

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

We remember in our prayers Edmond Bresh, Wendell Barry, Helen Reynolds, Helen Popp, Irene Smith, Florence Rasmussen, Robin Lupinski, Judy DiLorenzo, Yvonne Walsh, Tom Milos, and Georgine Keeler.

## NEWS

Regarding our policy for mask wearing in church, if you are not fully vaccinated then you must wear a mask while inside the building. If you are fully vaccinated, we encourage you to continue wearing a mask while inside the building. It is important to be mindful of safe social distancing. If you are coming forward to receive Communion, please allow time for the person ahead of you to step away after receiving before coming forward.

The annual gathering at the Cathedral of the Pines is scheduled for Sunday, July 11, 2021, at 3:30pm. Please let me know if you are planning to attend by Sunday, June 13. Also, please indicate if you will be attending the meal after the service. The cost of the meal is estimated to be about \$30 per individual. Thank you.

## A SURVEY OF THE BIBLE – FIRST LETTER OF JOHN

The purpose of the letter is to combat certain false ideas, especially about Jesus, and to deepen the spiritual and social awareness of the Christian community. Some former members of the community refused to acknowledge Jesus as the Christ and denied that he was a true man. This letter declares the humanity and divinity of Christ as an apostolic teaching, and the connection between Christian moral conduct and Christian doctrine

The principal divisions of the First Letter of John are: The Prologue (1:1-4); God as Light (1:5-3:10); Love for One Another (3:11-5:12); Epilogue (5:13-21).

## NOTEABLE SAINTS OF THE WEEK

**Norbert, Bishop. (d. 1134).** St. Norbert was born in the duchy of Cleves around the year 1080. A canon of the church of Xanten, he was converted from a worldly life and, embracing the religious state, was ordained to the priesthood in 1115. Undertaking the apostolic life, he accepted the duty of preaching, particularly throughout France and Germany. Elected Archbishop of Magdeburg in 1126, he reformed the Christian life and spread the faith to nearby pagan nations. June 6

**Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor (d. 373).** St. Ephrem was born of a Christian family at Nisibis around the year 306. Ordained deacon, he exercised this office throughout the country and in Edessa, where he founded a theological school. Despite his ascetic life he did not relax his ministries of preaching and writing books to confute the errors of the time. June 9

**Barnabas, Apostle.** Born in Cyprus, Barnabas is numbered among the first of the faithful at Jerusalem. He preached the Gospel at Antioch and, as a companion of St. Paul, accompanied him on his first journey. He was also present at the Council of Jerusalem. Upon returning to his own country, he continue to spread the Gospel and eventually died there. June 11

*From the Liturgy of the Hours, Volume III, Proper of Saints.*

*All I have seen teaches me to  
trust the Creator for all I have  
not seen.*

*~ Ralph Waldo Emerson*

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**June 6, 2021 – Corpus Christi Sunday**

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**Dear Parishioners,**

Today's gospel passage (Mark 14:12-16, 22-26) depicts the Institution of the Eucharist where Christ gives the disciples the bread and wine during the Passover meal proclaiming they are his body and blood. The Solemnity of Corpus Christi, which literally means "body of Christ," celebrates the Real Presence of the Body of Christ in the bread and wine of the Eucharist. Through the physical elements of bread and wine the Creator is mediated through Creation. As creatures of God, we too are called to mediate our Creator.

Grace and peace,  
Fr. Tom

**Mass Times**

Mass celebrations are Saturday Vigil at 4:00pm & Sunday Morning at 10:00am

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