

From the Pastor: Preparation for Holy Communion

by Fr. Joseph Evinger

In this series on the Mass we have now arrived at the time for Holy Communion. This week I will speak on preparing oneself to receive our Lord more worthily.

Preparation for Holy Communion begins long before receiving Holy Communion. The moment to begin this process is in fact the present moment. Now. Already now we are to prepare our hearts, souls and bodies for communion with God through prayer, scripture and devotions and by refraining from sin. On this earth the closest place to heaven is the Mass. The way to prepare for both the Mass and heaven is to know Jesus and to love Him more than anything or anyone else. We are to do this already now before we arrive at either the Mass or heaven.

Going to confession frequently and arriving to Mass early can also increase good preparation. The grace of confession heals our hearts, minds, and bodies making us more receptive to God's formation. Arriving early to Mass lends us time to address the distractions of life. We are able, and even encouraged, to bring these distractions with us to church and thus into God's presence that He may enter into these areas of our life in a fuller way.

Being attentive to the flow of Mass naturally allows us to prepare well also. The penitential rite allows our venial sins to be washed away. The scriptures, which are God's word to us, bring health to the soul and body and guidance in day-to-day living. The consecration of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus reminds us that the Holy Spirit can also transform our ordinary lives into something supernatural.

It must also be mentioned that if we are aware of committing any grave sins we are not to approach Holy Communion unless we have first repented and gone to the Sacrament of Confession.

Finally as we walk down the aisle to receive God, let us allow our hearts to weep with joy knowing that our good, good King has chosen to become our closest friend.

God's Share: Thank you to all who have returned envelopes for the 2020 God's Share Appeal. Your prayers for the success of the God's Share Appeal and the ministries it supports are still needed, as are pledges and gifts. Each gift is important to the mission of the diocese; it takes many people to form the Body of Christ. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please return a pledge envelope with your response today. Our parish goal is 100% participation. Together with your support we can accomplish many beautiful works of faith, hope and charity.



*St. Joseph's Church - Twin Buttes
St. Paul's Church - Halliday*



St. Joseph's Church - Killdeer

September 20, 2020



Welcome to all Newcomers

If you would like to know more about any of our parishes feel free to check us out at stjosephkilldeer.com to obtain additional information. We are glad you are here!

Clergy and Staff:

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, September 21 – St. Matthew the Apostle

Mass (Killdeer) +Lacy Oylo by Lonnie Jambor 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, September 22

Mass (Killdeer) +Anton S. & Emma Kostelecky by Adolph & Dorothy Kostelecky Family 7:30 AM

WEDNESDAY, September 23

Mass (Killdeer) +Dick Jambor by Kim & Ann Knutson 7:30 AM

THURSDAY, September 24

Mass (Killdeer) Godchildren of Mary & Bob Wheeling 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration (Killdeer) 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

FRIDAY, September 25

Mass (Killdeer) +Ed Boger by Deacon Dan & Nancy Tuhy 7:30 AM

SATURDAY, September 26

Confessions (Killdeer) 4:30 – 5:15 PM

Mass (Killdeer) +Martha Kadrmas by Adolph & Dorothy Kostelcky Family 5:30 PM

SUNDAY, September 27

Confessions (Halliday) 7:30 - 7:50 AM

Mass (Halliday) +Diane Duttonhefer by Eugene Duttonhefer 8:00 AM

Confessions (Killdeer) 10:00 - 10:15 AM

Mass (Killdeer) Parishioners of St. Joseph's Parishes and St. Paul's 10:30 AM

Mass (Twin Buttes)..... +Janet Gornick by Family 2:00 PM Central

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Week of September 7 – September 13, 2020

St. Joseph's, Killdeer.....	\$3510.52
St. Paul's, Halliday	\$605.00
St. Joseph's, Twin Buttes	\$267.00

Online Giving: All three of our parishes are now set up and accepting donations through online giving. Visit our website at stjosephkilldeer.com and click on Online Giving. If you have any questions, contact Fr. Joseph or Nancy Tuhy for help. Thank you for your generosity.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Holy Father's Intention: We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Living: Jeff Kilzer, Carolyn Klopp, Marvin Schmidt, Taylin Gessele, Mary Ann Antone, John Pacht

Deceased: James Cody Mossett, Dona Lowman

Holy Land Collection: This weekend, September 19-20, there will be a special second collection for the Holy Land. In years past this collection took place on Good Friday but had to be rescheduled due to Covid-19. Christians in the Holy Land rely heavily on our help. It is with funds from this collection that the Franciscans provide presence, care and service to the people who are living in the Holy Land. You can make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters who live and work where Jesus walked on this earth. Please be generous!

40 Days for Life Rosary: Killdeer LIFE Runners is looking for 40 volunteers to pray a rosary on the day of their choice during the 40 Days for Life September 23 – Nov. 1. Help save lives by praying the rosary for the close of the abortion clinic in Fargo. Sign up to say the rosary on the day of your choice by going online to <https://www.signupgenius.com/finda/signup>

Type kelly.fritel@gmail.com in the search bar, click on 40 Days for Life Rosary and sign up for a day.

You can also contact Mary Wheeling, Darci Schettler, or Kelly Fritel to sign up.

Reminder to all three parishes: Please follow safety guidelines for Covid-19 by refraining from gathering indoors for visiting before or after Mass. Thank you.

Message from Sister Anne Dukart and the Apostolic Sisters of St. John:

We, the Apostolic Sisters of St. John are in the midst of planning to construct a new convent here in Princeville, Illinois to replace the current hunter's cabin we now call home. Plans for this new facility will allow our sisters to accept many more young women who wish to join us in our mission of service and prayer. Projected cost of the project is \$1.5 million, and approximately half of that has already been raised. The event mentioned below is one way we hope to close the gap and make the new convent a reality. Here's info about a free concert event and how you can help.

You are invited to join us on **Sunday, September 20 at 6:00 pm mT/7:00pm CT** for a concert to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the birth of Ludwig van Beethoven. Titled "Music & Faith: Beethoven and the Apostolic Sisters of St. John", this very special event explores the connections between Beethoven's life and struggles, music and spiritual searching and his Catholic faith, and the Sisters' struggle for contemporary living quarters. There is no charge to view the concert, just sign on to the [Apostolic Sisters of Saint John Facebook page](#) and follow the links to the concert. If you can't join us for the live premiere of this special event, we will leave the concert posted so you can log in at your convenience. If you'd like to make a contribution to the building fund outside the concert you may do so online at www.apostolicsistersofsaintjohn.com or by mail to Apostolic Sisters of St. John, 10809 W. Legion Hall Road, Princeville IL 61559. May God bless you abundantly now and always. Please know that you are in our daily prayers.