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Father John Meyer, Pastor  
Father Kevin Magner, Parochial Vicar

### Message from Father Meyer

Hello Everyone,

I hope you're doing well and enjoying the last days of August. I wanted to write to say how wonderful it was to see so many of you at the parish picnic a few weeks ago. We served nearly 200 people and it was a wonderful time to spend together as a parish family. I was happy to see people of all ages there, and it was a great time to be together. As you may recall, this event largely came from the Synod process as we seek more ways to grow together as a parish family. I'm grateful to the Synod team for their initiative and their work on this event, and I'm grateful to the parish council for their help and work. Thanks to their volunteering and work, it was a chance to come together and just have fun without needing to volunteer or pay anything. I want to offer a special word of gratitude to Margie Schumacher, member of the parish council, for chairing the event. Everything went without a hitch and seamlessly. Thank you to all of our volunteers and thank you all for coming and spending a great afternoon together.

There are other exciting things happening as well at Saint Ignatius, as we'll soon begin a leadership training for small groups here at Saint Ignatius. You'll hear more about them, but they are another way to grow together as a parish family and walk together in faith. Thank you again to our Synod team and all of you for all that you are doing. God bless you.

Father Meyer

### Weekly Meditation

*But who do you say that I am? (Matthew 16:15)*

Jesus didn't pull any punches with his disciples, did he? Yes, he wanted them to tell him what the crowds were saying about him. But he wasn't just interested in the "word on the street." The most important question that Jesus asked his disciples—the question that made all the difference—was a more personal one: "Who do *you* say that I am?" (Matthew 16:15, emphasis added).

It's the question that makes all the difference for you, too. Because being able to explain what other people say about Jesus doesn't really change your life. As you think about who Jesus is, you might hear the echoes of your mother or grandfather telling you that Jesus is the Son of God. You might hear friends or coworkers say that he's a healer or great moral leader. You might hear a teacher or catechist tell you that he is the Messiah. You might hear your parish priest say that he is the Lord of heaven and earth.

But what about *you*? After all that input from other people, after your own life experiences, who do you say that Jesus is? Find some time today to take this question into your time of prayer. Ask your heavenly Father for the grace—the same grace he gave to Simon Peter in today's Gospel—to reveal Jesus to you more deeply and to convince you more powerfully that he is *your* Messiah and Savior.

Then tell Jesus who you say that he is. If you felt his presence during a troubled time, praise him for being your best friend and guide. If you experienced the relief and joy of forgiveness, thank him for being your Redeemer and merciful Savior. If you catch a glimpse of his glory at the Father's right hand, worship him for being the Lord of history, the Son of God.

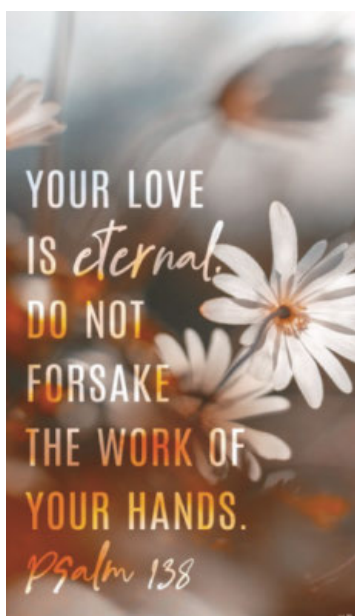
Who we say that Jesus is changes everything. So who is he to you?

*"Jesus, you are the Messiah, the Son of the living God!"*

The Word Among Us - August 2023 Edition

### Heart to Heart Mission Team Scholarship Program

St. Ignatius Heart to Heart Mission Team, with the help of our parishioners, would like to continue to support the education scholarship program for our sister parish, St. Vincent Ferrer Quasi Parish in Pacuan, Philippines, for the upcoming 2023/24 school year. \$125 supports one student for the full year to cover the cost of uniforms, books, supplies, and room/board. Team members will be available in the gathering space this weekend to answer any questions and to collect scholarship donations. Please prayerfully consider supporting the future of a student! Any contribution, big or small is appreciated.



# WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

## Saturday, September 2nd @ 5:00 pm

**Celebrant:** Fr. John Meyer  
**Altar Servers:** Maddison & Presley Dwenger  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Marie Taylor & Jeff Burkhardt  
**Greeter:** Linda Zimmermann  
**Lector:** Greg Roth  
**Sacristan:** Patrick Meuwissen  
**Ushers:** Cliff Zimmermann, Mark Logeais, Ron Mares & Al Jude

## Sunday, September 3rd @ 8:30 am

**Celebrant:** Fr. John Meyer  
**Altar Servers:** Luke & William Millner  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Gail Zachman & Ric Fournier  
**Greeter:** Mari Arfsten  
**Lector:** Claire Millner  
**Live Stream:** Tom Gay  
**Sacristan:** Tom Gay  
**Ushers:** Jerry Elsenpeter, Dennis Arfsten, Doug Zachman & Dan Oliver

## Sunday, September 3rd @ 10:30 am

**Celebrant:** Fr. John Meyer  
**Altar Servers:** Wyatt Reich & Rylin Mackedanz  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kathy Schultz & Shelly Naaktgeboren  
**Greeter:** Shelly Naaktgeboren  
**Lector:** Jessica Chapman  
**Sacristan:** Jerry Polaschek  
**Ushers:** David Spike, Josh Paumen, Jack Purcell & Art Dingmann

## Calendar of EVENTS

Sat & Sun, Aug 26-27: Heart to Heart Mission Team available in the gathering space  
 Sunday, August 27: Donut Sunday following 8:30 am & 10:30 am Masses  
 Thursday, August 31: Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 am – 7:00 pm  
 Tuesday, September 5: Mass @ Care Center 10:30 am  
 Monday, September 11: Usher Training 6:30 pm Gathering Space  
 Tuesday, September 12: Cemetery Meeting 6:30 pm Gathering Space

For detailed information on Youth Events please send an email to [bernie@stignatiusmn.com](mailto:bernie@stignatiusmn.com)

## CCW Corner

The Council of Catholic Women (CCW) will participate once again in the **Appalachia Christmas and Papal Footprints (Shoe Box) Missions** for two parishes in Kentucky, now through October 15th. Boxes for donations (NEW ITEMS ONLY) will soon be set out in the Gathering Space. These parishes have been greatly affected by flooding! They have respectfully requested more gifts for older teens, jackets for kids of all ages, diapers, and gifts for elderly. Cash donations are always greatly appreciated. Please make your check payable to CCW, and we will split the donations between the two parishes. More information will be included in upcoming Sunday bulletins as well. Thank you for your generous participation!

The Christ Child Luncheon will be held **Friday, December 1st**, please **save the date!** There is still one volunteer position available for dining room supervision. If you are interested or have questions, call Pam at 320-274-8074

Next CCW meeting: Thursday, Oct., 5 at 6:30.

## Eucharistic Adoration Thursday, August 31st

Wildfires, hurricanes, wars, hatred, misinformation, hunger, the list goes on and on. It seems there are so many people in need, both physically and spiritually, wouldn't the quiet and peaceful time of Eucharistic Adoration be an ideal time to pray to the Lord and ask him for his help? On Thursday, August 31st Eucharistic Adoration will be available between the hours of 8:30AM and 7:00 PM. Reservations are not required, drop in and spend as much time as you like. However, if you are able to commit to a time a sign-up sheet will be available in the gathering space. This will ensure that someone is always present with the Holy Eucharist. Please consider joining us in this time of need!

**"For the Lord your God will be with you.  
 He will neither fail you nor forsake you."  
 Deuteronomy 31:6**

## St. Ignatius Faith Formation

Faith Formation for the 2023-2024 school year will be starting October 4th. Registration will be available online soon. We are looking for volunteers to help with our after school and evening program. No experience necessary, all training and materials will be provided. Your prayerful consideration in sharing our faith with the youth is appreciated. If interested or would like more information, please contact Faith Formation Director, Anastacia.

## September Meals on Wheels

St. Ignatius will be scheduling Meals on Wheels volunteers for the month of September for Senior Dining! To volunteer please use Sign Up Genius (available on the church website under the "events/news/links" tab and our Facebook page). See Julie in the office or call Jennifer with any questions @ 612-743-9108. Meals on Wheels through Catholic Charities has a new policy, drivers and deliverers must complete a background check. Please see the designated board in the gathering space or stop into the office to pick up the form. Completed forms may be returned to the parish office or returned on your first scheduled date to Senior Dining. Thank you for helping us support our homebound with delicious meals!





Help us welcome new members and visitors by joining us for donuts and fellowship **today** following 8:30 and 10:30 am Masses!

Sponsored by the *Synod Evangelization Team* (SET)

### Cemetery Meeting

The Fall Cemetery Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12 at 6:30 pm. This meeting is open to all parishioners and we always welcome new members to our team. Please come to our meeting to hear about maintenance, sales, updates and to ask any questions you may have.

### Fall Retreats:

The Curatio Fall Retreat is **Sept 22-24** at **Christ the King Retreat Center**, 621 First Ave. S., Buffalo. Theme: Love and Sacrifice: The Meaning of Suffering in Christ. Enjoy a spirit-filled weekend, daily Mass, five reflections, adoration, spiritual direction and more! Retreat Master: Fr. James Dominic Brent, Dominican. For more info or to register visit [www.curatioapostlate.com/2023/05/fall-2023](http://www.curatioapostlate.com/2023/05/fall-2023).

There is a 3 day men's silent retreat at the **DeMontreville Jesuit Retreat House** in Lake Elmo, MN **Sept. 14-17**. Free-will donations are accepted. Other retreat dates are also available. For more information call our office at 651-777-1311 or see our website [www.demontrevilleretreat.com](http://www.demontrevilleretreat.com)

**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 weekend will be held **Sept 22-24**, cost of the weekend is \$70.00. Go to [www.centralmnkoinonia.org](http://www.centralmnkoinonia.org) for more info and to register.

### Personal Reflection Questions

**First Reading:** The Lord condemns Shebna (the master of King Hezekiah's palace) for ignoring Isaiah's prophetic warning and gives to Eliakim the authority and honor that belonged to Shebna. What helps you stay focused on following God's commandments?

**Second Reading:** Paul celebrates the wisdom and knowledge — the mystery — of God. If you could ask God one question, what would it be?

**Gospel:** In Peter confessing Jesus as "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," Jesus gives him the authority to hold the keys to the kingdom of heaven. How do you use authority in your life?

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### Gospel Meditation

Isn't it a bit weird that Catholics call the Pope "papa," father? This Sunday provides us with essential Scriptural background on the papacy, the petrine office. Jesus gives Peter the "keys to the kingdom of heaven," after witnessing to the special grace Peter has to know Jesus' true identity. Many have pointed out that the "keys" refer back to the figure of Eliakim, King David's prime minister. True enough. But notice this is not mere authority or power. It's a family relationship. The Lord says to Eliakim, "He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem" (Isaiah 22:21). David's prime minister was a spiritual father to the family of Israel. Peter, and his successors, will be spiritual fathers in the family of the Church.

This means we have a serious obligation to not only recognize the Pope's authority, but also to love him with the affection of children for their papa. We should never speak about him with disrespect or rancor. We should listen to him with trusting hearts, and ignore the slander thrown at him in various media. When we show the world we are loving and obedient to our Holy Papa, perhaps they'll see more clearly that the Church is indeed God's beloved family.

— Father John Muir

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**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

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Paul DeMars  
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Russ Fortner  
James Utecht  
Mary Malachuk  
Jason Mitchell  
Deb Cole  
John Holker  
Marlene Niewind  
Leon Zachman



**Saturday, August 26th**

5:00 pm † Lee Menke

**Sunday, August 27th**

8:30 am † Shari Danzeisen

10:30 am Parishioners

**Monday, August 28th**

6:00 pm † Robert Bruns

**Tuesday, August 29th**

8:00 am Parishioners

**Wednesday, August 30th**

8:00 am Parishioners

**Thursday, August 31st**

8:00 am Parishioners

**Friday, September 1st**

No Daily Mass at St. Ignatius

8:00 am Mass available at St. Timothy's

**Saturday, September 2nd**

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

**Sunday, September 3rd**

8:30 am † Marilyn & Jack Driste

10:30 am Parishioners



Projected weekly giving.....\$5,890.00  
492 parish families

Envelopes .....\$3,435.00

Plate .....\$1,360.00

Auto Deposits.....\$1,325.63

**Total .....\$6,120.63**

Sister Parish Scholarship..... \$250.00







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## Office hours:

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

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

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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:**

**Submissions for Sept 10th bulletin are due by Aug 31st**

## 2nd annual Parish Picnic

Thank you to all who were able to join us for our Parish Picnic! The weather held out for a fun-filled afternoon. We enjoyed delicious food, fellowship, and a great bean bag tournament. Great job to all the volunteers and committee members that made this day possible.



### Bean Bag Tournament Champions:

First Place- Ryan & Cam  
Second Place- Dustin & Susie  
Third Place- Father Meyer/  
Jacob and Kris (not pictured)



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