
Envelopes \$5,128.50
Plate \$1,096.50
Auto Deposits \$1,140.00
Total \$7,365.00

July 8/9
Envelopes \$4,846.00
Plate \$795.00
Auto Deposits \$2,735.00
Total \$8,376.00



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Parish Pastoral Council

Council member information and meeting minutes are available on our website or by requesting a copy from the parish office. On the website, use the “Ministries” menu at the top of the page, and then select “Pastoral Council” on the drop down menu.

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 prior to 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.

**Bulletin submission deadline is Tuesdays at noon,
unless an early deadline notice is posted**



**Please join us Sunday, August 13th from noon-4pm
at Clearwater-Pleasant Regional Park for our 2nd
annual parish picnic!**

Lunch will be provided from noon-1:30pm and will include a hamburger picnic meal. Water/lemonade will be available or you can bring your own beverages.

Bean Bag Tournament at 1:30pm and open swimming, parental supervision required (lifeguard not on duty). Additional fun activities and games will be available.

A shuttle will be provided from the parking lot to the pavilion.

Reservations are not necessary but helpful for planning. Sign-up sheets will be available in the parish gathering space starting July 22nd. To sign-up online go to our website at www.stignatiusmn.com or scan the QR code below.

Mark your calendars for this fun filled afternoon!

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