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Father John Meyer, Pastor
Father Kevin Magner, Parochial Vicar



A Message from Father Meyer

Hello Everyone,

I hope that you are doing well. Included in this communication, you will find the latest financial report from the past fiscal year, 2022-2023. I wanted to express my gratitude to all of you for your generosity and support of our parish. Thank you for your sacrifices and support.

Your generosity allows the parish to fulfill our mission. Thanks to your support last year, we were able to continue to support youth ministry and faith formation, start a new program with proven success for confirmation, sponsor different talks for adult faith formation, add an irrigation system to the church grounds, and so much more.

We continue to seek to respond to some of your feedback from the listening sessions for the Synod and are excited at the upcoming launch of various small groups in our parish at Saint Ignatius. We would like to continue to see how we can keep that fire of faith burning strong and brightly at Saint Ignatius, especially helping to pass that faith onto our young people.

Thank you again for your support.

Fr John Meyer

Weekly Meditation

A man had two sons. (Matthew 21:28)

It wasn't an unusual beginning for a story. In Jesus' time, rabbis often used stories with two sons who respond to their father—and by extension, to God—in two different ways. So when Jesus told the chief priests and elders this parable, it didn't seem so different. Here, a father tells his sons to go work in his vineyard and gets two different answers. But ironically, despite their different responses, each son teaches us something similar about the free will that God has given us.

The first son, who immediately said no to his father but afterwards went to work, teaches us that it's always possible to change our minds and hearts. This son's "no" wasn't the final answer for him; he thought better of his initial response and went on to do his father's will.

The second son, who immediately said yes but did not do what his father wanted, *also* teaches us that it's always possible to change our minds and hearts. This son's yes sounded like an obedient response to his father, but in the end, something made him change his mind and turn that "yes" to a "no."

Jesus' parable tells us that changing your mind can work both ways. That's the blessing of free will that Ezekiel also describes in today's first reading. Imagine! God loves us so much that he gives us this freedom, even when it might mean—like that second son—that we turn away from him. But Ezekiel assures the Israelites of God's promise: when someone turns from wickedness and toward the Lord, they will receive mercy (Ezekiel 18:27-28). And that can happen no matter how long ago we have turned away from the Lord.

So take heart! It's never too late to use your free will as God intended. If there's a way that you've turned from the Lord, be like the first son in Jesus' parable and return to him with all your heart.

"Father, I choose to do your will today."

The Word Among Us - October 2023 Edition

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 7th @ 5:00 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Magner

Altar Servers: Luke & Alex Millner

Eucharistic Ministers: Bonnie Hoglund & Jeff Burkhardt

Greeter: Ann Waldschmidt

Lector: Mary Nowak

Sacristan: Mark Logeais

Ushers: Al Jude, Tim Waldschmidt, Ron Mares & Cliff Zimmermann

Sunday, October 8th @ 8:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Magner

Altar Servers: Caleb Danzeisen & Celia Erickson

Eucharistic Ministers: Larry May & Bren Stepp

Greeter: Jen Holte

Lector: Jackie Steinhoff

Live Stream: Brent Danzeisen

Sacristan: Renee Logeais

Ushers: Joe Martin, Bill Healy, Joe O'Donnell & Brad Holte

Sunday, October 8th @ 10:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Magner

Altar Servers: Wesson & Wyatt Reich

Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Millner & Roy Martin

Greeter: Gerald Dock

Lector: Jessica Chapman

Sacristan: Shelly Naaktgeboren

Ushers: Traci Arends, Craig Arends, David Spike & Al Guck



CCW Corner

Holiday Sale: Thank you to all who donated and came to the All Holiday Sale. There were many beautiful items. Thank you for your generosity. Also thank you to those that worked a shift, helped box the unsold items and the drivers who hauled away the boxes.

Appalachia Christmas and Papal Footprints (Shoe Box) Missions: This mission is for 2 parishes in Kentucky. 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. Boxes for donations are in the Gathering Space now through October 15th. Please remember we can only accept new items. Thank you for your generous participation!

Next CCW meeting: Thursday, Oct., 5 at 6:30 pm in the gathering space

Kitchen Clean-Up Day Correction: The yearly kitchen clean-up will be **Thursday, Nov. 2 at 9:00.** Please mark your calendars for a fun morning! Call Pam at 274-8074 if you are able to help or just bop in!

St. Ignatius Faith Formation

Faith Formation for the 2023-2024 school year will be starting October 4th. Registration is still open! Please visit our website under the "Faith Formation" tab for more information and to register.

We are still looking for volunteers to assist with our after school and evening programs. We are in need of a **2nd grade catechist and 2 male middle school catechists**. There is no experience necessary, and all training and materials will be provided. Your prayerful consideration in sharing our faith with the youth is appreciated. If interested or if you would like more information, please contact Faith Formation Director, Anastacia at anastacia@stignatiusmn.com or 274-8828 ext. 105.

Rosary Rally

On Saturday, October 14th, thousands of Catholics across the United States will join in the Public Rosary Rally sponsored by America Needs Fatima. America Needs Fatima (ANF) is a special campaign to spread the message of Fatima in the United States, and the goal is to win the heart and soul of America for Mary by spreading Our Lady's Fatima message and promoting devotion to Her Immaculate Heart. As in the past 2 years, you are invited to gather in the **St. Ignatius church parking lot Saturday, October 14th at 12:00 pm** to pray the Rosary. When the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to the three children in Fatima, she asked them to pray the Rosary daily for the conversion of sinners. Please join us!



Marathon Pledges

Students and families from St. Timothy School in Maple Lake will be in the gathering space following all weekend Masses (Sept 30 and Oct 1) to collect donations for the annual school marathon. The marathon will be held Saturday, October 14th. For information or to donate online please visit: <https://one.bidpal.net/sttimothyschoolmarathon2023/welcome>



**ST. TIMOTHY'S
SCHOOL**

Holy Spirit Academy's Harvest Banquet- Please Join Us!

Holy Spirit Academy invites you to our Annual Harvest Banquet on Saturday, October 28th, 2023 at the Church of St. Michael in St. Michael, MN. Bishop Michael Izen is our keynote speaker which we are very excited about! Enjoy an evening of fellowship, a great speaker, live & silent auction, dancing, and great food! Tickets can be purchased online at www.holyspiritacademy.org through October 15th, 2023. Please join us to support our local Catholic High School!



Trip of a lifetime! Have you ever dreamed of traveling to the Holy Land, Rome, or some other amazing Catholic pilgrimage site? If so, purchase a raffle ticket for a TRIP OF A LIFETIME Pilgrimage for 2 (valued up to \$10,000)! Limited number of tickets are available. Cash prizes will also be awarded. If you are interested in buying a raffle ticket for \$50, please contact an Holy Spirit Academy family or email kbuboltz@holyspiritacademy.org. All proceeds benefit Holy Spirit Academy!

Personal Reflection Questions 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: The prophet Ezekiel teaches that all people (the just and the wicked) are capable of doing evil as well as repenting. What do you think motivates anyone to repent?

Second Reading: Paul encourages the believers in Philippi to have the same attitude of humility as Jesus. Is humility one of your strengths?

Gospel: Jesus criticizes the religious leaders of Jerusalem for lacking self-reflection. How often do you examine your own behavior and choices? ©LPi

Gospel Meditation

A life-long Catholic friend of mine recently mumbled to me, “I can’t stand all these converts to the faith. They’re always rocking the boat.” It surprised me because he is dedicated to evangelization, and yet he struggles with openness to new Catholics. It made me realize how easily I close my heart to those whom I perceive to be outsiders who become new members of the Catholic community. Almost unconsciously I reduce the world to the categories of “us” and “them.” The result is that meaningful community silently shrinks in my life. Don’t we all do that to some degree?

This week Jesus’ punchy parable about the two sons blows up that black and white world. One son said he wouldn’t get to work, and then did. The other said he would, and then he did not. “Which did the will of his father?” asks the Lord. Like so many of us, in identifying the first as the answer, the religious authorities manifest hidden hypocrisy in refusing to follow Jesus. They — like us — intuit the correct path but simply won’t do it. The tax collectors and prostitutes are indeed following Jesus and thereby getting to work in the kingdom of God. Everyone is called to do God’s will regardless of the labels we may apply to them.

This week let’s reject the convenient but damaging categories of “insiders” and “outsiders.” Instead, let’s embrace a grateful attitude that Jesus is calling fallen, weak, and broken men and women like you and me. Then we begin to see that the tax collectors and prostitutes aren’t them. They are us. And Jesus wants all of us working in his boat, no matter the rocking.

— Father John Muir

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REMEMBER
in your prayers

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| Larry Oberg | Jaden Hanson |
| Joseph Niznik | Nick Mares |
| Mike Meyer | Wayne Dearing |
| Larry Purcell | Ronda O’Brien |
| Lynnea Stay | Russ Fortner |
| Katelyn Busch | James Utecht |
| Herman Wittsack | Mary Malachuk |
| Mary Wittsack | Jason Mitchell |
| Mary Danielson | Deb Cole |
| Mark Johnson | John Holker |
| Paul DeMars | Marlene Niewind |
| Julie Pelarski | Karen Sommers |
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| Reanna Braun | Mike Nelson |
| Lynnae Frappier | Monsignor Callaghan |
| Dan Schultz | Janet Aretz |
| Louise Borstad | Leon Zachman |



Saturday, September 30th

5:00 pm † Robert Bruns

Sunday, October 1st

8:30 am † Bill Christianson

10:30 am Parishioners

Monday, October 2nd

6:00 pm † Donna Schumann

Tuesday, October 3rd

8:00 am Parishioners

Wednesday, October 4th

8:00 am Faith Formation Families

Thursday, October 5th

8:00 am Parishioners

Friday, October 6th

No Daily Mass at St. Ignatius

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

Saturday, October 7th

5:00 pm † Ervin Schreifels

Sunday, October 8th

8:30 am † Marilyn & Jack Driste

10:30 am Parishioners



PARISH SUPPORT

Projected weekly giving\$5,890.00
492 parish families

Envelopes\$2,770.00

Plate\$650.00

Auto Deposits\$1,325.00

Total\$4,745.00

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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 6:00pm

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays 8:00am

(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.



RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is open to anyone who would like to formally become Catholic, would like a “refresher” on their Faith or would like to come share in small group discussion about Catholic teachings presented by Bishop Robert Barron (via video!). Please contact the St. Ignatius Parish office at (320) 274-8828 or parishoffice@stignatiusmn.com for more information. We will be meeting from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Tuesday nights, at St. Timothy's Catholic School, Maple Lake beginning October 17, 2023 through Easter Sunday, 2024 (March 31). All are welcome!

"You show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy"
Psalm 16:11



MaryJo Margaret Neumann and
Melvin Henry Neumann,
Daughter and son of Patrick and Jaclyn Neumann,
received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on
Sunday, September, 24th.
Welcome into the One Holy Catholic Church,
MaryJo and Melvin !

Calendar of EVENTS

Tuesday, Oct 3: Synod Small Group
Leadership Training 6:30 pm
Wednesday, Oct 4: Faith Formation Begins
Thursday, Oct 5: CCW Meeting 6:30 pm
Gathering Space
Tuesday, Oct 10: Synod Small Group
Leadership Training 6:30 pm
Saturday, Oct 14: Public Rosary Rally, Church Parking
Lot 12:00 pm
Sunday, Oct 15: Deadline for Appalachia Christmas and
Papal Footprints (Shoe Box) Mission Donations
Tuesday, Oct 17: RCIA begins & Synod Small Group
Leadership Training 6:30 pm
Wednesday, Oct 18: NET Retreat 6th-8th grade
Tuesday, Oct 24: Synod Small Group
Leadership Training 6:30 pm
Thursday, Oct 26: Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 am - 7pm
Sunday, Oct 29: Donut Sunday
Wednesday, Nov 1: All Saints Day
Thursday, Nov 2: CCW Annual Kitchen Clean-up Day
9:00 am

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